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**INFORMER**  
FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**Fruits of the Incarnation; God with Us**

It is considered one of the top NBA Finals Moments ever. Willis Reed the leader of the New York Knicks had been injured in Game 5 of the NBA Championship, and had sat out Game 6. In his absence the Lakers had crushed the Knicks. No one expected him to make a return for Game 7.

Steve Aschburner in an article on this Game captures the significance of Reed's return, "he received painkiller injections in his thigh and limped onto the court during warmups. The crowd already at Madison Square Garden erupted as the Lakers stopped warming up to stare at Reed. 'When I saw that,' Knicks guard Walt Frazier said, 'something told me we might have these guys.'" Reed only played sparingly, and finished only with four points and three rebounds. His team mates account their remarkable victory toward simply his presence; it brought them hope and inspiration.

One of my favorite titles for Jesus is, Immanuel, which means God with Us. As we peruse the Gospels, we notice that Jesus embodies and released the presence of God through the indwelling and outpouring of the Spirit. Jesus was Spirit who became born of flesh, so that we who are born of the Flesh can be born of the Spirit. This is what the incarnation is all about, resulting in our capacity to live in the reality of God with Us.

As we consider this reality coming to fruition in the Christmas narrative, I want us to contemplate what the fruits of the incarnation are as we celebrate them through the Advent Wreath. Beginning with December 1<sup>st</sup> we begin a journey of celebrating God with Us and how that brings Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

My prayer for your family and mine is that these four fruits of the incarnation will be released into our hearts, into our families, our church and out to the community. What would your Christmas celebration be like this year if it simply was an expression of these four fruits, all of which are fruits of the Spirit. So may God's Hope, God's Peace, God's Joy, and God's Love be yours through the presence of the Spirit this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year!

Merry Christmas  
Pastor Jeff



# Pastor Page

December 1<sup>st</sup>: The Incarnation and Hope  
December 8<sup>th</sup>: The Incarnation and Peace  
December 15<sup>th</sup>: The Incarnation and Joy—The Christmas Program and Luncheon  
December 22<sup>nd</sup>: The Incarnation and Love  
December 29<sup>th</sup>: Guest Speaker

Christmas Celebrations at Floyd Baptist Church  
The Christmas Program—These times of celebration will be led by our Choir, Children, and Youth

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM—All are invited (Snow Date December 21<sup>st</sup>)

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM with Christmas Luncheon to follow (please bring a side-dish and dessert. Snow Date December 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Christmas Eve Service—Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

## **Inclement Weather Schedule**

Our winter closing policy will remain the same as in previous years. During the week, scheduled activities will be **CANCELLED** if Floyd County Schools are **CLOSED** due to bad weather (unless you are notified otherwise).

On Sundays, the decision to cancel a Worship Service will be made by the pastor and deacons. A cancellation will be announced, when possible, by phone tree message and **cancellations will be posted on TV channels WSLs-10 and WDBJ-7.**

*Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace,  
goodwill toward men!*



# PRESCHOOL NEWS

The Christmas season has arrived and the children at preschool are excited and busy with many activities in the *"Spirit of Christmas"*.

The 3's Christmas party will be on Thursday, December 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall followed by their Christmas program in the Sanctuary at 11:45 a.m.

On Thursday, December 12, the 4's will have their Christmas program in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. The 4's Christmas Party will be Monday, Dec. 9th at 9 a.m. The 4's have scheduled their Breakfast with Santa for Monday, December 9 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They will also visit the Nursing Home to sing for the residents on Friday, December 6.

The children will be giving to the Local Food Bank from the non-perishable food donations brought to their Christmas programs.

We would like to thank our Veteran Dale Profitt for visiting the preschool and teaching the children about being a veteran. We certainly appreciate their service to our country!



