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# The INFORMER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## Surprised by Grace

Don't you love those times you stick your hand into a pocket of clothing you have not worn in a while and find money? Don't you love it when you go to the mail box and there is a correspondence from a company that only sends bills, and with dread you proceed to open it, and much to your surprise it is an unexpected refund? This happened to me on Monday of this week and it just added a momentary spring in my step. I love those types of surprises.

It seems that on occasion God will provide a gift to me out of the blue that catches me by surprise. Sometimes the surprise is in the timing of the gift, totally unexpected. Sometimes it is in the wrapping of the gift, it comes from someone or place that we would never expect it to originate. Have you ever been surprised when the least likely of people in your estimation blesses you with a word of teaching, or encouragement? What a wonderful surprise when the grumpiest of grumps shares a smile, or a hug.

In these days where there seems to be so much bad news and difficulty, I am praying that God will surprise all of us by grace. I don't pretend to know the how, the who, or the when, for if I did, then it would not be a surprise. My encouragement to all of us is to be ready to receive the gift when it arrives. Too often I sense God is surprising us by his grace in ways that seem foreign to us and we either don't recognize the gift or don't realize it was from Him.

Expecting Grace to Rein  
Jeff



## Back to the Future Continues... Sermon Scriptures for August

August 2<sup>nd</sup>: Hebrews 4, and Celebration of Communion  
August 9<sup>th</sup>: Hebrews 5  
August 16<sup>th</sup>: Hebrews 6  
August 23<sup>rd</sup>: Hebrews 7  
August 30<sup>th</sup>: Worship at Gallimore Pond



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Called Business Meeting**

Sunday, August 16

Review & Discuss

2020-21 Presentation of Budget

## **Church Council Meeting**

Monday, August 17, 7:00 p.m.

## **OIAM Day**

Saturday, August 22nd

## **Deacons Meeting**

Monday, August 24, 6:30 p.m.

## **Worship @ Gallimore Pond**

## **& Deacon Elections**

Sunday, August 30, 11:00 a.m.



## **Worship at Gallimore Pond**

August 30<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM

We are excited to have

“High Noon”

&

“Joy of Floyd”



Leading Us in Worship.

For our meal this year please bring a picnic lunch to share with your family. The Church will provide cold beverages.

## **Friday Foursomes**

**Fridays at 5:00 PM**

## **Great Oaks Gold Course**

Everyone is invited to participate in this time of fun and friendly competition. Please either be there by 4:50pm or let Steve Hamlin or Chris Bond know if you wish to play. Great Oaks has taken many measures to be as safe as possible during this pandemic. As with all Friday Foursomes, play is contingent on the weather.



# MUSIC MINISTRY

Karen Whitlock, Minister of Music

## *"It Is Well with My Soul"*

This beloved hymn was written by a Chicago lawyer, Horatio Spafford. He had a well established legal practice in Chicago and always maintained a keen interest in Christian activities. Spafford enjoyed a close relationship with D.L. Moody, Ira Sankey and Philip Bliss, evangelical leaders of the time.

In 1873, after the Chicago fires, Spafford planned a holiday in Europe for he and his wife and four daughters. Unexpected business delayed Spafford's departure, but he sent his wife and daughters on ahead of him. He planned to join them in a few days. The Spafford's boat collided with an English sailing vessel, and sank in a matter of minutes. Many were lost, including Spafford's four daughters. Mrs. Spafford was rescued and she sent her husband a message "Saved alone".

Shortly afterward, Spafford left to meet his bereaving wife. Spafford wrote the words of this hymn as the ship that was carrying him to meet his wife neared the spot of the tragedy.

Spafford penned the words of the text describing his own grief - "when sorrows like sea billows roll". It is noteworthy that he does not dwell on his own grief in this hymn, but focuses attention in the third verse on Christ's redemptive work and in the fourth verse anticipates His glorious return. In his humanity Horatio Spafford experienced great personal tragedy, but still was able to say with convincing clarity, "It is well with my soul" because of his relationship with Christ.

As our church continues to reopen, I encourage you to participate in the worship services (either in-person or online). The choir will continue to remain suspended for a time, but do not let that stop you from singing where you are. Music will help to heal your soul until we all can meet together again.

