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# *The* **INFORMER**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Receiving Kingdom Movement— Cleaning Out Debris from Conduits

We understand the necessity of cleaning out debris from many different sectors of our lives:

We take medication to reduce the amount of plaque built up in our blood vessels that restricts blood flow and can cause serious cardiac problems.

We utilize chemicals, use plungers, or call plumbers to unclog our drains.

We clean out sediments from coffee makers so that the water remains pure and can flow freely.

We wait patiently on the highway as tow trucks remove disabled vehicles to free up traffic jams.

When we become followers of Jesus and are birthed into the Family and Kingdom of God the Spirit of God becomes alive in us and dwells in us for all eternity. Jesus describes the Spirit as a spring of living water. From the moment the Spirit takes up residence in us, His fullness is present from that moment forward. The scope of the Spirit's work in our lives is not determined by the "volume" of the Spirit's presence, because the Spirit is fully present at all times. The scope is determined by how well we are allowing Him to clear out the debris from our hearts, and lives that would restrict the conduits that are gateways to his work.

In the next few months, we will be looking at the different ways we restrict the movement of the Spirit (the Kingdom of God), in our lives, our families, our friendships, our church family, and out to the world. We will spend time looking at the sediment of impurity (taking a journey looking at the Ten Commandments), we will spend time looking at our relationships, we will spend time looking at our calendars, and our checkbooks, however our starting point will be looking at Grace in Grieving.

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Grief is a natural part of life that is the product of loss. I sense that many are experiencing an overwhelming sense of loss in almost every aspect of their lives. This is over and beyond the normal experiences of loss we face in the normal living of life. Our losses are being compounded. We must understand the necessity of a healthy journey into, through and out of a season of grief in these times of great loss. I believe that the journey into, through, and out of grief is a holy journey and one offered to us by God in his grace.

I invite you to journey with me into reflecting on “Grace in Grieving” in our times of teaching at our 11:00 AM Worship Gatherings this September. I also invite you to consider leading or participating in a Grief Care Group beginning in October. I sense that there are many who need the support, encouragement, and guidance that can be found in one of these groups in order to make their journey through grief well.

Know that my heart breaks for all of the hearts breaking in our midst. Know that the God of all care, comfort and healing is wanting to mend every broken heart. He has been faithful to mend mine even in times of deep and excruciating loss, and I know He can heal yours.

In His Love, Jeff

### **September Worship Focus**

September 5: Celebration of The Bread and Cup

September 12: Grace in Grieving—The Aha Moment

September 19: Grace in Grieving—A Pause

September 26: Grace in Grieving—The Pathway: Personal, Partners, and Progressive



### **Connections Class—One session class for those who want to learn more about FBC**

**Sunday, September 26 at 9:45 AM (Gather in the Sanctuary)**

**Wednesday, September 15 at 6:30 PM (Gather in the Fellowship Hall)**

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 your place for

- Growing—becoming more like Christ
- Care—a place to be loved and to love others
- 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 welcome to attend.

**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 (The Teaching Ministry 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 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

Other Bible Study Opportunities as Announced



### **Receiving Kingdom Movement at FBC**

The Kingdom of God is released to us like a Geyser; it simply erupts in our midst as we are faithful to what God is saying and doing in our midst.

Geyser Gatherings: September 12<sup>th</sup> 3:00 PM, September 26<sup>th</sup> 3:00 PM in the Annex

Geyser Ministry: First expression will be October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 AM

Geyser Party: September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM in Annex

- Geyser Gatherings: Everyone is invited to join in this time given for experiencing the Kingdom's transformative power in our lives. At these gatherings we will have a time of
  - \* Reception—as we gather around dessert, we will catch up with each other on how things are going
  - \* Reflection—we will focus on what you sense God is saying to you.
  - \* Response—we will focus on what you sense God is wanting to do about what he is saying
  - \* Receive Kingdom Ministry through prayer
  - \* 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 you can stay as long as you wish.
- Geyser Ministry—Everyone is invited to join this time of releasing the Kingdom's love into the world through acts of service.
- Geyser Parties--This gathering will be simply about fun and fellowship. This is a wonderful beginning point for those who are not yet part of the Kingdom.

