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The INFORMER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Resolute in Our Resolutions

A quick Google Search for 'resolute definition' yielded the following definition, "admirably purposeful, determined, and unwavering." As I observe most people as they engage with New Year's Resolutions the word resolute does not come to mind. Most people's resolutions have become distant memories by the time Valentine's Day comes into view. If you are like me you find the process of making New Year's Resolutions more frustrating year by year because of the lack of their long-term fruitfulness.

So, how can we change this narrative? How can we become "resolute in our resolutions" so that we are seeing the growth, and momentum that is necessary for us to move into all the things God has for us in our lives and for his kingdom?

My sense is that just maybe the shift needs to take place in the framing of our "Resolution". I have always found a call toward something is more powerful than a call from something, yet when I hear most people talk about resolutions, they are framed out from a negative perspective instead of a positive perspective. For example, an enormous percentage of the population will resolve to lose weight over the New Year (no pun intended). This is a worthwhile resolution, but one that seems to bite the dust pretty quickly. What if instead of striving to lose weight, one gave themselves to being healthier, more energetic, and _____ you fill in the blank. One speaks to the activity—lose weight, the other speaks to the benefits; more energy, being healthier. The next question becomes well how I get there. Quite frankly many times, for me when the goal is to simply lose weight, I can try to get there by means that are unhealthy and leave me with less energy. Many diets will help you shed the pounds, but also leave you depressed, exhausted, and despondent. But, when we begin to eat healthier and exercise appropriately the result is loss of weight, new energy, and better health. This is an area that I have been struggling in and have had to reframe my thinking toward.

My sense is that as God leads us toward the life he has for us, he always is calling us toward something instead of just from something. This moving toward is what gives us the capacity to find the resolution to move away from something.

My invitation to all of us as we march into this New Year is to be reflecting more on what God is calling us toward instead of what he is calling us from. The people of Israel would have navigated the desert much more effectively if they would have spent less time thinking of Egypt and more time thinking of the Promise Land.

My prayer is that as we become resolute in our resolutions, we will find the life that God has created for us; the life that we are looking for and longing for. May it be so Lord for each of us!

Blessings for the New Year,
Jeff

A Huge Thank You! Jane, Emily, Andrew and I would like to thank everyone for all the Christmas Cards, gifts, and expressions of love this Christmas Season. With Much Thanksgiving, *Pastor Jeff and the Hudgins*

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Pastor Page

A Journey through Colossians

Beginning on January 5th we will embark on a journey through Colossians in our Sunday Morning Worship. We will be taking a verse by verse exposition of this powerful letter the Apostle Paul wrote to this community of faith that was trying to get its moorings in a world that shifted and no longer looked the same. My sense is that they were facing a lot of similar things that we face today. What does it look like for us to find our moorings as followers of Jesus in a world that seems to be changing at such a rate of acceleration that can at times seem totally disorientating as parents, new career seekers, students, retirees, friends, neighbors, teachers, or quite frankly anyone? Let me encourage you to be reading Colossians in advance. The more familiar we are with the whole letter the easier it is for us to find the word God has for us in the smaller block of passages.

Colossian's Daily Word Email

To help us hear God together on this journey we will be sending out through the Email Chain a reading in Colossians for that day. Anyone will be able to share what spoke to them in the passage by simply hitting Reply All and sending out a thought. I am looking forward to hearing what God is saying through you as we engage in this journey together.

GRACE AT THE EDGE COMMUNITY

God's Gifts Take Us beyond Our Capacities into Our Callings

A Grace at the Edge Community Has formed—anyone and everyone are welcomed to come and be a part of this community. Grace at the Edge Communities give themselves to moving into the callings God has for them as they embrace the gifts he is offering through the Spirit, in their Faith Community as they become conduits of grace to each other and out the world.

JANUARY GATHERINGS

All Gatherings will be Sunday at 4:00 PM at the Annex except for Service Project.

January 5th: --Ping Pong and Pizza (we will gather for fun table games, ping pong, air hockey, corn hole and games for children)

January 12th- -Praise & Pot-luck--Let's have a Chili Cook-off, let me know if you can bring a pot of chili. Those who are not bringing chili bring sides and dessert. This will be a time of fun and food and worship.

January 19th--Service Week: We will be planning a time of serving others for this weekend

January 26--Praise & Pot-luck--let's just have pizza, fun and worship.

Contact Pastor Jeff if you have any questions.

GRACE AT THE EDGE BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

6:45 PM Upstairs at Annex

Beginning in February, 2020

This Bible Study will be utilizing the curriculum developed by Pastor Jeff that will take the participant on a journey of discovering how to allow God's Gifts to take them beyond their capacities into their callings.

Session 1: Grace at The Edge—Pre-requisite for a Grace-filled Life: Growing in Receiving—the written content for this session will be available January 26th. There will be \$3.00 charge per participant to cover cost of materials.

GRACE AT THE EDGE BIBLE STUDY & HUDDLE

OFFERED ONLINE THROUGH MISSIONAL INSTITUTE

The Missional Institute is a cutting-edge Online Discipleship, Bible Study, and Missional Training Website that allows participants to take courses and engage with the content and other participants at times that are convenient to their schedule.