Karen Whitlock  
Minister of Music

**It Is Well with My Soul**

Horatio G. Spafford      Philip P. Bliss

1. When peace like a riv - er, At - tend - eth my way, When sor - rows, Like  
2. My sin, O the bliss Of this glo - ri - ous tho't, My sin not in  
3. O, Lord haste the day When my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
part But the whole Is nailed to the cross And I bear it no more,  
back As a scroll; The trump shall re - sound And the Lord shall de - scend,

"It is well, It is well, with my soul." It is well, It is well  
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul! With my soul.  
"E - ven so" it is well With my soul.

with my soul, with my soul, It is well, It is well, with my soul.



# THANK YOU NOTES

*Dear Pastor Jeff and the Floyd Baptist Church Family,*

*During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you so much for the love and support you all have shown through donations, flowers, food, calls and prayers. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness. We know Peggy is happy that everyone is taking care of Fred.*

*With gratitude,  
Fred Wirt & Family*



*I do not have words to express my appreciation for all the beautiful cards of well wishes and birthday cards received from everyone at Floyd Baptist. I miss being with you at church, too. Again, thank you, and may God bless you and stay well.*

*Love, Irene Smith*

# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2—Theodore Via, Jr.	16—Luke Harris
2—Kimberly Bond	19—Bert Hatcher
3—Jesse Slusher	22—Cassie Radford
3—Gerald Via	23—Dorothy Kitts
4—Larry Midkiff	23—Stacy Thompson
5—Lindsey Thompson	25—John Robert Weeks
6—Margie Clinger	25—Clyde Thomas, Jr.
7—Peyton Weeks	25—Donna Toler
7—Carlotta Eaton	27—Nellie Overstreet
9—Peggy Profitt	27—Emily Thompson
11—Ronnie Shelton	30—Karen Whitlock
12—Rhonda Vaughn	30—Kayla Howell
13—Trudy Pecoul	30—Mabel DeHart
15—Judith Dempsey	



# PRESCHOOL NEWS



*We hope everyone is enjoying their summer! Different as it is we still can enjoy all the things God gives us! With that being said I would like to say a huge thanks to Ms. Brenda for her dedication and most of all for the love and caring she has given our preschoolers for the past 20 years! She has decided to retire, starting this fall. We cannot thank her enough for all she has brought to our children and to her fellow workers! We will miss her and hopefully she will know she will never be forgotten! Her love will last a lifetime in so many children's hearts and their families!*

*As Ms. Brenda starts her new journey, we would like to welcome Erin Harman to our staff! Erin and her family have been a part of Floyd Baptist Church and preschool for some time! She and Floyd have 7 children and 5 of them attended our preschool! Erin taught at a local preschool a few years ago and coaches softball for girls in this area including the middle school team at Floyd High. We feel she will fit in just fine!!!*

*Our plan for this fall is to start school on August 24. We will change up some things to make our preschool as safe as can be for 3 and 4 year old children. We know there are always going to be risks, but we will try our best to make it as safe as possible.*

*I would like to thank our Preschool Committee, Kay Slusher, Darrell Thompson, Martha Thompson, Kim Bond and Elliott Yearout-Patton for helping make these important decisions for all our precious children and their families. We all have prayed and met to come up with what we hope will make a very successful year under very strange times!!!*

*Sincerely, Ms. Janice*

**FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS**

**OPEN AUGUST 11**

**DRIVE SAFELY!**



# SENIOR MINISTRY



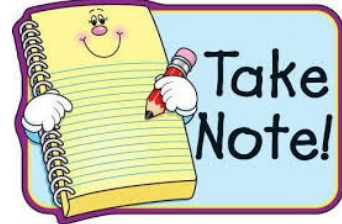
No activities are scheduled at this time.

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

# CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

## Church Council Report

The Church Council met on July 20, 2020 and approved the following recommendations:



- The Church Council voted to cancel the Regular Business Meeting that had been scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2020. You are reminded that there is a Special Called Business Meeting scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup> following our Sunday Morning Worship Service for the purpose of presenting the 2020-2021 Budget.
- The Church Council voted to allow each Youth and Adult Sunday School class to make decisions relative to in-person gathering with proper protocols being followed.
- The Church Council voted to allow Committees and Organizations to make decisions relative to in-person gathering with proper protocols being followed.

