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The **INFORMER** FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A Down Payment on What is To Come

At the Hudgins' household the Spring flowers are already beginning to bloom. These speak today of what will be coming tomorrow. Spring is on the way; this brings great joy and hope to those who struggle with the cold and dreariness of winter.

In the Lord's prayer Jesus teaches us to pray "Thy Kingdom Come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven." Jesus is asking for the Father to give us today a taste of what is waiting for us in heaven.

Think of the promises of heaven:

There we will be transformed into the image of Christ
In heaven there will be no sadness, sickness, or sin
In heaven there will be complete unity and no division
In heaven the just King reigns and there is no injustice
In heaven there is joy and praise

These five statements are just for starters. I would ask you, where do you need heaven to visit earth today? Where do you need a taste of what is to come? Then simply learn from Jesus and ask the Father to allow what is true in heaven to become true on earth today, and may it simply be a "down payment on what is to come."

Blessings,
Jeff

Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study

6:45 PM in the back of the Fellowship Hall

We are taking a journey into the Study: "Life Beyond You: Gifts Take Us Beyond Our Capacity into Our Callings"

This study focuses on the life of Jesus as we learn from him how to receive all that is necessary to live into the callings God has placed on our hearts. The Curriculum will be provided to participants as we take this journey. For the month of March, we are focusing on Part 1: Recapturing Our Capacity to Receive

FAMILY SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020 11:00 AM

We will gather for a time of Celebration and Praise for all ages led by all ages. A covered-dish meal will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Music Provided by: Our Team Kid Children, The Bond & Cantrell's as well as the OIAM Video Celebration.



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A Journey Through Colossians

We continue our journey through Colossians in our Sunday Morning Worship. We are 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.

Worship Discernment Process

February 16th Summation & Preparation for Our Conversation on March 1, 2020

Philippians 2:1-4 What Does God Say About How We Function in His Body?

We are to pay attention not to our own needs but to the needs of others

We are the Body of Christ and a Christian Family

Be Christ-like as we relate to each other in the Body/Family

Love & Unity comes through our commitment to be like Christ.

Love and Unity are to guide who we are with each other.

The presence of love and unity enhances our worship experience.

What is God Saying About Who We Are?

We are to function as a family. At Floyd Baptist we try to function this way.

Our Tastes are Different—Diversity. There is a diversity in our worship preferences and needs. Very few people who are active at Floyd Baptist grew up in the church. Therefore, we bring different perspectives of worship and church with us as we come together as a Church Body/Family.

What is God Saying About Our Worship Needs?

Our needs are different. Worship needs to be diverse in order to meet the needs of our church family. There seems to be a population of people who are not having their needs met.

What is God saying about the places where we need to make adjustments in order to meet the worship needs of our people?

While making some changes pay attention to existing traditions. You can maintain important traditions while making some changes. The main goal of worship can be accomplished by doing it a different way.

Preparation for Conversation on March 1, 2020

On March 1st at 8:30 AM we will gather in the Fellowship Hall and enter into a discussion focused on the following questions:

We need to identify our treasured traditions—or worship values. Therefore, what are the things we must not let go of as we make adjustments in worship?

Pay attention to the Survey Results, your observations, and a sense of what the Spirit is saying in engaging with the following:

As we think about making adjustments to enhance our Worship Experience in meeting the needs of our Church Family what are the big things, we need to address that may take some time?

What are some adjustments that can easily be made to freshen up our worship experience? We will also have a conversation about the planning of worship.

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March Daily Readings

Monday March 2: Colossians 4:7-15
Tuesday March 3: Colossians 4:16-18
Wednesday March 4: Mark 1:1-3
Thursday March 5: Mark 1:4-8
Friday March 6: Mark 1:9-13

Monday March 9: Mark 1:14-15
Tuesday March 10: Mark 1:16-20
Wednesday March 11: Mark 1:21-28
Thursday March 12: Mark 1:29-39
Friday March 13: Mark 1:40-45

Monday March 16, Mark 2: 1-12
Tuesday March 17, Mark 2:13-22
Wednesday March 18 Mark 2:23-28
Thursday March 19: Mark 3: 1-12
Friday March 20: Mark 3:13-19

Monday March 23: Mark 3:20-35
Tuesday March 24: Mark 4:1-12
Wednesday March 25: Mark 4:13-20
Thursday March 26: Mark 4:21-34
Friday March 27: Mark 4:35-41

Monday March 30: Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday March 31: Mark 5: 21-34

PRESCHOOL NEWS

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



Brisk March winds are blowing in warmer temperatures and the early spring flowers are blooming, as everyone is thinking about outdoor activities. The days will be longer as Daylight Savings Time starts on Sunday, March 8. Don't forget to change your clocks and to "spring" ahead.