## **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.

### **Geyser Ministry Coordinator**

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

### **Geyser Party Coordinator**

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



## **TEACHER TRAINING & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT @ FLOYD BAPTIST**

### **Children's Teacher Training— (Once a Month)**

**The Journey Begins—September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall**

### **Adult Teacher Training— (Once a Month)**

**The Journey Begins—September 26<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall**



### **Leaders' Peer Engagement Coming this Fall**

**The Journey Begins—October 3 @ 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall**

This engagement is for any leader who wants to grow in their leadership by learning from and sharing with other leaders. This includes but is 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.

**Contact Pastor Jeff for more information: (540) 577-0839, [jeffch5051@gmail.com](mailto:jeffch5051@gmail.com)**

# CHURCH COUNCIL

## August 22, 2021 Church Council Meeting Report

- Approved a proposal from the Perfect Christmas Store for the use of the Annex in December, 2021.
- Voted to approve Amanda Sower's request for space to teach a Women's Bible Study at Floyd Baptist Church on Wednesday Evenings 6:30-7:30 PM.
- Agreed to review and update materials in Visitors Packet at the September, 2021 Church Council Meeting.

**Church Council Meeting**  
**September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

## **NEW OPPORTUNITIES:**

### **Children's Teacher Training**

Sunday, Sept. 12, 8:30am

### **Geyser Gathering**

Sunday, Sept. 12, 3:00pm

Sunday, Sept. 26, 3:00pm

### **Geyser Party (Annex)**

Saturday, Sept. 18, 5:00pm

### **Connections Class**

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 6:30pm

Sunday, Sept. 26, 9:45am

### **Adult Teacher Training**

Sunday, Sept. 26, 8:30am

## **Office Closed**

September 6 (Labor Day)

## **Business Meeting**

Wednesday, September 8, 7:00 p.m.

## **WARM Meeting**

Thursday, September 9, 10:00 a.m.

## **Church Council Meeting**

Sunday, September 19, 8:30 a.m.

## **Deacons Meeting**

Monday, September 27, 7:30 p.m.

## **Important Notice Regarding Citizens TV**

Our Sunday Worship Services have new viewing hours on Citizens, Channel 20. Floyd Baptist Church can now be seen on:

Mondays at 11:00am - Wednesdays at 3:00am

Saturdays at 12:00 pm - Sundays at 6:00 pm.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Bible Study Fellowship for Ladies Launching in September!!!**

**Begins September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

Bible Study Fellowship is coming to Floyd Baptist! Ladies, you are invited to an in-depth weekly study of the Gospel of Matthew, Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm, beginning in September.

Interested?

Contact Amanda Sowers at 540-505-8809 or [amanda@thomaswallre.com](mailto:amanda@thomaswallre.com) to learn more.

“Join us for a life-changing encounter with Jesus, the Unexpected King!”

## **WARM (Women About Reading and Ministry)**

**WARM** is a group of ladies who meet at Floyd Baptist Church each month to discuss and share books that they have been and are reading. Books are of many different types... devotional books, Christian fiction, nonfiction, books exploring various “religious topics’...just a wide variety of books. Prayer requests are shared as participants desire. Service activities in the church and community are also a part of the group’s focus. If this sounds like something you would like to find out more about, feel free to contact Judy Britt, Judy Dempsey, or Peggy Proffitt. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at 10AM in the church fellowship hall.



## **Wednesday Evening Activities**

### **Wednesday Evening Activities**

Wednesday night services will resume  
on Sept. 15 from 6:30 - 7:45.

- Team Kid Program (children pre-school through 7th grade) - There will be Bible study, crafts, music and games
- Adult Bible study of 1st and 2nd Peter led by Judy Britt.
- There will be no fellowship meal at this time.

*Please contact Connie Quesenberry, Janice Shortt or Judy Britt  
if you have questions.*

### **Friday Foursomes**

Everyone’s invited for fun & friendly competition!

Fridays at 5:00 p.m.

Great Oaks Golf Course

Contact Steve Hamlin or Chris Bond for details.







