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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Merry Christmas to All

The Hudgins' family wishes each of you a Merry Christmas that is full of the wonder of Jesus' presence and love.

Just as the Christ Child entered the world thousands of years ago as light and love to bring the transformation that only he can offer; we pray that this same Christ will enter into your world and make everything new. May your heart be full of hope, peace, and joy as it is overwhelmed by His love.

From Our Hearts to Yours

Jeff, Jane, Andrew and Emily Hudgins



Silent Night Oh Holy Night.

Advent Series
The Amazing Emmanuel



Join us in daily Advent Devotionals beginning on
November 28th. Pick up your household's Advent
Calendar in the Church Office today!

November 28—Discovering What True Hero Worship is Like—John 3:22-36
December 5—Sharing Your Hero's Super Stories—Luke 2:8-20
December 12—Protect the Weak in Superhero Fashion—Matthew 1:18-25
December 19—The Floyd Baptist Choir Presents—"Run to the Hope"
December 20—Keeping Alive the Tale of the Wonder Child's Birth (Facebook Live at 11:00am)
December 24th @ 6:00 PM—Christmas Eve Service
December 26—Watch the Sky for Our Hero's Return—Matthew 2:1-12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cantata & Handbell Presentation & Christmas Dinner - Sunday, December 5, 4:00pm
WARM Meeting - Thursday, December 9, 10:00am
Christmas Eve Service - December 24, 6:00pm
Deacons Meeting - Monday, December 27, 7:30pm
Church Office Closed - December 23-24 & 31
(No Church Council Meeting in December)



Offering Envelopes

It's almost time to give out offering envelopes for 2022. I will only be providing envelopes to those who have been using them though this year. If you do not have envelopes and wish to receive them please leave a message for me in my church mail box, my email or with Becky in the church office, before

the 10th of December.

Judi Dempsey, Financial Secretary, fourjdemp@swva.net

The Perfect Gift Shop

The Perfect Gift Shop was created to provide the joy of giving to area children that might not otherwise be able to give. \$25 Gift Certificates are provided to Floyd Co. children to shop for gifts in the store. This Shop will be open from Dec. 10-23, 11am to 5:30 pm daily in our annex. There will be an Open House Dec. 9th from 3-7 pm if you'd like to check it out. If you'd like to volunteer to help, call Jean Woods, 540-449-4220. They are also accepting donations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Youth Advisory Committee is excited to share that Spencer Ferrell will be our new youth director. Spencer is a Virginia Tech student where he is pursuing a degree in Engineering. Although he resides in Blacksburg, he is no stranger to Floyd County and serving our youth. He has been involved in the local Young Life chapter for the past three years; working closely with several of our Floyd Baptist youth and has coached baseball and football at the high school. He will be transitioning over the coming weeks with full integration into our church body by early December.



The Children's Dept., grades 1 - 7, will be having a Christmas Party during Sunday School hour on Sunday, December 12th. There will be lots of fun, games and food!!! If you can, bring a small wrapped gift (around \$5 in cost) appropriate for a young boy or girl to be used in a gift exchange game. We'll have extras to make sure everyone can play! If you'd like to participate in our mission project, please also bring a nonperishable food item to place in the Christmas food donation boxes. **Invite your friends!**

Please let the church office know if you have any updates for anyone on the prayer list. We appreciate your helping us keep it 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 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 WSLs-10 and WDBJ-7.**

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Church Family,

October 29, 2021

Thank you very much for lifting our spirits during the loss of our Dad, Father-in-law and Grandfather. The wonderful meal and many different food items brought the day of the funeral meant more than you will ever know. And so did the many thoughtful sympathy cards, the flowers, e-messages, calls and prayers during those difficult days. You are a true blessing in our lives.