This can be utilized by individuals, Bible Study Groups, Networks, or Sunday School Classes.

The participant will enroll the Grace at the Edge Course through the Missional Institute by utilizing a code provided by Pastor Jeff.

Features of the Online Study

- Access the study via Video Teaching and written content.
- Participant engages with lesson at a time that is convenient to their schedule.
- Participants engage with each other and course leader via posting videos. Simply hit the record icon where instructed and post your responses.
- This allows Bible Study Leaders, Mentors, and Coaches to engage with more persons because it is not dependent on having to be available at the same time. This addresses the reality that often the problem with connecting is not that we don't have time, it is we just don't have the same time available.
- This is especially valuable for persons who work odd schedules, or who have to engage when they can carve out time (parents, persons who travel for work etc.)

Pastor Jeff will be offering the Grace at the Edge Curriculum on the Missional Institute Website beginning in February. Contact Jeff at (540)577-0839 or at jeffch5051@gmail.com for more information.

Other courses currently being offered on the Missional Institute: Discipleship 101 & 102, Families on Mission, Designed for Business (this course takes Business People on a journey of discovering how being designed as an Business Person can be the place of your Mission)

PRESCHOOL NEWS

The holiday break is over and the children have returned to school. In January the children will continue working on the alphabet, numbers, counting, rhyming and discussions about the winter.

The Christmas Programs were great; the children were outstanding! Our families were asked to bring food for the needy to the Christmas programs and they did! Lots of food items were generously donated to fill the food boxes delivered from our church.

Many thanks to Donald and Brenda Hylton for bringing Mr. & Mrs. Claus with them to the 4's Christmas party !!! The 3's also had a great party!

Thanks to all parents!

The Nursing Home visit was wonderful. Residents and children enjoyed each other.



**Ms. Janice,
Ms. Patsy, & Ms. Brenda**

MUSIC MINISTRY

Calendar:

Wed, January 1,

NO Sanctuary Choir

Wed, January 8,

8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thurs, January 9

5:30 pm Adult Handbells

Wed, January 15,

8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thurs, January 16

5:30 pm Adult Handbells

Wed, January 22,

8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Wed, January 29,

8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Karen Whitlock, Minister of Music



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1- Crystal Linkous	9- Janet Agee Moran	22- Darrell Thompson
2- Angel Spangler	Travis Battle	Martha Thompson
3- Joshua Bary	Andrew Hudgins	24- Mia Paige Spangler
Taylor Quinn	Emily Hudgins	26- Brian Perkins
Sheila Thompson	11- Megan Quesenberry	27- Andrew Morris
6- Gene Thompson	13- Kenneth Thompson	Julie Ann Dunn
Leah Dickerson	Richie Clinger	28- Ken Sharp-Knott
Jason Kaylor	14- Kathryn West	30- Drake Thompson
John West	15- Rio McPeak	31- Samuel Morris
Diane Larkin	16- Jennifer Davis	Joe Womack
7- Bobby Gardner, Sr.	21- Macy Hannah	
Allie Nicole Martin	Hollandsworth	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



FLOWER COMMITTEE

Christmas Poinsettias for the Sanctuary

In memory of Ward & Myrtle Spangler, Ward Jr. & Sylvia Spangler, George & Irene Spangler
Given by: Ron & Vicky Shaffer and Christy & Brittany Carr

In memory of Clay Vest, Horace and Aberdeen Vest & Allie Vest
Given by: The Quesenberry & Vest Families

In memory of Johnny Overstreet
Given by: Nellie Overstreet

In memory of Bain Thompson
Given by: Family

In memory of Nina & Regina
Given by: Connie & Family

SERVICE MINISTRIES

Deacon of the Week

January 5 Darrell Thompson
January 12 Kay Slusher
January 19 Janice Yearout-Patton
January 26 Chris Bond
February 2 Michael Browning

Greeters

January 5 Jim & Louellen Sharp
Richard Wood
January 12 M&C Quesenberry
Chris & Kim Bond
January 19 Leisa & Tommy Holman
Danny & Martha Thompson
January 26 John & Ashlee Weeks
Robert & Donna Petty
February 2 Jim & Louellen Sharp
Richard Wood

Time For Young Disciples

January 5 Martha Thompson
January 12 **Mission Sunday**
January 19 Michael Browning
January 26 Kelly Krantz
February 2 John Weeks

Children's Church

January 5 Belinda Horney & Michele Tucker
January 12 Elizabeth Reynolds
January 19 Janice Shortt
January 26 Faith & Winky Nichols
February 2 Leisa Holman



Nursery I & II

January 5 Jennifer Davis/ Barbara Agee
January 12 David & Billie Hall
January 19 Ruby Moran / Terri & Phillip Morris
January 26 Denise Peters / Ryan Davis
February 2 Brenda Weeks & Christen Cross

Children's Worship

January 5 John & Ashlee Weeks
January 12 Chris & Kim Bond
January 19 Brian & Deanna Swortzel
January 26 Jen Sharp-Knott
February 2 Donna Petty

MISSION NEWS



Food Drive

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

The theme for January is:

Household Supplies (Paper Towels, Napkins, Shampoo, etc.)

