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Mother's Day



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Lesson of the Big Green Chalk Board

For years a Big Green Chalk Board took up residence in the home where I was raised. It first appeared the spring before my oldest brother started school and it kept its place in the living room for over a decade. It held a special place in my heart, because it was at this Big Green Chalk Board that I first learned to write my "ABC's" and spell basic words like cat and hat. My brother began school a year before I did. I could not wait to be able to join him, because he made it sound so fun as he would come home and talk of the friends he made, recess, and games. My Mother knew, however, that school would be more than fun and games and she wanted to get me ready.

The January before I joined my brother at Woodberry Hills Elementary School, my mother would join me at the chalk board to teach me the alphabet and introduce me to the world of spelling. She understood that the season of waiting is the season of preparation. She would apply this life lesson in so many arenas; whether it would be going on vacation or the celebration of Christmas. Mom always had a way of using the season of anticipation and waiting as a time for preparation. We would spend our days leading up to vacation gathering items to be placed in the vacation party box. This box would hold all the fun things we would take with us for the beach or lake; in it you could find swimming masks, decks of cards, small games, beach toys, and the like. To this day I remember all of the fun crafts my mother would have us do as we would use our craft projects to decorate the house for Christmas. And with each project there would be a lesson about the meaning of Christmas.

Looking back, it seems at times that the times of preparation were more special than the event for which we were preparing. The lesson of the Big Green Chalk Board is especially needed in this season. We are in a season of waiting and anticipation; however, it is not a season for doing nothing but waiting. This is to be a season of preparation. I recently read a post from my first cousin that reminded me that as we get prepared to return to life as we knew it, that we need to consider the things that are not worth returning to. As we move forward in this journey of "new normal" let me encourage each of us to learn the lesson my mother taught her family long ago: that the season of waiting can be the most treasured and valuable season of all.

In Honor of My Mom,
Jeff

Pastor Page

Connecting for Worship in This Season

Citizens—channel 20: Our services will be broadcast on citizens cable channel 20 on Sundays at 12:00 Noon, and Fridays at 9:30 PM

Live—11:00 AM at the Floyd Baptist Church Facebook Page—Facebook Live.

Graduate Recognition & Baby Dedication Postponed

May is a great time for celebration at Floyd Baptist Church. On Mother's Day we celebrate all the babies born into our church family through a time of Baby Dedication, and toward the end of May we recognize all those graduating from our Preschool, High School, and Schools of Higher Education. We want to maintain the specialness of these celebrations so we will be postponing them to a time when we can experience them as a Church-gathered together in one place. To prepare for this time, please be submitting to the Church Office the names and contact numbers of all those

Sermon Scriptures for May

May 3: Celebration of Communion
May 10: Colossians 3:20-21
May 17: Colossians 3:18-19
May 24: Colossians 3:22-4:1
May 31: Colossians 4:2-6
June 7: Colossians 4:7-15
June 14: Colossians: 4:16-18

PRESCHOOL NEWS

We are missing coming to school but we are enjoying getting to see many on Zoom video chats. We are still hoping to have a picnic/ get together this summer sometime to recognize our graduates!!!!

Wednesdays

10 am Facebook Live Prayer Gathering
6:30pm Facebook Live Prayer Gathering
7:00 pm Zoom Video Bible Study

MEMBER NEWS

Serafina Lucia Cross was born on 3/25/20 to Dave & Christen Cross

M/C Quesenberry welcomed twin grandchildren-Margaret Elaine (Maggie) & William Graham Clay (Graham) Quesenberry on April 17, 2020

MAY BIRTHDAYS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3- Ryan Shortt	9- Ricky Worley	David Hall
Louise Thompson	Teresa Penrose	19- Joe Wooldrige
Cole Long	10- Brenda Weeks	20- Lisa H. Thomas
4- Bryce Scott Altizer	11- Kayla Shelton	Carolyn Hicks
5- Allan Spangler	14- Shane Tanner	Agnes Williams
Allison Long	Gavin Swortzel	Andrew Thompson
6- Luke Morris	16- JoAnn Nester	21- Aleah Clemons
Marc Quesenberry	David Morris	22- Louisa Nolen
7- Mitzi Weeks Johnston	Jeremiah Slusher	24- Courtney Nicole Tanner
Chuck Bary	Riley Matthew Whitlock	Haleigh Elizabeth Hamlin
8- Denise L. Peters	17- Laura Larimer	25- Killian Woods
Tim Wallace	18- Todd Via	Douglas Thompson

To continue giving tithes and offerings during this time away from Church, you can either mail your offering to the following address or initiate an online Bank Payment from your bank using the same address.

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Monthly Budget

Monthly Goal: \$ 25,097.00
Gifts toward General Fund/ Budget:
April to date: \$ 20,238.00

Deacon's Meeting: Monday, May 18th, 7 p.m.

Church Council Meeting via Zoom: Tuesday, May 19, 7 p.m.

Church office will be closed Memorial Day, Monday, May 25

MISSION NEWS

***Vacation Bible School:** VBS has been postponed. At this time an alternate date has not been determined.



OIAM SAVE THE DATE

This year's **Operation Inasmuch** date has been set and the date is **August 22nd**. Please add this date to your calendar and join us in prayer as we begin planning for this day. This date is subject to change based upon the circumstances surrounding COVID-19.

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 and Jim Sharp.

Food Drive

Bread of Life is operating out of the Annex at this time. Michele Tucker is running that and can accept monetary donations for this service to the community. These donations can be mailed to the church at: Attn: Bread of Life
PO BOX 58
Floyd, VA 24091

In addition, food donations can be dropped off at the Annex building M-F 11am-1pm.

Operation Christmas Child.

Even though physical donations can not be given at this time, please keep in mind that when things return to normal those items can still be donated. Also, a reminder that there is still the challenge of filling a medicine bottle with \$9 worth of quarters. This will be able to fully fund the shipping of 1 box. Thanks so much for your heart of giving to this important project.



MAY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9:30pm citizens channel 20 broadcast of April 26	2
3 Lord's Supper 11am Facebook Live Worship Noon-Citizens channel 20 broadcast of April 26th	4	5	6 10am Facebook Live Prayer Gathering 6:30 pm Facebook Live Prayer Gathering 7pm Pastor's Zoom Bible Study	7	8 9:30pm citizens channel 20 broadcast of May 3	9
10 MOTHER'S DAY 11am Facebook Live Worship Noon-Citizens channel 20 broadcast of May 3th	11	12	13 10am Facebook Live Prayer Gathering 6:30 pm Facebook Live Prayer Gathering 7pm Pastor's Zoom Bible Study	14	15 9:30pm citizens channel 20 broadcast of May 10	16
17 11am Facebook Live Worship Noon-Citizens channel 20 broadcast of May 10th	18 7:00PM Deacon's Meeting	19 2-3 pm Christmas 4 Children (FH)	20 10am Facebook Live Prayer Gathering 6:30 pm Facebook Live Prayer Gathering 7pm Pastor's Zoom Bible Study	21	22 9:30pm citizens channel 20 broadcast of May 17	23 FH, D. Thomas Grad Party 10am-3pm
24/31 11am Facebook Live Worship Noon-Citizens channel 20 broadcast of May 17h/24th	25 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	26	27 10am Facebook Live Prayer Gathering 6:30 pm Facebook Live Prayer Gathering 7pm Pastor's	28	29 9:30pm citizens channel 20 broadcast of May 24	30