At preschool the children continue to study the alphabet while they learn about the March winds, St. Patrick's Day, and Spring.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Karen Whitlock, Minister of Music

Calendar:

Wed, March 4,
8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
Thur, March 5
5:30 p.m. Adult Handbells
Wed, March 11,
8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
Wed, March 18,
8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
Thur, March 19,
5:30 p.m. Adult Handbells
Wed, March 25,
8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
Thur, March 26,
5:30 p.m. Adult Handbells

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1– Jane Shelton	Glen Altizer	24– Braylee Madison Shortt
Nathaniel Endaya	11– Rhonda Arthur	25– Danny Thompson
Rylan Swortzel	Shane Radford	26– Janice Yearout Patton
2–River Anson Yearout-Patton	Monica Morris	29– Betty Nolen
4– Jack Morris	12– Scott Lovitt	Kim Bary
Briggs Holman	15– Kay Slusher	31– Loretta Higgins
Christine Burnette	Dennis Whitlock	Sara Mende
Steve Hamlin	Mark Petty	Rayland Abel Yearout-Patton
8– Mark Banks	16– Ian Marshall Faherty	Forest Asher Yearout-Patton
9– Carmen Hamlin	17– Franklin Vaughn	
10– Katelyn Spangler	22– Robert Britt	



THANK YOU

Thanks to the Floyd Baptist Church for preparing the meal for the Dixie Neighbours family. Your support, prayers, thoughts, and visits are all greatly appreciated. Thank you.
The Whitlock Family

SERVICE MINISTRIES



Deacon of the Week

March 1 Winky Nichols
 March 8 Vicky Shaffer
 March 15 Jim Sharp
 March 22 John Weeks
 March 29 Darrell Thompson
 April 5 Kay Slusher

Nursery I & II

March 1 Jennifer Davis / Barbara Agee
 March 8 David & Billie Hall
 March 15 Ruby Moran / Terri & Phillip Morris
 March 22 Peggy Profitt/Kim Bond /Ryan Davis
 March 29 **Family Sunday**
 April 5 Brenda Weeks & Christen Cross

Children's Worship

March 1 Brian & Deanna Swortzel
 March 8 Donna Petty
 March 15 John & Ashlee Weeks
 March 22 Jen Sharp-Knott
 March 29 **Family Sunday**
 April 5 Chris & Kim Bond

Children's Church

March 1 Faith & Winky Nichols
 March 8 Leisa Holman
 March 15 Alena Bond & Haleigh Hamlin
 March 22 Belinda Horney & Michele Tucker
 March 29 **Family Sunday**
 April 5 Janice Shortt

Time For Young Disciples

March 1 Martha Thompson
 March 8 **Mission Sunday**
 March 15 Michael Browning
 March 22 Kelly Krantz
 March 29 John Weeks
 April 5 Chris Bond

Greeters

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

SENIOR MINISTRY



Fellowship

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

In March 2019, 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: 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.

MISSION NEWS

Food Drive

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

The theme for March is:

Canned Vegetables & Fruits

Please drop off your donations by

March 31

in the box outside the Fellowship Hall

*In January, **259** 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.

In March, plastic items (small cereal bowls, cups, utensils & small water bottles) 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.

SAVE THE DATE----



Operation Inasmuch will be **August 22nd**. Please add this date to your calendar and join us in prayer as we begin planning!

AND please share your ideas and thoughts about service opportunities and outreach with your Evangelism and Missions Committee: Lisa Radford, Michael Browning, Tony Vest, Kay Slusher, Jim Sharp and Barbara Agee.

When our church family was given the opportunity to purchase Lawrence Wood's building across the street, after much thought and many prayers, we bought it with the faith that God would help us find a use for it to glorify His kingdom.

One Tuesday night last fall, I stopped there to pick up our son from Young Life. I decided to go in so I could see how it looked after all of the work Steve and Richard and other volunteers had invested in it. What I saw was amazing! What had been a neglected, stale, old building when I went on the tour after we purchased it, had come alive with young people who packed the big room with lively conversation and laughter and spilled out into other rooms and into the parking lot which was filled up with parents, like me, picking up their kids, thankful for such a great place to raise Christian children. Inside there was a table with pizza and kids playing table tennis. Kids were sitting on couches visiting with friends. The Young Life Leader Trey Thompson was there with the college-aged mentors who were leading Bible study and inspiring our kids to become leaders for Christ. Our building has become a "cool place" for teenagers to meet and feel at home! As a parent, that is a wonderful sight! The scene is similar on Friday nights when Wyld Life, the Christian group for elementary school kids, meets in our Annex, too. The leaders use our Joy Rider bus to shuttle the kids from the elementary school. It takes approximately 4 trips with the bus full to get them all to our Annex for their Bible studies and Christian lessons. Morning Bible studies are also held there on Friday mornings before school. Our Annex also supports recovering addicts and alcoholics when we welcome them to meet there several times a week. They are so appreciative of us for giving them a "home" for their important work to improve their lives. It was also ideal for our huge Christmas Shoe Box collection point for all of Floyd County, a much more convenient location than previous years in our Fellowship Hall.