Please drop off your donations by

January 31

in the box outside the Fellowship Hall

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

Operation Christmas Child

Each month the Youth will be collecting an item that will be used in filling the shoeboxes in November for Operation Christmas Child.

January, bar soap will be collected.

With your donations the youth will be able to purchase extra things with the money they are provided. Please place your donations in the box located in the Sanctuary. *Thank You!*

MEMBER NEWS

Our sympathy goes out to the Ross Linkous family on the passing of his sister, Vicky Linkous.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Council Meeting

Monday, January 20, 7:00 p.m.

Deacons Meeting

Monday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.

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 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.

Family Meal, Team Kid, & all Bible Studies & Sanctuary Choir resume on Wednesday, Jan.

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Woods Annex Report

Principal Owed:	\$ 100,239.16
November Payment:	\$ 1,329.14
Additional Principal:	\$ <u>570.00</u>
Total Paid in December:	\$ 1,899.14

***The Church Office will be closed
Jan 1 for New Year's.***

***There will be NO Wednesday evening activities on Wednesday, January 1.
(Family Meal, Team Kid, all Bible Studies, and Sanctuary Choir).***

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.

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 WSLJ-10 and WDBJ-7.**

Let It
SNOW

THANK YOU NOTES

I want to thank you for your continued partnership in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are so thankful to continue to be able to use the Annex building for both Young Life and WyldLife club, as well as the use of the church van to transport WyldLife safely from school to the building. We are able to reach more kids, more effectively because of your generosity. In Christ, Trey Thompson

We can't thank you enough for all the kind acts of love and caring you have shown us regarding Wendell's illness. Your cards, calls, offers of transportation and, especially your prayers have meant so much. Please continue to pray for us as he will be getting treatments in the future. May God bless each of you. Wendell & Marie

Thank you to my church family for all of the Christmas cards and thank you notes for the pencils. All of God's blessings! Love, Mabel and Turner DeHart

Many thanks to each one for the monetary gift that you gave to me for Christmas. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. I would also like to thank everyone who had a part in the Christmas program. Let us continue to celebrate the birth of Jesus as we remember the words to the carols and the scriptures. Many blessings to you as you enjoy the holidays! Karen Whitlock

Thank you so much for the snack package. It was much appreciated. Evan Davis

Thank you so much for the box of goodies! I appreciate you thinking of me and I am grateful for your support during finals. I wish you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Myranda Allen

Thank you all for my care package! I greatly appreciate the thoughtfulness you put into my gift. Nate Allen

Thank you so much for the care package. It is greatly appreciated to know you all are thinking and praying for me. Thanks again, Hannah Vest

Thank you very much for the holiday treats. My family and I enjoyed them immensely! As a military family we are often separated from our friends and family, which makes it difficult to connect with loved ones. It was incredibly thoughtful of the Church to include us and remind us of how much we are loved. We appreciate all of the kindness that went into creating this special care package for us. Thank you again and we wish you all a Merry Christmas! Love, Ryan, Lynsey, Catherine, and Charlotte

Thank you for the thoughtful gifts, and cards this Christmas season. My family and I appreciate them so much! I am thankful to be a part of Floyd Baptist Church! Merry Christmas! Deanna Block aka the Secretary

Thanks to all the folks that made this wonderful Family Christmas Program so awesome!!





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <u>OFFICE</u> <u>CLOSED</u> <u>New Year's Day</u> NO Church Activities NO Sanctuary Choir	2	3 9:30 am-2:00 pm FH, Quilters	4
5 Lord's Supper 8:30am, Library, Prayer Gather- ings 4pm, Annex Grace @ the Edge Gathering 6-8 pm Boy Scouts	6 7-9pm, FH, AA	7 6:30 pm FH, Cub Scouts	8 5:45 pm Family Meal 6:30 pm TeamKid 6:45 pm Adult Bible Studies 6:45 pm ML Huddle 7:00 pm Youth Bible Study 8:00pm Sanctuary Choir 7-9 pm AA & AI-Anon, Annex	9 5:30pm Hand- bells	10 9:30 am-2:00 pm FH, Quilters	11
12 MISSION SUNDAY 8:30am, Library, Prayer Gather- ings 4pm, Annex Grace @ the Edge Gathering 6-8 pm Boy Scouts	13 11:30 am FH, Young at Heart Lunch & Bingo 7-9pm, FH, AA	14	15 5:45 Fam. Meal 6:30 pm TeamKid 6:45 pm Adult Bible Studies 6:45 pm Missional Inst. Overview 7:00 pm Youth Bible Study 8:00pm Sanctuary Choir 7-9 pm AA/AI-Anon, Annex	16 5:30pm Hand- bells	17 9:30 am-2:00 pm FH, Quilters	18
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