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

God of Intimacy

Valentine's day is right around the corner. On this day we celebrate the love we have for each other. For some we will offer words and gifts meant only for their ears and hearts. Still others will receive generic valentines that speak of love, but a different love, for it is a love that expressed to many.

God desires to draw each person who has ever been created into a deep, intimate relationship with Him. Just as we use a myriad of ways to speak love, gifts, acts of kindness, art, songs, and words so does our Heavenly Father. He speaks love through songs, stories, movies, novels, conversations, creation, the Scripture and the small whisper of His Spirit. There are expressions of love meant for all and can be heard by all that is the proclaimed Word. And there are some words meant just for you, the personal word of the Spirit drawing us closer to Him.



This Month we will continue our journey in Unbridled Love, Unbridled Grace. I pray that as we look at Living from the Great Gifts, and begin our Journey in Stewarding Revelation that you will grow in the Unbridled Love and Grace that is yours to receive from God and release to others.

The written version of each lesson is being sent out by email. Contact the church office if you would like to receive a digital copy. The written lessons have additional content plus reflection questions. Please feel free to share these with anyone that you sense would be blessed by them.

Let me know if you would like to be a part of an in-person, or online group to receive weekly coaching in living in Unbridled Grace, Unbridled Love. These will be offered in two parts and involve a six-week commitment for each part:

Unbridled Love/Unbridled Grace Part 1 - (six lessons include)
God is Great, God is Good, the Greater Gifts, Living from the Greater Gifts, Stewarding Revelation: From Big to Little to Greater, Stewarding Revelation: Recognize, Receive, Reorient, Release, and Stewarding Revelation from Organized to Organic.

Unbridled Love/Unbridled Grace Part 2 - (six lessons include)
The Rhythm of Unbridled Love/Unbridled Grace, The Four Lands, Grace in Difficult Days (An Upward Grace, Grace in Difficult Days (An inward Grace), Grace in Difficult Days (An Outward Grace) and Enlarging Grace by Releasing Bias

Know that my heart is full of love and thanksgiving for each of you, and I count you as an expression of God's love to my family and me.

Happy Valentine's Day,
Jeff

Pastor Page

Reboot/Reimagine

Wednesday Evening Ministries: The discernment group has met twice and have found a discernment for first steps which include:

Polling Parents for Interest

Transitioning to a VBS Model that is more adaptable to the number of children who may be present. This will also allow volunteers to serve in areas of the giftedness and interest.

Recruitment of Volunteers.

As things become clearer, they will give themselves to discernment of logistics relative to the realities of Covid.

Youth Ministry: This group has met once and has begun to identify challenges to Youth Ministry. They will reconvene on February 7 to find discernment for what does how Jesus did Discipleship affect how we offer Youth Ministry?

We will begin gathering a Senior Ministry Discernment Group and Evangelism and Mission Discernment Group in February.



Sermons for February, 2021

February 7th Living from the Greater Gifts (Celebration of Communion)

February 14th Stewarding Revelation: From Big to Small to Greater

February 21st Stewarding Revelation: Recognizing, Receiving, Reorienting, and Releasing

February 28th Stewarding Revelation: From Organized to Organic

THANK YOU NOTES



Dear Floyd Baptist,

Thank you for the timely treats and goodies! They lifted our spirits at just the right moment. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. No matter where the Army sends us we always feel the love from our family at Floyd Baptist!

Love, Ryan, Lynsey, Catherine & Charlotte

Dear Church Family,

Many thanks to all for the abundant gift of food delivered by David & Zach before Christmas. I have also enjoyed the cards from many of you. I pray God will bless each one.

With Love, Catherine (Jean)

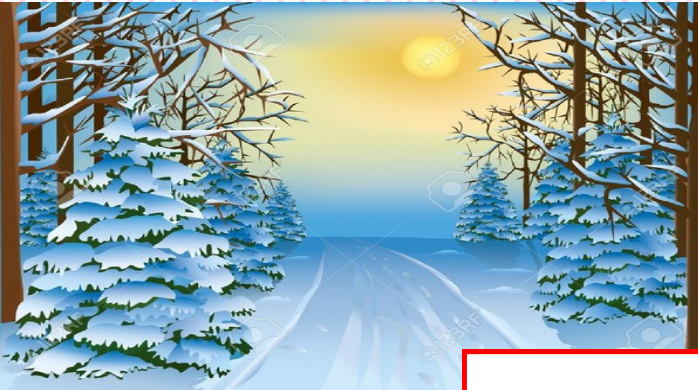
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Council Meeting

Monday, February 15, 7:00 p.m.

Deacons Meeting

Monday, February 22, 7:00 p.m.