*A joyful and blessed Christmas to all!*  
**Ms. Janice, Ms. Patsy, & Ms. Brenda**

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Karen Whitlock, Minister of Music**



### Calendar:

**Wed, December 4,**  
8:00 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal  
**Thur, December 5,**  
5:30 p.m. Handbells  
**Wed, December 11,**  
8:00 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal  
**Sat, December 14,**  
6:00 p.m. Christmas Program Presentation  
**Sun, December 15,**  
11:00 a.m. Christmas Program Presentation  
**Wed, December 18,?**  
8:00 pm Cantata Rehearsal  
**Thur, December 19,**  
5:30 p.m. Handbells  
**Sat, December 21,**  
6:00 pm Christmas Program Presentation Snow Date  
**Sun, December 22,**  
11:00 am Christmas Program Presentation Snow Date

### Musical Presentation—A Family Christmas

The Floyd Baptist Church will present A Family Christmas on Saturday, December 14, 2019, 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday, December 15, 2019, 11:a.m. in the church sanctuary. They musical is a worship celebration for all ages in scripture and song. The musical is designed to join families together to celebrate the remembrance of our Savior's birth.

Following the Sunday morning presentation, the Family Christmas Dinner will be held. Please join us in this celebration.

If inclement weather occurs, the presentations will be held on Saturday, December 21, 2019, 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday, December 22, 11:00 a.m. with dinner to follow.





## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Christmas Post Office

This year our youth will be manning the "Christmas Post Office". For those not familiar with what this is..... If you would like to send Christmas cards to fellow church members/ attendees, you can use the "Christmas Post Office" here at church instead of the United States Postal Service. Just fix your cards with the names of the recipients on the front of the



envelope and place your cards in the appropriate letter cubicle in the "post office" located in the hall across from the Cheerful Helpers Sunday School Class. On the Sunday mornings in December, our youth will deliver these cards to the appropriate Sunday School Classes or to folks in the sanctuary before the worship service begins. As is the custom, if you would like to make a donation for the "postage", there will be a container for that on the table. Donations will be used by the youth for the Operation Christmas Child/ Samaritan's Purse project for 2020.

## CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



"The Children's Dept., grades 1 - 7, will be having a Christmas Party during Sunday School on Sunday, December 8th. There will be lots of fun, games and food!!!

The children that would like to participate in a gift exchange game are ask to bring a small wrapped gift (around \$5 in cost) appropriate for a young boy or girl. For our mission project please also bring a non-perishable food item to place in the Christmas food boxes.

Invite your friends!"

# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2– Lara Profitt	13– Sheila Bower	22– Bradley Vaughn
3– Chris Wallace	Barbara Agee	Deronda Thomas
4– Steve Eaton	John Wayne Hajek II	Melissa Moran
5– Anthony Nolen	14– Valerie Weeks	Bradley Midkiff
6– Amy Phillips	16– Daniel Whitley	Natalie Morris
7– Terri Morris	20– Stacy Hollandsworth	24– Shirley Moran
Brenda Wood	Dean Long	27–Billie Hall
Theresa Battle	Brady Jax	28– Kavlan Swortzel
9– Cindy Wooldrige	Joy Gardner	Jeff Hudgins
12– Gabriel Whitlock	Kambrianna Tucker	29– Tania Hale
Eric Whitlock	21– Amanda Barton	

We are in the process of updating the birthday calendar and need your help. Please contact the office if you know of a birthday that should be added, corrected or deleted in the birthday calendar. [floydbaptist@swva.net](mailto:floydbaptist@swva.net) or 745-2677.



## SENIOR MINISTRY



It's cold outside, time to stay indoors for good food and good fellowship!

In January, February, and March 2020, the Young at Heart will enjoy lunch and bingo at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall on the second

Monday of the month:

January 13, February 10, March 16.

*Please bring 2 pieces of fruit to be used as prizes for bingo.*

If you have any questions about the above activities or Young at Heart, please contact Kathryn West at 745-3281.

