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# The INFORMER

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Receiving Kingdom Movements: Gateways, Guideposts and Geysers

As I have been reflecting on the Scripture surrounding the Last Supper, I noticed this simple phrase in Luke 22:29, "and I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one to me." I have spent a enormous amount of time focusing on the covenant side of the Lord's Table and the good news that through Jesus we have been made one with God in a new covenant. In the months ahead I sense the need to transition to the kingdom that is ours as a gift of God through Christ.

The Father granted to his son a Kingdom and he in turn by grace grants one to us. We learn from Christ how to receive and live in this Kingdom. This Kingdom is one that has been established from the beginning of time, and when it is released in our midst it brings love, peace, joy, unity, healing, new life, and so much more. More than ever my heart has been captured by what receiving a Kingdom Movement in our midst would look like as God is wanted to release his Kingdom to each of us in our homes, at our jobs, in our schools, in our Bible Study Groups, at our Worship; quite frankly into every arena of our lives.

I am excited for the movement of the Kingdom of God that is being released to us at Floyd Baptist Church!!! We will be learning how to receive this Kingdom in greater ways in the days ahead. The proclamation of Paul found in the letter to the Corinthians as he quotes Isaiah 64:4 and 65:17, "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived, the things God has prepared for those who love him"

We have been given a Kingdom that is looking for hearts and places to be released out into this broken and dark world. The time has come for us to be a people who are Receiving Kingdom Movements in greater and more increasing ways.

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Three images have come to me as I have prayed about what it looks like for us to receive the movement of God in our midst: Gateways, Guideposts and Geysers.

**Gateways**—are all about revelation that encompasses the ‘Word of God’ revealed to us. Revelation is the Gateway to the Kingdom. We receive the content of the Kingdom through the Word revealed to us in our personal retreats with God, in our gathered spaces of worship and Bible Study where we hear God together, and any other place where we find God speaking to us.

**Guideposts**—are those persons that give us needed clues for responding to God’s Words. They are not God’s Word to us, but help us discern what to do with what God is saying.

**Geysers**—are those moments when in our surrendered response to God’s Word the Kingdom of God is released to us as a gift as he seeks to transform us and the world around us into his Kingdom

In the days ahead we will be offering more and more opportunities for you to find your Gateways, become a Guidepost, and experience Kingdom Geysers. My heart is full of anticipation because I believe with all my heart that we are a people that is longing to Receive a Kingdom Movement in Our Midst.

Jeff



## August Worship Focus

**August 1:** “And I Grant to You a Kingdom - Receiving Kingdom Movement”

**August 8:** “Gateway to the Kingdom--Revelation”

**August 15:** Guest Speaker

**August 22:** “Geysers—and the Kingdom Erupts in our Midst”

**August 29:** Worship at Gallimore Pond and Covered Dish Meal - No Sunday School this Morning



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## Connections Class

We at Floyd Baptist provide ministries that serve to bless the people connecting to our church and beyond. We want you to connect to these ministry offerings so that you can find a place for:

- Growing—becoming more like Christ
- Care—a place to love others and to be loved
- Service—places to serve others in tangible ways; becoming the hands of Christ
- Worship—gathering to praise and adore God together
- Fun and Fellowship—this is the place where new relationships are fostered and existing ones are deepened
- Mission—places for extending the life of Jesus out to the world in “Word and Action”

Connections Classes will be offered on a monthly basis beginning in September for those who want to find their place at Floyd Baptist Church. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

These classes will be offered on:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of each month at 9:30 AM in the Annex
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 PM in a place TBD

Contact Pastor Jeff at (540)577-0839 or [jeffch5051@gmail.com](mailto:jeffch5051@gmail.com) if you have any questions or for more information.



## Gateway Gatherings at FBC

We note in Acts 2:42 that the first believers in Jerusalem devoted themselves to the apostles' teachings. At Floyd Baptist Church we encourage you to gather with others in study of God's Word in one or more of the following

Sunday School –Sunday Mornings at 9:45 AM

Worship Service-Sunday Mornings at 11:00 AM (or online via Facebook Page)

Wednesday Evening Bible Studies—Will relaunch in September

Other Bible Study Opportunities as Announced

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## Geyser Gatherings at FBC

This is a new ministry beginning in September

- **Geyser Gatherings for Reflecting, Responding and Receiving** -  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays—3:00-5:00 PM in the Annex  
At these gatherings we will have a time of:  
Reception—as we gather around dessert, we will catch up with each other and how things are going  
Reflection—we will focus on what you sense God is saying to you from the places of your gathered and/or personal Bible Study  
Response—we will focus on what you sense God is wanting to do about what he is saying to you  
Receive—Kingdom Ministry in our midst through prayer, receiving prophetic words etc.  
Ragged End—after we finish receiving ministry persons are free to stay for fun and fellowship. We will be formally finished at 5:00 PM, but of course persons will be free to stay as long as they wish.
- **Geyser Gatherings for Service** - the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month will be devoted to serving others.
- **Geyser Parties** - The First Sunday of Each Month will be Party Time. This gathering will be simply about fun and fellowship. This is a wonderful beginning point for those who are not yet a part of our fellowship.



