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# January 2021

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# The INFORMER

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Releasing Grace in the New Year

My heart has been stirred and extremely blessed as I have reflected on all the ways God has released his grace to me through others throughout the years. So many people have blessed me in so many different ways because God has prepared them to be a blessing in their own unique way. That is true for everyone who is in a relationship with God through Jesus, and is being inhabited and empowered by the Spirit of God.

God has really spoken to my heart about releasing the grace he has consistently released to me. In the days ahead I will be becoming more intentional about what that looks like as a Husband, Father, Pastor, Mentor, Coach, Missional Leader, Neighbor, Friend, and Citizen of the World. My encouragement is that each of us would more and more learn the dance of receiving and release grace.

I would offer to you once again the three places where God has consistently poured out his grace to me and would have me release to others.

- By God's Grace to Weather the Storms of Life: By Grace may you allow God to grow you and glorify himself in you even in the most difficult of days.
- By God's Grace to Walk in Love and Mercy: By Grace may you love and bless all people; even those who have wounded you.
- By God's Grace to Witness His Transforming Power: By Grace may you be transformed into the likeness of Christ and walk with him places offering his transforming power in ways that are so beyond your capacity.

My prayer for each of you in the New Year is that you would live in and from the Unbridled Grace and Love of Christ!

Blessings,  
Jeff



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## Beyond Capacity: Living the Grace-based Transformational Life of Christ

My heart is full of anticipation for what God is up to in and through his people. I sense there is a movement of Grace being unleashed by God in his people for all people. This is the time for the people of God to shine brightly! This is the time for the people of God to live into their calling! Now is the time for the people of God to be the transformational force in the world we have been destined to be. The world needs the transformational life of Christ to be extended to all people in all places.

In January we will begin a six-month journey with Carey Simms and her team as we learn and develop a "Discernment-Based" Discipleship Process. This type of discipleship begins with discerning the needs of the participants and not the following of a curriculum. Carey has much experience in leading groups in discernment processes and will be highly instrumental in leading us in the discovery phase of this process. **There are still a couple of spots open for this journey. Let me know if you would like to join us.** Our journey will begin with Carey leading us in "Discerning the Voice of God". To engage in Discernment-based Discipleship one must become well adept at discerning the voice of God.

For more information on how you can join the team contact me at [jeffch5051@gmail.com](mailto:jeffch5051@gmail.com), or (540)577-0839.

Beyond Capacity will also follow a content- based Discipleship track. Below are the courses that will make up the Beyond Capacity Core Content

- Unbridled Grace, Unbridled Love
- Pathway to Greater Spiritual Presence and Power
- The Same Mission Lived Out in Specific Ways
- Discerning the Voice of God (Content by Carey Simms)
- Transformational Proclamation
- The Grace of Open Doors
- Leadership Pipelines
- Being a Family on Mission—Fulfilling Your Destiny in Christ
- Pathways to a Family on Mission: The Same Destination Accessed via Different Routes
- Building a Discipling Culture
- Naturally Supernatural Being a Family on Mission—Fulfilling Your Destiny in Christ

## Beyond Capacity: Living the Grace-based Transformational Life At Floyd Baptist

### January 2021

Unbridled Grace, Unbridled Love is a twelve-week course that will lay the foundation for how to live the grace-based, transformational life of Christ. We will journey together in this content over the first twelve weeks of the New Year. My heart is that you will not only receive the teaching but be able to incorporate it into your life, the life of your family, and or Bible Study Group. Below you will find different ways the content will be made available and suggestions on how to engage with the content as a group. Don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Blessings,  
Pastor Jeff



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## Delivery of Content

1. Sermons—Sunday Mornings or via Facebook Live
2. Written Lessons--\$10.00 per person to cover the cost of printing (contact Pastor Jeff)
3. Digital Lessons--Free (contact Pastor Jeff)
4. Missional Institute—Written Lessons plus small video teaching—Free to Members and those who are a part of the Floyd Baptist Family. (contact Pastor Jeff)

## Group Engagement with Content

1. Sunday School Class—Sunday School Time is given to discuss the content from whichever way participants have received the content (Contact Pastor Jeff for Suggested Discussion Questions)
2. Home Gathering—Gather people you know together in your home for coffee and dessert and follow the following process
  - A. Reception—everyone gathers and simply shares how things are going. If children are present then get them settled and engaged in an age-appropriate fun activity.
  - B. Reflection—Simply go around the room and ask people what they sense God was saying to them from that week's lesson.
  - C. Response—Simply go back around the room and ask people to identify what they will do about what they are hearing.
  - D. Ragged End—After prayer begin the ragged end. Remind people of the pre-set time that the gathering will be over—and inform people they are welcome to stay up to that time or to feel free to leave at any point up to that time.
3. Discipleship Journey with Pastor Jeff — Date and time will be set after the group has been formed to best meet the needs of the group. Contact Pastor Jeff at (540) 577-0839 to join.

