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

Living the Story

The journey has continued in discerning what it looks like to release grace to others. I sense in this season I have been called to a ministry of encouraging, equipping, and empowering others to "live the story God has written for them." I believe with all my heart that God has written an amazing story for each of us, our families, and our congregations. We truly find life as we begin to live into that story.

In the days ahead I will be investing huge amounts of time and energy into leading our congregation to discover and live into our story. My heart also burns to walk beside any of you who would love for God's story to be yours. Living the story God has written will require us to take the journey with others. In the very beginning God proclaimed, "It is not good for man to be alone." Jesus lived out his story in the community that God gave him. As we live into our destiny there will be storms, shortfalls and enemies, therefore, together we will need God's grace to:

- Witness his provision and power for the journey that will be beyond our capacity.
- Weather the storms, difficulties, and enemies that will come against us.
- Walk in mercy toward all people.

Our journey always begins with grace! It is God who calls us to the story, offers the power and provisions needed, and who will enable us to meet every challenge along the way. I have learned that the secret lies in "Living from Grace." We have been taking a journey on Sunday Mornings in learning what it looks like to live from grace. My prayer is that this teaching will move from our learning together on Sunday Morning to our living it out Monday through Saturday. If you would love to experience living from grace as the pattern for your life, in your home, as a Bible Study Group, or Ministry then know you have me as your biggest cheerleader and fan. I am willing to invest what I have to make this a reality. I am creating space in my calendar for those who would like to be coached in this way of living. We will be gathering as a Learning Community in groups of 5-10 people. Together we learn, support, and encourage each other for the journey.

Pastor Page

Living from Grace Part 1 Learning Communities (limited to 10 people per community) begin March 17th.

- In-Person Living from Grace Learning Community: Wednesdays 11:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
- On-line Living from Grace Learning Community: Wednesday s 7:00 PM—Zoom.

Lesson 1: Unbridled Love, Unbridled Grace

Lesson 2: God is Great, God is Good

Lesson 3: Living Under an Open Heaven

Lesson 4: Living from Grace

Lesson 5: From Big to Little to Great

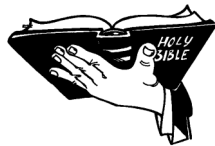
Lesson 6: Grace for When the Wind Shifts

Lesson 7: From Organized to Organic



Contact Pastor Jeff to register for one of these groups.
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Sermons for March



March 7: The Rhythm for Living from Grace

March 14: The Four Lands

March 21: An Upward Grace in Difficult Days

March 28: The Grace of Community in Difficult Days

Reboot / Reimagine Discernment Continues

Wednesday Evening Ministry Team: This team has been diligently looking at what our ministries on Wednesday Evenings need to look like and when they need to launch. We will be hearing from them soon. Members of this team include: Connie Quesenberry, Janice Shortt, Judy Britt, Judi Dempsey

Youth Ministry Team: This team has met twice and have been looking at a new paradigm for our Youth Ministry. You will be hearing from them soon. Participants in this discernment gathering have included: Faith Nichols, Winky Nichols, John Weeks, Ashley Weeks, Connie Quesenberry, and Danny Thompson.

Senior Ministries: A team of persons will be gathering Wednesday, March 3rd at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall to find discernment for how we can provide worship, care, Bible Study, Mission Opportunities and Fellowship to our Seniors in this season. We appreciate your prayers as we gather.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Online Community-Wide Good Friday Service

We are excited to partner once again with other churches in Floyd to provide an Online Good Friday service for our congregation and the Floyd Community. This time of worship will feature moving songs, testimony, prayers, and a time of reflection from the Scriptures. Citizens will be airing this service on Friday, April 2nd at Noon and again on Saturday, April 3rd at Noon. A link to this Online Worship Experience will be made available on our Facebook page and through Email.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Reboot/Reimagine Meeting

Wednesday, March 3, 10:00 a.m.

Church Council Meeting

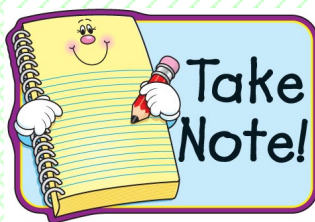
Monday, March 15, 7:00 p.m.

Home Group Leader Gathering

Sunday, March 21, 8:30 a.m.