## **Ministry Opportunities for Geyser Gatherings**

### Guidepost Ministry

We will need people to lead the Reflecting and Responding portion of our Geyser Gatherings. During this time, we will gather in small groups of 4-6. These persons will also be trained to launch Geyser Gathering of their own.

Please contact Pastor Jeff if you would like to be a part of the Guidepost Ministry. It would be great if each Sunday School Class and or Bible Study Group had a person serving in this ministry.

### Service Coordinator

This person will lead in the planning of Service Opportunities for the Geyser Gatherings.

### Party Coordinator

This person will lead in the planning of our times of fun and fellowship

# Pastor's Page

## Leaders' Peer Engagement Coming this Fall

This engagement is for any leader who is wanting to grow in their leadership by learning from and sharing with other leaders. This includes but not limited to Sunday School Teachers, Deacons, Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Seniors Ministry etc.

The theme for the first six months of our gathering will be "Raising Up the Next Generation of Leaders"

At our first gathering we will identify the top six components of raising up the next generation for leadership and then we will focus our attention on one of those topics each month.

This group will be designed for shared leadership and teaching. We will be learning from each other.

The Leader's Peer Engagement Group will meet on the First Sundays of each month at 8:30 AM.

## CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES



### July 18, 2021 Church Council Meeting Report

- Agreed to continue with Covered-dish Meal at Gallimore Pond after Worship on August 29, 2021
- Discussed and decided not to have Covered-dish meals at Business Meeting
- Voted to refer to Deacon Ministry to discuss having Business Meetings on Sundays after Church with Covered Dish Meal
- Agreed to receive a proposal from the Perfect Christmas Store for the use of the Annex in December, 2021.
- Voted to approve Breanna Huffman's request for the use of the Annex for a Baby Shower on August 14, 2021.
- Voted to move the August Church Council Meeting from August 15<sup>th</sup> to August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Discussed the provision of Connections Class for New People Attending Floyd Baptist. Ministries are to provide information to Pastor Jeff and Church Office for the production of Informational Pieces.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Business Meeting**  
 Wednesday, August 11, 7:00 p.m.

**Book Club**  
 Thursday, August 12, 10:00 a.m.

**Church Council Meeting**  
 Sunday, August 22, 8:30 a.m.

**Deacon Election**  
 Sunday, August 22nd

**Deacons Meeting**  
 Monday, August 23, 7:30 p.m.

**OIAM Day**  
 Saturday, August 28

**Worship @ Gallimore Pond**  
 Sunday, August 29, 11:00 a.m.  
 (No Sunday School)

AUGUST 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

**TEAM KID**  
 Begins September 15th  
 More details to follow



**Worship at Gallimore Pond**  
 August 29<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM  
 (No Sunday School)  
 Our meal this year will be covered dish.

**FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS**  
**OPEN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11**  
**DRIVE SAFELY!**



**Friday Foursomes**  
**Fridays at 5:00 PM**  
**Great Oaks Golf 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. As with all Friday Foursomes, play is contingent on the weather.



# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



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



## PRESCHOOL NEWS

We are excited to start our 38th year of preschool!

Our classes are looking to be full, so we are blessed yet again!!



Preschool Open House  
Aug. 22

First Day of School  
Aug. 23

And as always, thanks to the preschool committee for their support and guidance. *Ms. Janice*

## MUSIC MINISTRY

*Karen Whitlock, Minister of Music*

### Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Aug. 4 - 7:00 - 7:45p.m.

Aug. 11 - 8:00 - 8:45p.m.

Aug. 18- 7:00 - 7:45p.m.

Aug. 25 - 7:00 - 7:45p.m.



# DEACON NEWS

## Deacon Nominations

The Deacon Fellowship candidates were nominated on July 25th.

The election will be held during the Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> service.



### **Deacon Fellowship will offer the following motion at the August 11 business meeting:**

*The Deacon Fellowship moves that in order to increase our missional outreach (and only after the improvements to the Church sound system are completed) that the Church then purchase a video system allowing for taping, editing, and broadcasting of our services and special events. Mr. Chris Bond, Assistant Church Treasurer and Chair of the Stewardship Committee, has advised that the Church has adequate funds to support the estimated \$6,000 necessary to enhance our video capabilities. These funds are available from unexpended accounts in this year's budget.*

# SERVICE MINISTRIES

## Greeters

August 1	Richard Wood Jim & Louellen Sharp
August 8	Maurice & Connie Quesenberry Chris & Kim Bond
August 15	Connie Browning Danny & Martha Thompson
August 22	John & Ashlee Weeks
August 29	Leisa Holman Jim & Louellen Sharp
September 5	Richard Wood Jim & Louellen Sharp



August 1	Jim Sharp
August 8	Kay Slusher
August 15	Darrell Thompson
August 22	John Weeks
August 29	Janice Yearout-Patton
September 5	Michael Browning

# 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 and ask God if He 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.

