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

### Controlling or Contributing to Conversations

There are a multitude of issues facing congregations, communities, or families that will require hard conversations moving forward. These conversations will need to be inclusive of diverse opinions, a vulnerability by participants to share honestly, and openness to hear and learn from others. My prayer is that as congregations, communities and families we can enter these conversations in such a way as to build unity, discern real answers to difficult problems, and as believers represent Christ well. A key component to our capacity to have productive conversations will be whether as individuals we communicate in such a way as to contribute to open dialogue, or control the conversation and shut down dialogue.

As I reflected on this at a personal Discernment Retreat at Eagle Eyrie last week, I began to notice how much of how we communicate unintentionally controls and shuts down conversations. The fruit of my reflections is found below; as I contrast Contributors and Controllers in Conversations. This time of discernment and reflection has heightened my awareness of my own short-falls in this arena and renewed in me a commitment to be one who seeks to contribute to healthy productive conversations. I am hopeful that we will be able to find a way forward that leads to hope, unity, and answers. However, that road forward will only be found as we commit to being people who contribute to instead of controlling conversations. My sense is as I have listened to many people in a multitude of contexts that there is much repentance and work that must be done.

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### **Beyond Capacity In-Person Huddle (Maximum of 8 Participants)**

**Wednesdays 7:00 PM**

**Youth Room**

**Begins Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

3 spots still available (First Come First Serve)

Co-Facilitators: Pastor Jeff & Judy Dempsey

Call Pastor Jeff or Church Office to Register

# PASTOR'S PAGE

## Contrast of Contributors and Controllers in Conversations

Arena	Contributors	Controllers
Representation:	Speak for themselves	Speak for others, even those across the table.
Validation of Opinion:	the studies I have read the people I have talked to	Studies say, Scientists show, Experts claim (this does not allow for a diversity of thought)
Diversity vs Monolithic	Understands within any group of people there is diversity and monolithic statements can't be used to represent any group of people.	Treats groups of people as a monolithic whole with statements like: Baptists believe, we agree that, (Ethnic Group) feels.
Valuation of Opinion	Uses I believe, feel or think and understands that there can be other legitimate beliefs thoughts, and feelings.	Uses statements like: any reasonable person would believe, all loving people would, any intelligent person would agree.

As I listen to many people these days, including myself, I am astonished by how many times we can speak in such a way as to control instead of contribute to conversations. Lord help us all to be those who would seek a path forward that would lead to hope, unity and answers.

Jeff

## Back to the Future: A Journey in the Book of Hebrews (Continues)

September 6: Hebrews Chapter 8. Celebration of Communion

September 13: Trey Thompsons Speaks on the Ministry of Young Life. Mission Sunday

September 20: Hebrews Chapter 9.

September 27: Hebrews Chapter 10.

FYI—There will be no Daily Devotionals sent out or posted on the week prior to pastor Jeff being away.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Office Closed**

September 7 for Labor Day

## **Called Business Meeting**

Sunday, September 13

(After Worship Service)

## **OIAM Yard Sale**

Saturday, September 19

## **Church Council Meeting**

Monday, September 21, 7:00 p.m.

## **Deacons Meeting**

Monday, September 28, 7:00 p.m.

## **SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING**

Our September Church Business meeting will be held as a Special Business Meeting immediately after the worship service on Sunday, September 13.

Report and recommendations from the Nominations Committee, consideration of the 2020-2021 Church Budget, and a report and recommendation from the Personnel Committee will be placed before the membership for action.

This special business meeting is hereby called by the Deacon Fellowship per our Church Constitution and By-Laws.



## **Friday Foursomes**

***Everyone's invited for fun & friendly competition!***

Please either be there by 4:50pm or let Steve Hamlin or Chris Bond know if you wish to play.

***Great Oaks Golf Course, Fridays at 5:00 PM***

Great Oaks has taken measures to be as safe as possible during the pandemic.  
Play contingent upon the weather.



## **Attention All Committees:**

*To help coordinate spaces and socially distance, please let the office know the day, time & location of your committee meetings so that they can be placed on the church calendar. Thank you.*

## **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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## **Regarding Citizens channel 20**

Citizens Channel 20 will air our services on Friday at 11pm and Sunday at noon. If you tune in to watch our service and another service is in progress, our service will begin upon the completion of the service that is in progress.

# THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you church members for my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday cards, calls & visits. Psalm 28:7 "The Lord is my strength and my shield".  
Mabel DeHart

Once again I want to say Thank you for letting me share in your ministry. The recognition service was so special and touched my heart more than you know. The flowers were lovely and the monetary gifts were very unexpected, but so much appreciated. I pray God continues to bless each and every one of you.

Love, Mrs. Brenda

Floyd Baptist,  
Thank you for the silk flower arrangement sent to us during Tommy's passing. Your kindness will always be remembered.

The Holman Family

Floyd Baptist (Operation In As Much),  
Thank you for the wood that was delivered to our home. The kindness extended to our family is greatly appreciated.  
Love, Leisa Holman



Thank you so much for having me as secretary at Floyd Baptist Church for these past 2.5 years. I will be moving out of town and no longer able to be the secretary. It has been a blessing to get to know you and serve you. I am so thankful for my time here. May God continue to bless you!

Deanna Block

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Ron Pecoul

1 - Austin Ryan Shortt

3 - Lisa Radford

6 - Ashley Dunn

8 - Louellen Sharp

9 - Allan Lovitt

12 - Linda Nester

15 - Dreana Lovitt

16 - Roger Pauley

16 - Jaxon Morris

17 - Dirk Davis

18 - Christy Carr

19 - Deanna Swortzel

20 - Marcus Dickerson

21 - Judy Britt

21 - James Ian Bary

22 - Michael Browning

22 - Brenna Via

23 - Ruby Moran

25 - Becky Thompson

25 - Belinda Horney



# MUSIC MINISTRY

## Hymn Highlight

### "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

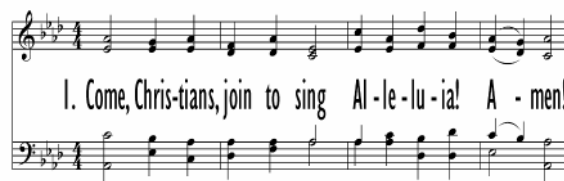
A New Testament church should always be a singing church, for sacred song is the natural outpouring of joyous Christians hearts. Singing should not be limited to the church services; rather it should become the Christian's normal daily lifestyle.

Singing God's praises provides many important benefits to believers. There is the awareness that God is pleased when the voice is lifted in praise: "He who offers praise honors me" (Psalms 50:23). Then we learn many important spiritual truths and concepts when we sing. For many of us, our first awareness that God loves us and that He loves all the children of the world was gained through a song sung at our mother's knee or in the Sunday school nursery. Singing will also provide encouragement and comfort in times of need. Often when we are experiencing periods of discouragement and despondency, a simple hymn will come to mind and will be used of God to mend our fragile emotions. (copied from *366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions* - Kenneth Osbeck)

This hymn was originally titled "Come, Children, Join to Sing". It first appeared in 1843. We have been singing Alleluia, Amen for over 175 years. If you are tempted to complain or feel despondent, determine to sing a song of praise. It is one of the best ways to experience calm and contentment when life becomes bleak.

As our church continues to reopen, I encourage you to participate in the worship services (either in-person or online). Special music opportunities are available. Even though the Sanctuary Choir and Adult Handbells will continue to remain suspended for a time, do not let that stop you from making music where you are. Music can help to heal your soul.

Karen Whitlock  
Minister of Music



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# MEMBER NEWS

Please keep the Holman family in your prayers as Tommy Holman recently passed away.



# 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.

# PRESCHOOL NEWS

School bells have rung, summer is officially over! Floyd Baptist Preschool opened its doors for a new school year on Monday, August 24th and the 3 year olds started on the 25th.



# 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.



# SERVICE MINISTRIES

## GREETERS

September 6	Richard Wood Jim & Louellen Sharp
September 13	Maurice & Connie Quesenberry Danny & Martha Thompson
September 20	Connie & Carlotta Browning Chris & Kim Bond
September 27	Robert & Donna Petty John & Ashlee Weeks
October 4	Richard Wood Jim & Louellen Sharp



## Deacon of the Week

September 6	John Weeks
September 13	Darrell Thompson
September 20	Kay Slusher
September 27	Janice Yearout-Patton



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

# DEACON NEWS

## Welcome New Deacons!

The 3 nominees for election to the Deacon Fellowship were all elected on Sunday.  
**Scott Lovitt, Jeremy Quesenberry, and John Weeks** will begin 3 year terms on Oct. 1, 2020.