The Church Council received a report from Pastor Jeff relative to potential ministry opportunities that may be opening up to our congregation in the arena of ministry to Skyline Nursing Home, and a Church Based Tutorial Program. He also informed the Church Council about the introduction of Praise Music into our Sunday Morning Worship Service. Michael Browning and Janice Short were appointed by the Church Council to work with the appropriate committees and persons to address issues relative to projection of video in the sanctuary.

The Church Council received a report from Janice Short informing the Church Council of the plans for Floyd Baptist Preschool to reopen this Fall and of the hiring of Erin Harman as a new Preschool Teacher replacing Brenda Allen. Brenda has retired after twenty years of service at Floyd Baptist Preschool.

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE



It is the time of the year we need to fill positions in our church committees. We ask all church members to PRAY if God would have you to serve Him in this way. Please get in touch with one of us on the Nominating Committee if you have a question or feel lead to fill a vacancy. Danny Thompson, Billie Hall, Judy Dempsey, Ross Linkous, Steve Eaton, Rhonda Vaughn.

# DEACON NEWS

## Deacon Nominations

The Deacon Fellowship is pleased to announce that Scott Lovitt and Jeremy Quesenberry were nominated and have agreed to stand for Deacon election to a three year term. Both are ordained and have served previously. Election will be held the last Sunday in August.



The Fellowship continues to seek willing candidates for active Deacon service. We continue to serve in a family ministry role and help to guide the Church through these difficult public health concerns.



## Communion

In-person Communion, though in a slightly different format, begins again on August 2.

# STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

## ***SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING - AUGUST 16 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2020-2021***

*The proposed budget for the 2020-2021 church year will be presented at the Business Meeting on Sunday, August 16th, immediately following the morning worship service.*

*A copy of the proposed budget will be sent to church members via email or regular mail on or about August 3rd, and additional copies will be left in the back of the church.*



*The vote on adoption of the budget will be held during the September Business Meeting.*



## **Tithes and Offerings**

To continue giving tithes and offerings during this time, 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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# SERVICE MINISTRIES

## Greeters

August 2	Richard Wood Jim & Louellen Sharp
August 9	Maurice & Connie Quesenberry Chris & Kim Bond
August 16	Connie & Carlotta Browning Danny & Martha Thompson
August 23	Robert & Donna Petty John & Ashlee Weeks
August 30	Tommy & Leisa Holman Jim & Louellen Sharp
September 6	Richard Wood Jim & Louellen Sharp



		Deacon of the Week	
August 2	Steve Hamlin	August 9	Jack Morris
August 16	Winky Nichols	August 23	Vicky Shaffer
August 30	Jim Sharp	September 6	John Weeks

*Jesus Loves the Little Children... Jesus Loves the Little Children...*



***There will be no Nursery or  
Children's Church during the  
month of August.***



# MISSION NEWS

## ***OPERATION IN AS MUCH*** **AUGUST 22, 2020**

OIAM day is fast approaching!! This day is another opportunity for us to reach out into our community and share God's love. It is a special day where you are able to choose from a variety of ministry projects and help others in your local community.

OIAM is scheduled for **August 22<sup>nd</sup>** this year. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the choir room. Please be in prayer as to where God is leading you to serve on this day and sign up!!!



### **Cookies/Card Ministry Team**

Deliver cookies to local fire, rescue, sheriff offices, nursery home and library staffs, etc. Write and send notes to military personnel, veterans and others.



### **Meal Preparation Team**

Prepare lunch for workers at the church & deliver bag lunches to those working away from the church.



### **Firewood Delivery Team**

Split and deliver wood to folks in the community who need it.



### **Hearts and Hammers**

Help with a home improvement project.

### **What You Can Do Now---**

\*\*\*Be in prayer about this ministry as well as where God is leading you to serve on this day. Signup sheets will be posted.

\*\*\*Let Mark West know if you have names of folks needing firewood delivery.

\*\*\*Give Kathryn West the names and addresses of servicemen, shut ins, or other folks whom you would like to receive notes of encouragement from the Cookies/Cards Team. This team could also use patriotic note cards and "thinking of you" cards.