Deacons Meeting

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



To assure the weekly announcements being mailed arrive in a timely manner, we will begin mailing those out on Wednesdays. If you have anything you wish to be added to the weekly announcements, please have it to Becky (church secretary) by 10am Wednesday morning. The Weekly Announcement e-mail will still be sent on Fridays, so if you are unable to get your announcement in by Wednesday, you can still get it added to the Friday e-mail if you get it to Becky by 10am Friday morning.

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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PO Box 58
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Prayer List Updates:

Please let the church office know if you have any updates for anyone on the prayer list. We appreciate your helping us keep this accurate so we can be praying for those in need.

To make changes, add or delete names, please call (540) 745-2677 or e-mail floydbaptist@swva.net



Inclement Weather Schedule

Our winter closing policy is as follows: During the week, scheduled activities will be **CANCELLED** if Floyd County Schools are **CLOSED OR DISMISSED EARLY** 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 WSLs-10 and WDBJ-7.**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



1- Jane Shelton	10- Glen Altizer	22- Robert Britt
1- Nathaniel Endaya	11- Rhonda Arthur	24- Braylee Madison Shortt
1- Rylan Swortzel	11- Shane Radford	25- Danny Thompson
2- River Anson Yearout-Patton	11- Monica Morris	26- Janice Yearout Patton
4- Jack Morris	12- Scott Lovitt	29- Betty Nolan
4- Briggs Holman	15- Kay Slusher	29- Kim Bary
4- Steve Hamlin	15- Dennis Whitlock	31- Loretta Higgins
8- Mark Banks	15- Mark Petty	31- Sara Mende
9- Carmen Hamlin	16- Ian Marshall Faherty	31- Rayland Abel Yearout-Patton
10- Katelyn Spangler	17- Franklin Vaughn	31- Forest Asher Yearout-Patton

SERVICE MINISTRIES

Deacon of the Week

March 7	John Weeks
March 14	Janice Yearout-Patton
March 21	Michael Browning
March 28	Connie Browning
April 4	Steve Hamlin



Greeters

March 7	Richard Wood Jim & Louellen Sharp
March 14	Maurice & Connie Quesenberry Chris & Kim Bond
March 21	Danny & Martha Thompson Leisa Holman
March 28	Robert & Donna Petty John & Ashlee Weeks
April 4	Richard Wood Jim & Louellen Sharp

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Songs We Sing

Then Deborah and Barak, the son of Abinoam, sang on that day. (Judges 5:1)

Music is everywhere in the world today. Through various devices, music can be with us anywhere. It is hard to imagine a time when there was no recorded music, and hard to comprehend how powerful songs were for people who lived in earlier times.

As we read the "Song of Deborah" in Judges 5, we can picture this song being repeated throughout Israel, sung over and over again. Every time it was sung, it reminded the singers of God's miraculous deliverance and all He had done for them.

Songs can have a similar role for us. Paul said we are to speak to each other "*in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord*". (Ephesians 5:19). These expressions provide a language that reminds us of Biblical principles and truths. They help us remember God's work in our own lives and the lives of others throughout history.

Godly songs also can set the proper tone for our minds and hearts. They can lift our spirits and help prevent us from being saturated by the sin and corruption in the world.

Today, fill your life with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. Allow God to use these songs to be the rhythm of your daily life. Let Him use music to teach you, remind you, and inspire you. Keep a song in your heart. (Adapted from Inspiration Ministries)