In communication with the Moderator of the business meeting and the Church clerk, the Deacon Fellowship is announcing that the scheduled February church business meeting will not be held.

Monthly Financial Reports are available through the church office.

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 WSL-10 and WDBJ-7.**

Monday, February 15



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

4- Theresa H. Smith	12- Ellen Vest	23- Linda Smith
4- Linda Perkins	13- Michele Quesenberry Faherty	24- Johnny O'Connor
4- Winky Nichols	15- Jane Hudgins	24- Tom Higgins
5- Heather Vickers	16- Callie Via	28- Vicky Shaffer
5- Amber Patton	17- Alena Bond	28- Bryce Thompson
6- Erin Yearout Patton	17- Richard Wood	28- Leslie Moran
8- B.T. Quesenberry	19- Calvin Thomas	
9- Matthew Browning	20- Dakota Spangler Stinnet	
9- Ryan Browning	20- Layowin Grace Patton	
11- Taylor Holman	21- Matthew Bary	



MUSIC MINISTRY

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanks-giving and extol Him with music and song. (Psalms 95:1)



A New Testament church should always be a singing church, for sacred song is the natural outpouring of joyous Christian hearts. Of all the world's religions, only Christianity is a singing faith. But 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. Also, singing is one of our best preparations for heaven. The Bible teaches that we will enjoy giving praise and singing throughout eternity.

Let me encourage you to keep a song with you at all times. It is one of the best ways to experience calm and contentment when life becomes bleak.

(copied - Amazing Grace by Kenneth Osbeck, p.328)

Karen Whitlock, Minister of Music

Love

PRESCHOOL NEWS

It's February, and everyone awaits Punxsutawney Phil's forecast on Groundhog Day. Will he see his shadow or not? An early spring or 6 more weeks of winter?

During this month, we will learn about the presidents on President's Day and we will learn about our hearts, keeping them healthy and also how to take proper care of our teeth.

We will be making Valentines for our loved ones and we will have Valentine's Day parties!





SERVICE MINISTRIES

Greeters

February 7	Richard Wood Jim & Louellen Sharp
February 14	Maurice & Connie Quesenberry Chris & Kim Bond
February 21	Connie Browning Danny & Martha Thompson
February 28	Robert & Donna Petty John & Ashlee Weeks
March 7	Richard Wood Jim & Louellen Sharp



Deacon of the Week

February 7	Jeremy Quesenberry
February 14	Jim Sharp
February 21	Kay Slusher
February 28	Darrell Thompson
March 7	John Weeks

For God so
loved the world,
He gave his only
begotten Son,
that whosoever
believeth in Him
should not perish,
but have
everlasting life.
John 3:16



MISSION NEWS

Food Drive

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

The theme for February is:

Canned Soups

Please drop off your donations by

February 28

in the box outside the Fellowship Hall



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 February, toothbrushes & small toys (ex. Jacks, small puzzles, 4" dolls, small balls & coloring books) will be collected.

(Please note that toothpaste is no longer accepted)

Monetary donations also accepted in order to purchase extra things needed.

Please place your donations in the box located in the Sanctuary.

Thank You!



Senior Smiles

A drop off box has been placed near the social hall at the back entrance off the back parking lot for donations to Senior Smiles. Again thank you so much for your generosity.

Senior Smiles, Judi Dempsey

Valentine's Day

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7-9pm, FH, AA	2 6-8, Trey, Annex	3 10am-FB Live Prayer 7-9 pm AA/AI-Anon, FH	4	5 11pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	6
7 8:30am-Youth Reboot/Reimagine Meeting 9:45am– Sunday School (for the classes that are meeting) 11am Worship Svc 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	8 7-9pm, FH, AA	9 6-8, Trey, Annex	10 10am-FB Live Prayer 7-9 pm AA & AI-Anon, FH	11	12 11pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	13
14 8:30am-Senior Ministry Reboot/Reimagine Mtg. 9:45am– Sunday School (for the classes that are meeting) 11am Worship Svc 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	15 7:00pm Church Council 7-9pm, FH, AA	16 6-8, Trey, Annex	17 10am-FB Live Prayer 7-9 pm AA/AI-Anon, FH	18	19 11pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	20
21 8:30am-Evangelism & Outreach Reboot/Reimagine Mtg. 9:45am– Sunday School (for the classes that are meeting) 11am Worship Svc 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	22 7:00pm Deacon Meeting 7-9pm, FH, AA	23 6-8, Trey, Annex	24 10am-FB Live Prayer 7-9 pm AA/AI-Anon, FH	25	26 11pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizens Channel 20	27
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