# SERVICE MINISTRIES



## Time For Young Disciples

**December 1** Kelly Krantz  
**December 8** John Weeks  
**December 15** OPEN  
**December 22** Ruth Thompson  
**December 29** Chris Bond  
**January 5** Martha Thompson

## Deacon of the Week

**December 1** Jack Morris  
**December 8** Winky Nichols  
**December 15** Vicky Shaffer  
**December 22** Jim Sharp  
**December 29** John Weeks  
**January 5** Darrell Thompson

## Greeters

**December 1** Jim & Louellen Sharp  
                   Richard Wood  
**December 8** M&C Quesenberry  
                   Chris & Kim Bond  
**December 15** Connie & Carlotta Browning  
                   Danny & Martha Thompson  
**December 22** John & Ashlee Weeks  
                   Robert & Donna Petty  
**December 29** M&C Quesenberry  
                   Leisa & Tommy Holman  
**January 5** Jim & Louellen Sharp  
                   Richard Wood

## Nursery I & II

**December 1** M&C Quesenberry  
**December 8** Richard & Brenda Wood  
**December 15** Vicky Shaffer / Louellen Sharp  
**December 22** Ruby Moran & Denise Peters &  
                   Ryan Davis  
**December 29** **Family Sunday**  
**January 5** Jennifer Davis & Barbara Agee

## Children's Church

**December 1** Janice Shortt  
**December 8** Faith & Winky Nichols  
**December 15** OPEN  
**December 22** Leisa Holman  
**December 29** Alena Bond & Haleigh Hamlin

## Children's Worship

**December 1** John & Ashlee Weeks  
**December 8** Chris & Kim Bond  
**December 15** OPEN  
**December 22** Donna Petty  
**December 29** Brian & Deanna Swortzel

# MISSION NEWS



## **Food Drive**

Please help us with our collection of food items for the local food bank

The theme for December is:

**Canned Meats (tuna, Spam, Treet, etc.)**

Please drop off your donations by

**December 31**

in the box outside the Fellowship Hall

In October, **56** items were collected.

## **Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Ministry**

It is with awe and thanksgiving that I can report to you that there were **1,168** boxes collected for OCC.

Our church gave **200** boxes. 177 were prepared by the youth and the remaining 23 were individual church members.

Thanks so much to all who volunteered and helped in any way. Special thanks to Faith and Winky and the Youth who shopped and packed boxes themselves.

What a blessing to be involved with such a Mission-Minded church.

Thank you again!  
Judy Britt



## **Christmas Food Boxes & Fruit Baskets**

Decorated boxes are in the halls for your non-perishable food donations for the annual food boxes.

*The list is posted by the pastor's study for the names of the food box / fruit basket recipients.*

**Deadline to sign up recipients and the deadline to drop off food items is Thursday, December 18.**

Food boxes / Fruit Baskets will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 22 after worship service. Please leave a contact # for the person signing up for a basket.

***(Don't forget, if you submit a name please be prepared to deliver the baskets/boxes during the week before Christmas.)***

Any questions, please contact Dirk Davis.

## **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

*"You have. . . heard about this hope in the message of truth, the gospel that has come to you.*

*It is bearing fruit and growing all over the world, just as it has among you since the day you heard it. . . Colossians 1:5-6* Your prayers and gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will help the gospel continue to resound throughout the nations as you send and sustain missionaries and their work.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

In December:

**NO Church Council Meeting**

**NO Deacons Meeting**

**INFORMER**

deadline for the **January** issue is

**Sunday, December 15**

**On the following Wednesdays: December 25, and January 1 the following activities are cancelled due to the Christmas and New Year Holidays:**

***Family Meal, TeamKid, Adult Bible Studies, and Youth Bible Study .***

*These activities will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2018.*

***Church Office will be closed December 24, 25 & January 1.***

## FLOWER COMMITTEE



### Christmas Poinsettias

for the **SANCTUARY**

As in past years you are invited to bring poinsettias for those we wish to "Honor" or "In Memory" of loved ones this Christmas season.

*We request that you bring your poinsettias by Sunday morning, December 8, so they can decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas Cantata that afternoon.* Please remember to attach card with name and "Donated by".

Poinsettias may be picked up anytime after the Christmas Eve Service on December 24.