***Matthew 25:40.....The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, inasmuch as you have done such things for the least of my brothers and sisters, you have done the same for me."***

# MISSION NEWS

## Free for All Yard Sale

The Free for All Yard Sale has been moved to September. As soon as the date has been finalized, it will immediately be shared so that everyone can plan for this event. As you might expect, there will be some modifications as compared to last year in view of our current situation. We want to serve our community but keep everyone safe while doing so. In the meantime, please pray for OIAM and those involved!

Donations are being accepted for the Free for All Yard Sale at the church during the hours it is open. If you could possibly presort items when bringing them this year, that would be much appreciated. As you know, the Free for All event takes a great deal of preparation and planning. For anyone interested in helping with this aspect of OIAM, please



contact Billie Hall at (540) 745-3222 or (540) 392-8077. If you have any questions about OIAM or where you might serve, members of the Evangelism and Missions Committee are Michael Browning, Lisa Radford, Jim Sharp, and Kay Slusher. Feel free to ask any member of this committee, and we will do our best to direct you. Thank you!



### **\*\*\*Donations & Volunteers are needed for our "Free For All" Yard Sale.\*\*\***

Items needed for this day are: clothes, shoes, coats, hats, blankets, and other household items. Please bring your donations and leave them upstairs in the Children's Dept. / Donation Room at the church.

We will also be giving away "Free For All" Food bags. Items needed are: soup, canned meats, pasta meals, fruit/veg., peanut butter, crackers, breakfast bars/cereal, etc. OIAM food boxes will be around the church.



Pray about joining our "Free For All" Yard Sale Team. We will need helpers to gather and prepare items, assist visitors at the sale and clean up after the sale.

Thank you for supporting this local mission project!



# MISSION NEWS

## **Food Drive**



Please help us collect food items for the NRCA Food Bank.

The theme for August is

**Peanut Butter, Jelly & Crackers.**

Please drop off your donations by **August 31.**

53 items were donated in July.



## **Operation Christmas Child.**



Each month the Youth collects items that will be used in filling the shoeboxes in November for Operation Christmas Child.

**In August, school supplies will be collected (small plastic pencil sharpeners, markers, colored pencils, crayons, erasers, glue & small writing tablets).**

Let's not forget to prepare for our OCC mission. Whenever you are out pick up something for a box - there are many choices. Just start a box at home then we can put it all together when we all get together again. Don't forget the challenge the young people put out to fill old medicine bottles with \$9.00 in quarters to help ship the boxes. God is still calling us to reach out.

The children of the world are counting on us.

*Thank You!*



# AUGUST 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> <b>Lord's Supper</b>  12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20  6-7pm Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 7-9pm, FH, AA	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  10am Facebook Live Prayer  7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon, Annex	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 11pm –FBC Worship Service from August 2nd on Citizen's Channel 20	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>MISSION SUNDAY</b>  12pm –Last Week Svc on Citizen's Channel 20  6-7pm Boy Scouts	<b>10</b>  7-9pm, FH, AA	<b>11</b> FH, Reserved for Hostess Committee	<b>12</b> 10am Facebook Live Prayer  7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon, Annex	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 11pm –FBC Worship Service from August 9th on Citizen's Channel 20	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 12 pm - Special Business meeting after am service  12pm –Last Week Svc on Citizen's Channel 20  6-7pm Boy Scouts	<b>17</b> .  7:00PM Church Council Meeting  7-9pm, FH, AA	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  10am Facebook Live Prayer  7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon, Annex	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 11pm –FBC Worship Service from August 16th on Citizen's Channel 20  pm, FH Reserved for OIAM set-up	<b>22</b> OIAM DAY (All activities except Yard Sale)
<b>23</b> 12pm –Last Week Svc on Citizen's Channel 20 6-7pm Boy Scouts	<b>24</b> 7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting 7-9pm, FH, AA	<b>25</b> 5:30-7pm, FH, Michele Tucker	<b>26</b> 10am Facebook Live Prayer  7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon, Annex	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 11pm –FBC Worship Service from August 23rd on Citizen's Channel 20	<b>29</b> FH, Hostess Comm
<b>30</b> Worship @ Gallimore Pond Deacon Elections 12pm –Last Week Svc on Citizen's Channel 20 6-7pm Boy Scouts	<b>31</b> 7-9pm, FH, AA					