## THANK YOU NOTES

It is great to be 91 years old and to be remembered by so many Floyd Baptist Church Members! Thank you for all the cards and birthday wishes!  
Love you all! Miss Mabel

*Thank you*



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1- Ron Pecoul	19- Deanna Swortzel	22- Brenna Via
1- Austin Ryan Shortt	20- Marcus Dickerson	23- Ruby Moran
3- Lisa Radford	21- Judy Britt	25- Becky Thompson
6- Ashley Dunn	21- James Ian Bary	25- Belinda Horney
8- Louellen Sharp	22- Michael Browning	
9- Allan Lovitt		
12- Linda Nester		
15- Dreama Lovitt		
16- Roger Pauley		
16- Jaxon Morris		
17- Dirk Davis		
18- Christy Carr		



# PRESCHOOL



We are looking forward to a great year in Preschool! Open House was August 22nd and school started on the 23rd. We are busy learning each others names, learning about the flag, colors, and learning to follow the Golden Rule and love one another!

## MUSIC MINISTRY

As the summer comes to a close, the Music Ministry is beginning preparations for the fall and winter. The Sanctuary Choir invites you to join us in cantata preparation beginning Wednesday, September 15, 8:00 - 8:15p.m. Rehearsals will continue each Wednesday evening. The regular choir rehearsal will follow from 8:15 - 8:45p.m.

The Adult Handbell choir is also gearing up for its return. We are looking for ringers to glorify God with praise through these musical instruments. Rehearsal times are TBD. Details will be posted in the bulletin.

Please see Karen Whitlock or any members of these groups for more information.

Karen Whitlock, Minister of Music



## Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Sept. 1 - Sanctuary Choir 7:00 - 7:45p.m.

Sept. 8 - Sanctuary Choir 8:00 - 8:45p.m.

Sept. 15 - Cantata Rehearsal 8:00 - 8:15pm  
Sanctuary Choir 8:15 - 8:45p.m.

Sept. 22 - Cantata Rehearsal 8:00 - 8:15pm  
Sanctuary Choir 8:15 - 8:45p.m.

Sept. 29 - Cantata Rehearsal 8:00 - 8:15pm  
Sanctuary Choir 8:15 - 8:45p.m.





# SERVICE MINISTRIES



## GREETERS

September 5	Richard Wood Jim & Louellen Sharp
September 12	Maurice & Connie Quesenberry Danny & Martha Thompson
September 19	Connie Browning Chris & Kim Bond
September 26	John & Ashlee Weeks
October 3	Richard Wood Jim & Louellen Sharp



## Deacon of the Week

September 5	Michael Browning
September 12	Connie Browning
September 19	Steve Hamlin
September 26	Scott Lovitt



# NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee would like to thank all those who have volunteered and agreed to serve on committees for the up coming years. We do have a few unfilled positions and would like to ask all church members to pray if God would have you serve. Please get in touch with one of the Nominating Committee members if you have a question or feel lead to fill a vacancy. Nominating Committee members: Judi Dempsey, Belinda Alderman, Ronda Vaughn, Jeremy Quesenberry and Ross Linkous.

# MISSION NEWS

## OIAM

A BIG thank you to everyone who participated in the OIAM events on Saturday, August 28, 2021, and to everyone who made donations of yard sale items, food, firewood, etc., to make this mission project a success. Most of all, we are thankful to God for giving us this opportunity to help our neighbors and to share His love with our community.

## Food Drive

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

The theme for September is **Peanut Butter, Jelly & Crackers.**



## **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. 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



# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>  3am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20   7:00pm-Sanctuary Choir	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>   5pm-Friday Foursomes	<b>4</b> 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20
<b>5</b> <b>Celebration of Lord's Supper</b>  9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc  6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Channel 20	<b>6</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>  11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20  7-9pm, FH, AA	<b>7</b>   7-9, Cub Scouts, FH	<b>8</b> 3am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20  7pm-Business Mtg 8:00pm-Sanctuary Choir	<b>9</b> 10am-WARM Mtg, FH	<b>10</b>  5pm-Friday Foursomes	<b>11</b> 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20
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