### **Home-Group Leader Training**

Home-Group Leader Training is being made available for those interested in gathering a group of people in their homes for Fellowship, Connecting, Care, Discipleship Growth, and Mission. If you have a group of people that you are naturally connecting with right now and are willing to gather them in your home then you are a potential Home-Group Leader. Pastor Jeff will train those interested in a simple process that will prepare you to lead where God is already gathering people to you. Contact Pastor Jeff at (540) 577-0839 or [jeffch5051@gmail.com](mailto:jeffch5051@gmail.com). He will consult with those interested in determining the Date and time the training will be held in person. A Zoom Meeting Version of this training will be offered in February.

### **Sermons for January**

January 3: Unbridled Grace, Unbridled Love for Such A Time as This  
January 10: "God is Great, God is Good"—A Sure Foundation  
January 17: Resisting the Pressures that Work Against Grace  
January 24: The First Expressions of Grace (Regeneration, Relationship,  
& Revelation)

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## **Reboot/Reimagine Discernment Gatherings**

As we begin 2021 it is unclear as to how long and to what extent the Covid-19 Virus will continue to impact the world. Along with this uncertainty comes the reality that no one can speak with clarity as to what a post-covid world will look like.

As a people of faith, we believe God is wanting us to continue to fulfill the mission that is ours as his church, therefore as good stewards of that mission we need to consider what faithful mission and ministry needs to look like in the days and months ahead. As we do this, we will either need to Reboot, Reimagine, or initiate a hybrid of each in particular ministries of our church.

Beginning in January we will begin Reboot/Reimagine Discernment Gatherings for the ministries of Floyd Baptist Church that will include but not be limited to:

- Wednesday Evening Ministries
- Youth Ministry
- Children's Ministry
- Sunday School
- Senior's Ministry
- Evangelism and Missions
- Worship
- Discipleship
- Pastoral Care
- Social Gathering (Events that include Meals)

I will be individually recruiting people to begin these conversations, please let me know if there is an area in which you would like to participate in the conversation.

Blessings,  
Pastor Jeff



# THANK YOU NOTES



Thank you so much for the monetary gift you gave me. I appreciate each one of you and how all of us make up this family of God. I wish you much happiness and joy in the new year.

Karen Whitlock  
Minister of Music

A huge thank you to all who contributed food, money, or time to the food boxes this year. The boxes were filled to overflowing thanks to your support and generosity!

All glory to God!!! Merry Christmas  
Dirk Davis

Dear Church,

Thank you so much for the gifts and cards this Christmas! You are such a kind, generous church, and I am thankful to be a little part of it!

Becky Ferrell

To Floyd Baptist Church,  
Thank you for your generous contribution. Your support is greatly appreciated!  
With gratitude from the Christmas for Children volunteers,  
Sincerely, Sherry Femrite, Treasurer

LIFE SS Class/Judy Britt,

In this season of gratitude, we are so thankful for our relationship with you. We truly appreciate all of your love, prayers, encouragement and support, which has equipped us to share life with and continue to serve as agents of God's light alongside our beloved neighbors. It was especially meaningful to us to welcome our baby daughter, Anna, and celebrate her birth with you and our local community in 2020.

This holiday season, may you rejoice in the ways God has lit your path at Thanksgiving; delight in the good gifts from our Father of Lights at Christmas; and let the radiance of God's goodness shine through you in the new year! Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and blessings in your new year!

Thanks so much for all of your support!

With love and appreciation,

Nathan, Amanda and Anna Flickner





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Church Council Meeting**

Monday, January 18, 7:00 pm

## **Deacons Meeting**

Monday, January 25, 7:00 pm

***The Church Office will be closed  
January 1st for New Year's.***



## **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.**

**Let It  
SNOW**

## **Message from the Deacon Fellowship:**

Use of church facilities, including the Fellowship Hall, for non-church social activities will not be possible over the next few weeks. In consideration of the Covid pandemic, the Deacon Fellowship has decided that use applications will not be accepted. This policy will be revisited as conditions change.

## **Donation Envelopes**

Donation Envelope boxes for 2021 have been placed on a table in the main hall near the social hall behind the sanctuary. If you want donation envelopes and don't see a box for you, please contact me.  
Financial Secretary  
Judi Dempsey



# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1- Crystal Linkous	9- Janet Agee Moran	22- Darrell Thompson
2- Angel Spangler	9- Travis Battle	22- Martha Thompson
3- Joshua Bary	9- Andrew Hudgins	24- Mia Paige Spangler
3- Taylor Quinn	9- Emily Hudgins	26- Brian Perkins
3- Sheila Thompson	11- Megan Quesenberry	27- Andrew Morris
6- Gene Thompson	13- Kenneth Thompson	27- Julie Ann Dunn
6- Jason Kaylor	13- Richie Clinger	28- Ken Sharp-Knott
6- John West	14- Kathryn West	30- Drake Thompson
6- Diane Larkin	15- Rio McPeak	31- Samuel Morris
7- Bobby Gardner, Sr.	16- Jennifer Davis	31- Joe Womack
7 Allie Nicole Martin	21- Macy Hannah Hollandsworth	



## SENIOR MINISTRY

Thanks to all who participated in the Young at Heart Secret Santa project! It was fun for all who gave and received some special surprises in the mail or on their doorsteps. We look forward to the day we can all meet in person again for more fun activities when it's safe to do so. If you'd like to join our group, please call me at 745-3281. We'd love to have you.