(Judi Dempsey, Ross Linkous, Rhonda Vaughn, David Hall, Belinda Alderman and Jeremy Quesenberry )

# MISSION NEWS

## OPERATION IN AS MUCH August 28, 2021

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 28th** 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, nursing 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 individuals in the community who need it.



### **Large Projects Team**

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. Sign up sheets will be posted.

\*\*\*If you are interested in leading the Firewood Delivery Team, please let Kay Slusher know at (540) 239-4249. Also, please let her know if you have names of anybody needing firewood..

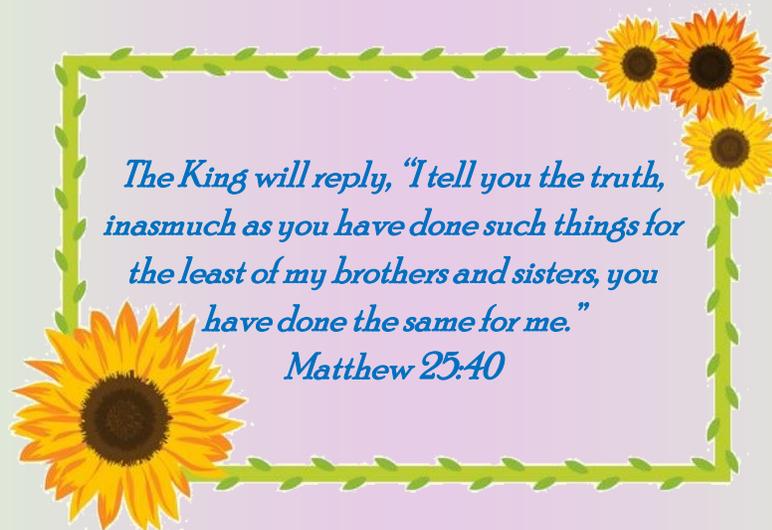
\*\*\*Give Kathryn West the names and addresses of servicemen, shut-ins, or other individuals whom you would like to receive notes of encouragement from the Cookies/Card Ministry Team. This team could also use patriotic note cards and "thinking of you" cards.

# MISSION NEWS

## *“Free for All”*

Donations are being accepted for the “Free for All” event 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.

Pray about joining our “Free For All” event team. We will need helpers to gather and prepare items, assist visitors at the event and clean up afterward.



### \*\*\*Donations are needed for our “Free For All” Event\*\*\*

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.



If you have any questions about OIAM or where you might serve please contact Kay Slusher at (540) 239-4249.

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  
Canned Vegetables & Fruits.



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



## Operation Christmas Child.

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

**FILL THEM WITH**



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. 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!*



## Senior Smiles

As the Senior Smiles ministry continues throughout the year, I want to thank all who have generously given. Please continue placing your donations in the drop box near the Fellowship Hall entrance.

Senior Smiles, Judi Dempsey





# August 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Lord's Supper</b> 9:45am– Sunday School (for classes that are meeting) 11am Worship Svc 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20	<b>2</b> 7-9pm, FH, AA	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10am FB Live Prayer 7:00pm-Sanctuary Choir Practice 7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon, Children's Wing	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5pm-Friday Foursomes 11pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Mission Sunday</b> 9:45am– Sunday School (for classes that are meeting) 11am Worship Svc 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20	<b>9</b> 7-9pm, FH, AA	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10am FB Live Prayer 7pm - Business Meeting 8pm-Sanctuary Choir 7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon, Children's Wing	<b>12</b> 10am, FH, Book Club	<b>13</b> 5pm-Friday Foursomes 11pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	<b>14</b> 2-5pm, FH, Baby Shower, Brianna Huffman
<b>15</b> 9:45am– Sunday School (for classes that are meeting) 11am Worship Svc 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20 12-4pm - Thompson Reunion, FH	<b>16</b> 7-9pm, FH, AA	<b>17</b> 7-9 pm, FH, Cub Scouts	<b>18</b> 10am FB Live Prayer 7:00pm-Sanctuary Choir Practice 7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon, Children's Wing	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 5pm-Friday Foursomes 11pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:30am –Church Council Mtg 9:45am– Sunday School (for classes that are meeting) 11am Worship Svc & Deacon Election 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20	<b>23</b> 7:30pm Deacons Meeting 7-9pm, FH, AA	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10am FB Live Prayer 7:00pm-Sanctuary Choir Practice 7-9 pm AA & Al-Anon, Children's Wing	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 5pm-Friday Foursomes 11pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	<b>28</b> OIAM Free-For-All Event
<b>29</b> 11am-Worship @ Gallimore Pond (No Sunday School), covered dish meal 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20	<b>30</b> 7-9pm, FH, AA	<b>31</b>				