## Also From the Deacon Fellowship:

As there has been no change in state mandates and none expected in the near future, Floyd Baptist Church will continue services with our current limited seating and in-person limits through September 30.

# MISSION NEWS

## OIAM Projects



### **Free for All Food Bags**

As part of our OIAM project we will be making 6 food boxes for families in our community who have fallen on hard times. Food bags will also be given out at the Free-For-All Yard Sale. If you can help with food donations, please bring non perishable food items to the church by Sept 13th. These will be delivered on the 19th. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Items needed are: soup, canned meats, pasta meals, fruit/veg., peanut butter, crackers, breakfast bars / cereal, etc. OIAM Food boxes have been placed outside the Choir Room.

Thank you for supporting this local mission project!



### **Free for All Yard Sale—September 19th**

The Free for All Yard Sale will be September 19th. 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 (9am-2pm). Please bring your donations and leave them upstairs in the Children's Dept. / Donation Room at the church. If you could possibly presort items when bringing them this year, that would be much appreciated. Items needed for this day are: clothes, shoes, coats, hats, blankets, and other household items.

Please pray about joining our "Free For All" Yard Sale Team. As you know, the Free for All event takes a great deal of preparation and planning. We will need helpers to gather and prepare items, assist visitors at the sale and clean up afterward. 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!



# MISSION NEWS

## **Food Drive**



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

The theme for September is

### **Canned Soups.**

Please drop off your donations by **Septmeber 30.**



## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.**



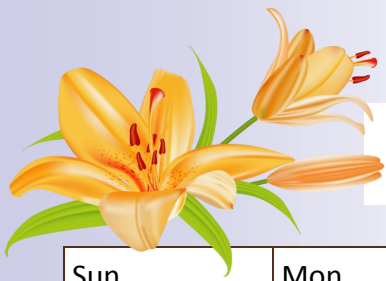
Each month the Youth collects items that will be used in filling the shoeboxes in November for Operation Christmas Child.

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

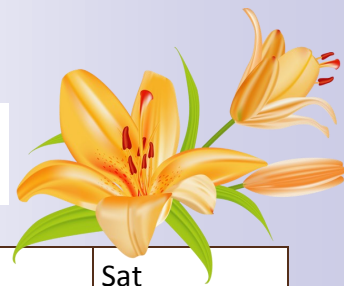


Let's not forget to prepare for our OCC mission. Whenever you are out pick up something for a box - there are many choices. Just start a box at home then we can put it all together when we all get together again. Don't forget the challenge the young people put out to fill old medicine bottles with \$9.00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



# SEPTEMBER 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10am Facebook Live Prayer  7pm Beyond Capacity Huddle, Youth Room  7-9pm AA & Al-Anon, FH	3	4  11pm –FBC Worship Service from August 30 on Citizen's Channel 20	5
6 <b>Lord's Supper</b>  12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20  6-8pm Boy Scouts	7 <b>LABOR DAY</b> <b><u>OFFICE</u></b> <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>  7-9pm, FH, AA	8	9 10am Facebook Live Prayer  7pm Beyond Capacity Huddle, Youth Room  7-9pm AA & Al- Anon, Annex/FH(?)	10	11  11pm –FBC Worship Service from Sept 6 on Citizen's Channel 20	12
13 <b>MISSION</b> <b><u>SUNDAY</u></b> <b>SPECIAL</b> <b>CALLED BUSI-</b> <b>NESS MEETING</b> <b>(after am svc)</b>  12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	14 7-9pm, FH, AA	15 2-3 Christmas for Children	16 10am Facebook Live Prayer  7pm Beyond Capacity Huddle, Youth Room  7-9pm AA & Al-Anon, FH	17	18  11pm –FBC Worship Service from Sept 13 on Citizen's Channel 20  <b>OIAM set-up</b>	19 <b>OIAM</b> <b>Yard Sale</b>
20  12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20  6-8pm Boy Scouts	21  7:00pm Church Council  7-9pm, FH, AA	22	23 10am Facebook Live Prayer  7pm Beyond Capacity Huddle, Youth Room  7-9pm AA & Al-Anon, FH	24	25  11pm –FBC Worship Service from Sept. 20 on Citizen's Channel 20	26
27  12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20  6-8pm Boy Scouts	28  7-9pm Deacons Meeting  7-9pm, FH, AA	29	30 10am Facebook Live Prayer  7pm Beyond Capacity Huddle, Youth Room  7-9 AA & Al-Anon, FH			