God is at work in our new building and I'm sure it will open its doors to even more Christian activities as we find new needs for it. This purchase and its value to our community is what serving God is all about. Having faith that there will be a need and opening our doors to our neighbors so they can feel God's love and presence. Kathryn West

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Council Meeting

Monday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.

Deacons Meeting

Monday, March 23, 7:00 p.m



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.

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

Pastor's Bible Study 7:00 pm.

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

Inclement Weather Schedule

Our winter closing policy is as follows: During the week, scheduled activities will be **CANCELLED** if Floyd County Schools are **CLOSED OR DISMISSED EARLY** 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.**

VBS

Save the date: June 15-19

For those of you who have a telemarketer screening on your phone, please know that if you are not home to answer your call, the automated system is not able to leave a message. If you would like to make sure that you have an email on file with the church, that would be another way to get that information. Contact the church office with questions.

Woods Annex Report

Principal Owed:	\$ 89,000.71
November Payment:	\$ 1,329.14
Additional Principal:	\$ 420.00
Total Paid in February:	\$ 1,749.14

MARCH 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Lord's Supper 8:30-9:45am, FH, Disc.Mtg JYP, Noon-6pm, all church 6-8pm Boy Scouts	2 7-9pm, FH, AA	3 Election Back-up 5-8pm, YL, Annex 6:30 pm FH, Cub Scouts	4 5:45 pm Fam. Meal 6:30 pm TeamKid 6:45 pm Adult Bible Studies 6:45 pm FH, Pastor's Bible Study 7 pm Youth Bible Study 8 pm Sanctuary Choir 7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon, Annex	5 3-4pm, YL, Annex 5:30pm Hand-bells	6 9:30 am-2:00 pm FH, Quilters 7-8am, YL, Annex	7
8 MISSION SUNDAY Daylight Savings Time Starts 6-8pm Boy Scouts	9 7-9pm, FH, AA	10 10am-Good Friday Planning Mtg	11 5:45 pm Fam. Meal 6:30 pm TeamKid 6:45 pm Adult Bible Studies 6:45 pm FH, Pastor's Bible Study 7 pm Youth Bible Study 8 pm Sanctuary Choir 7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon, Annex	12	13 9:30 am-2:00 pm FH, Quilters 6-9 pm FH, Cub Scouts, Pinewood Derby	14 9:00 am-5:00 pm FH, Cub Scouts, Pinewood Derby
15 FH, 1-7pm, Nichols 6-8pm Boy Scouts	16 11:30 am FH, Young at Heart Lunch & Bingo 7:00PM Church Council 7-9pm, FH, AA	17 5-8pm, YL, Annex 2-3pm XMAS 4 kids	18 5:45 pm Fam. Meal 6:30 pm TeamKid 6:45 pm Adult Bible Studies 6:45 pm FH, Pastor's Bible Study 7 pm Youth Bible Study 8 pm Sanctuary Choir 7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon, Annex	19 3-4pm, YL, Annex 5:30pm Hand-bells	20 9:30 am-2:00 pm FH, Quilters 7-8am, YL, Annex 3-5:30pm, YL, Annex	21
22 4pm, Annex, Edge Community Gathering 6-8pm Boy Scouts	23 7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting 7-9pm, FH, AA	24 5-8pm, YL, Annex 6:30 pm FH, Cub Scouts	25 5:45 pm Fam. Meal 6:30 pm TeamKid 6:45 pm Adult Bible Studies 6:45 pm FH, Pastor's Bible Study 7 pm Youth Bible Study 8 pm Sanctuary Choir 7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon, Annex	26 5:30pm, Hand-bells	27 9:30 am-2:00 pm FH, Quilters 7-8am, YL, Annex 3-5:30pm, YL, Annex	28 FH, Reserved Hostess Comm
29 Family Sunday 6-8pm Boy Scouts	30 7-9pm, FH, AA	31 5-8pm, YL, Annex				