Happy New Year!!  
Love, Kathryn



# MUSIC MINISTRY

*As we welcome in 2021, let us begin with praise to God. I am sure most of you (like myself) have been enjoying all the great arrangements of every kind of Christmas music there is. It is hard to put the CD's back into the cases and move on to listening to the music of 2021. Let us continue to praise God with the music of 2021, just like the music of 2020. God hears all of our praise, whether we are speaking, singing, or praying. When our praise to God is genuine, we are expressing the overflow of our hearts and sharing good things about our God. Our praise is part of our testimony of what God has done and is doing in our lives.*

*As we enter 2021, let us put God in the front of our lives and be intentional about praise. Praise is necessary for the heart of every Christian, no matter how we are feeling. Because our praise opens the courts of the Lord, he will meet us there. Let us choose to be become people who make a commitment to express praise to God no matter what is happening in our lives. Our God is worthy of praise!*

*I wish you many blessings in the new year.*

*Karen Whitlock  
Minister of Music*



# PRESCHOOL NEWS

The Holiday Break is over and the children have returned to school. In January, the children will continue working on the alphabet, numbers, counting, rhyming and discussions about the winter.

Our families were asked to bring food for the needy and they did! Lots of food items were generously donated to fill the food boxes delivered from our church. We also got generous donations to help with 2 angels from the elementary school and lots of items were purchased for the nursing home folks!!! We have tried to teach how good it feels to give!!!



We appreciate Pastor Jeff's visits each week.  
The children love his visits!

Happy New Year!  
Ms. Janice



# SERVICE MINISTRIES

## Greeters

January 3	Richard Wood Jim & Louellen Sharp
January 10	Maurice & Connie Quesenberry Chris & Kim Bond
January 17	Connie Browning Danny & Martha Thompson
January 24	Robert & Donna Petty John & Ashlee Weeks
January 31	Danny & Martha Thompson Leisa Holman
February 7	Richard Wood Jim & Louellen Sharp



## Deacon of the Week

January 3	Connie Browning
January 10	Steve Hamlin
January 17	Scott Lovitt
January 24	Jack Morris
January 31	Winky Nichols
February 7	Jeremy Quesenberry

# MISSION NEWS

## 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



## Food Drive

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

The theme for January is:  
**Household Supplies (Paper Towels, Napkins, Shampoo, etc.)**

Please drop off your donations by  
**January 31**  
in the box outside the Fellowship Hall .

## Operation Christmas Child

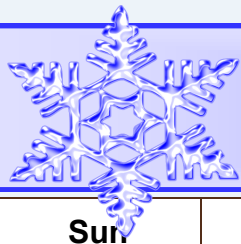
Each month the Youth will be collecting an item that will be used in filling the shoeboxes in November for Operation Christmas Child.



**In January, we will be collecting bars of soap.**


Please place your donations in the box located in the Sanctuary.  
You may also make monetary donations for shipping and other items needed.

*Thank You!*



# JANUARY 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> <u>New Year's Day</u>  11pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <b>Lord's Supper</b> 9:45am– Sunday School (for the classes that are meeting) 11am Worship Svc  12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	<b>4</b>     7-9pm, FH, AA	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10am-FB Live Prayer   7-9 pm AA & Al- Anon, FH	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>     11pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	<b>9</b>
<b>10 MISSION SUNDAY</b> 9:45am– Sunday School (for the classes that are meeting) 11am Worship Svc  12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	<b>11</b>     7-9pm, FH, AA	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10am-FB Live Prayer   7-9 pm AA/Al- Anon, FH	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>     11pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9:45am– Sunday School (for the classes that are meeting) 11am Worship Svc  12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	<b>18</b>   7:00pm Church Council 7-9pm, FH, AA	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10am-FB Live Prayer   7-9 pm AA/Al- Anon, FH	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>     11pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizens Channel 20	<b>23</b>
<b>24 / 31</b> 9:45am– Sunday School (for the classes that are meeting) 11am Worship Svc  12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	<b>25</b>   7:00pm Deacons Meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10am-FB Live Prayer   7-9 pm AA/Al- Anon, FH	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>     11pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	<b>30</b>