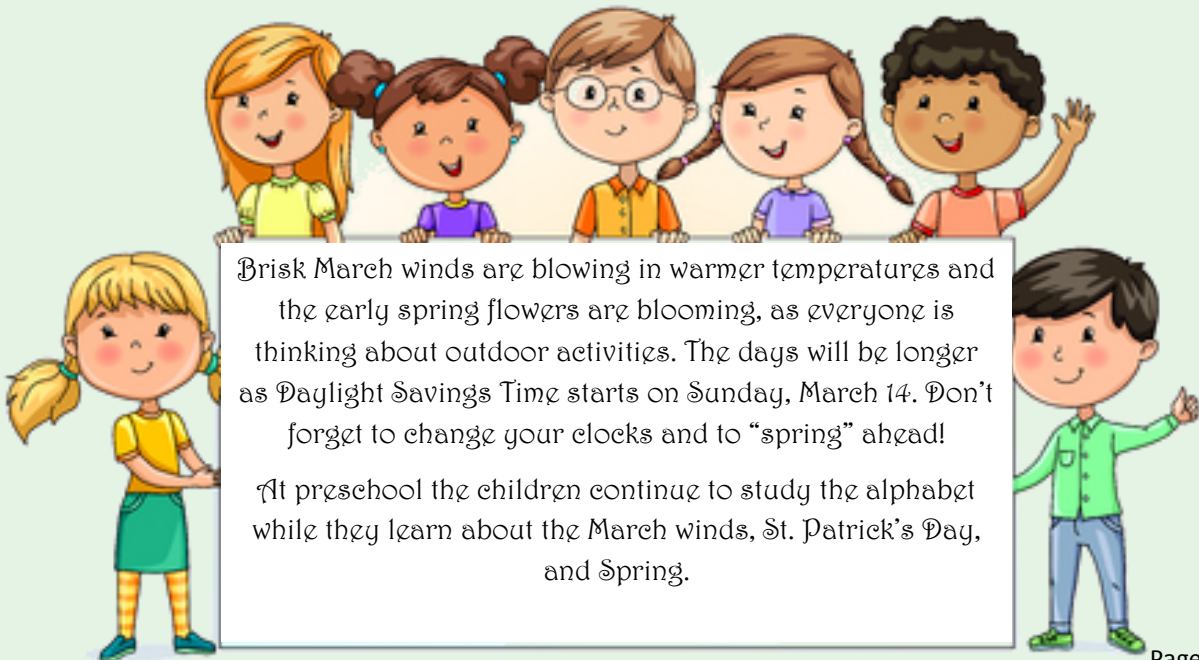
Karen Whitlock , Minister of Music

Speaking to yourselves in psalms
and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing and making melody in your
heart to the Lord;



Ephesians 5:19

PRESCHOOL NEWS



Brisk March winds are blowing in warmer temperatures and the early spring flowers are blooming, as everyone is thinking about outdoor activities. The days will be longer as Daylight Savings Time starts on Sunday, March 14. Don't forget to change your clocks and to "spring" ahead!

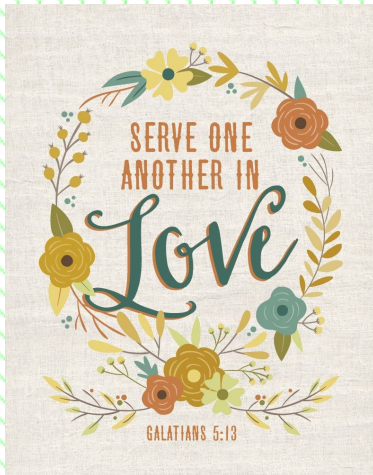
At preschool the children continue to study the alphabet while they learn about the March winds, St. Patrick's Day, and Spring.

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 March is:

Canned Vegetables & Fruits

Please drop off your donations by

March 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 March, plastic items (small cereal bowls, cups, utensils & small water bottles) will be collected.

With your donations the youth will be able to purchase extra things with the money they are provided. Please place your donations in the box located in the Sanctuary.



MARCH 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7-9pm, FH, AA	2 10-12, FH, Floyd Ministers Fellowship	3 10am FB Live Prayer 10am FH-Senior Reboot/Reimagine 5-8pm Annex Trey 7-9 pm AA & Al- Anon, FH	4	5 11pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	6
7 Lord's Supper 8:30am-Leadership Gathering 9:45am– Sunday School (for 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 & Al- Anon, FH	11	12 11pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	13
14 Mission Sunday *Daylight Savings Time Begins 9:45am– Sunday School (for 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 2-3 pm FH, Christmas for Kids 6-8, Trey, Annex	17 10am FB Live Prayer 7-9 pm AA & Al- Anon, FH	18	19 11pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	20
21 8:30am - Home Group Leader Gathering 9:45am - Sunday School (for classes that are meeting) 11am - Worship Svc 12pm - Last Wk Svc on Citizens Channel 20	22 7:00pm Deacons Meeting 7-9pm, FH, AA	23 6-8, Trey, Annex	24 10am FB Live Prayer 7-9 pm AA & Al- Anon, FH	25	26 11pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	27
28 Palm Sunday 9:45am– Sunday School (for classes that are meeting) 11am Worship Svc 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	29 7-9pm, FH, AA	30 6-8, Trey, Annex	31 10am FB Live Prayer 7-9 pm AA & Al- Anon, FH			