If anyone needs assistance, please contact:

Flower Committee:

Mary Gardner, chairwoman, Elizabeth Reynolds and Janice Yearout-Patton

### Local Missions: Quilters

The Christian Women of Floyd County will be meeting on Fridays from 9:30am-2:00 pm October through March in the Fellowship Hall to tack quilts for the needy.

Please join us in this special ministry.

Quilters will not meet on the following Fridays, December 13 & December 27

### Wednesday Night Family Meals 5:45 pm, Fellowship Hall

This is not a pot luck so pick up your family on the way home from work and come over to enjoy a simple meal and lots of good fellowship. If you would like, you are welcome to stay for the after-dinner

Wednesday evening activities:

Team Kid 6:30 pm

Youth Bible Study 6:45 pm

Adult Bible Study 6:45 pm

ML Huddle 7:00 pm.

*Child care is available for any children too young for TeamKid and during Adult Bible Studies and Choir.*

### Woods Annex Report

Principal Owed: \$ 100,239.16

Monthly Payment: \$ 1,329.14

Additional Principal: \$ 1,359.00

Total Paid in November: \$ 2,688.14



# DECEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Advent</b>  8:30am, FH, Prayer Gathering 6-8pm Boy Scouts	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:30, YL, Annex	<b>4</b> 5:45 pm Family Meal 6:30 pm TeamKid 6:45 pm Adult Bible Studies 7:00 pm ML Huddle 7:00 pm Youth Bible Study 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir 7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon, Annex	<b>5</b> 5:30pm Hand-bells	<b>6</b> 6-9 Fh, Cub Scouts  7am, YL, Annex	<b>7</b> Hearts and Hammers
<b>8 2nd Sunday Advent</b> 8:30am, FH, Prayer Gathering <b>4pm, Annex Prayer, Potluck, Praise</b> 6-8pm Boy	<b>9</b> 9am 4 yr Party, FH, 9-12  7-9pm, FH, AA	<b>10</b> 11am leave church -Young at Heart Christmas Party @ Farmhouse Restaurant, Christiansburg  3yr partyFH, 9-12	<b>11</b> 5:45 pm Family Meal 6:30 pm TeamKid 6:45 pm Adult Bible Studies 7:00 pm ML Huddle 7:00 pm Youth Bible Study 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir 7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon,	<b>12</b> 7pm, FH/Sanc 4yr preschool program	<b>13</b> FH, All day Hollandsworth Dinner	<b>14</b> 2pm Reserved for Hostess Committee  6pm Christmas Program
<b>15 3rd Sunday Advent INFORMER DEADLINE</b> 8:30am, FH, Prayer Gathering <b>11 am Cantata</b> <b>12pm FH, Christmas Family Meal</b> 6-8pm Boy Scouts	<b>16</b> 7-9pm, FH, AA	<b>17</b> YL, Annex, 6-8pm  6:30-8:30 pm FH, Cub Scouts	<b>18</b> 5:45 pm Family Meal 6:30 pm TeamKid Caroling 6:45 pm Adult Bible Studies 7:00 pm ML Huddle 7:00 pm Youth Bible Study 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir 7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon, Annex	<b>19</b> 5:30pm Hand-bells	<b>20</b> 9-2:30, FH, Quilters	<b>21</b> Snow Date FH, 2pm Reserved for Hostess Committee  6pm Christmas Program snow date  FH, 2-5 PM M.
<b>22 4th Sunday Advent</b> <b>11 am Cantata Snow Date</b> 8:30am, FH, Prayer Gathering <b>12 pm FH, Christmas Family Meal Snow Date</b> Thompson Fam, FH 1-4 or 4-9pm 6-8pm Boy Scouts	<b>23</b> 7-9pm, FH, AA	<b>24 XMAS EVE</b> <b>10-4, FH Connor Family</b>  <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> 6pm Christmas Eve Service	<b>25</b> <u>NO</u> Church Activities <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:30am, FH, Prayer Gathering <b>Sunday School &amp; Worship</b>  6-8pm Boy	<b>30</b> 7-9pm, Annex, Aa <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	<b>31</b> <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b> <u>NO</u> Cub Scouts <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>				