Much Love,

Mark, Kathryn & John



A big **THANK YOU** to all who helped with the "Treats on the Porch" outreach. The efforts of all who donated candy and treats, who helped prepare the treat bags, and who helped on Halloween evening with the event are appreciated. Approximately 500 bags were distributed. In addition to the candy treats in each bags, there was also a pencil, stickers, and a Pumpkin Prayer bookmark. The words of that prayer are shown below.

I'm like a Christian pumpkin
with a smile upon my face;
planted by the Lord above
and growing in His grace.

He scooped out all the mush
and washed away the dirt.
He took away the seeds of doubt
and other things that hurt.

He carved my eyes and mouth
and placed His light in me.
I'm like the Christian pumpkin
shining for the world to see.

*Team Kid Children, Lily, Austin, Braylee Audrey, Bristola Forest,
Thank you for the card with the pumpkin on it. Also thanks to
the teachers.*

Love, Mabel

Dear Team Kid,

*Thank you to Bristol, Braylee, Austin, Forest, Audrey and Lily
and your teachers for the lovely card you made for me. I am
thankful for you, too. The time you gave to making my day night
is appreciated so much. God bless you all.*

With Love, Jean Moran



Cheerful Helpers Sunday School Class, Dear Friends:

I keep hoping I will get back to S. S. & Church but health problems seem to get in the way. My cardiologist is now treating me for what he thinks is inner ear problems. We will see? I've been very dizzy and unsteady on my feet along with other problems. I do miss being with all of you, and keep you in my prayers. Could it be old age??? I pray it won't be long before I can be with all of you again. Keep me informed and in your prayers.

Love to All, Nellie Overstreet

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 2- Lara Profitt | 20- Dean Long |
| 3- Chris Wallace | Brady Jax |
| 4- Steve Eaton | Joy Gardner |
| 5- Anthony Nolen | Kambrianna Tucker |
| 7- Terri Morris | 21- Amanda Barton |
| Brenda Wood | 22- Bradley Vaughn |
| Theresa Battle | Deronda Thomas |
| 9- Cindy Wooldrige | Melissa Moran |
| 12- Gabriel Whitlock | Bradley Midkiff |
| Eric Whitlock | Natalie Morris |
| 13- Sheila Bower | 24- Shirley Moran |
| Barbara Agee | 27- Billie Hall |
| John Wayne Hajek II | 28- Kavlan Swortzel |
| 14- Valerie Weeks | Jeff Hudgins |
| 16- Daniel Whitley | 29- Tania Hale |



Please contact the office if you know of a birthday that should be added, corrected or deleted in the birthday calendar. floydbaptist@swva.net or 745-2677.



FLOWER COMMITTEE



Christmas Poinsettias

(For the Sanctuary)



As in years past, you are invited to bring poinsettias for those you wish to Honor or in Memory of loved ones this Christmas Season. Please remember to attach a card with the name of the person you wish to honor and who it was donated by.

Poinsettias may be picked up any time after the Christmas Eve Service on December 24th. If anyone needs assistance, please contact one of the Flower Committee: Mary Gardner, Elizabeth Reynolds or Janice Yearout-Patton.

YOUTH MINISTRY

THE Christmas POST OFFICE

Our youth will be manning the "Christmas Post Office" again this year. If you would like to send Christmas cards to fellow church members/attendees, you can use the "Christmas Post Office" here at church instead of the United States Postal Service. Just fix your cards with the names of the recipients on the front of the envelope and place your cards in the appropriate letter cubicle in the "post office" located in the hall across from the Cheerful Helpers Sunday School Class. On Sunday mornings in December, our youth will deliver these cards to the appropriate Sunday School Classes or to folks in the sanctuary before the worship service begins. As is the custom, if you would like to make a donation for the "postage", there will be a container for that on the table. Donations will be used by the youth for the Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse project.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our Preschoolers enjoyed our very own Veteran, Dale Profit. Thanks Dale for coming and bringing things to help the children understand about Veterans day!!! And we give a thank you to Dale for his service!

We hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving!

The Christmas season has arrived and the children at preschool are excited and busy with many activities in the "*Spirit of Christmas*". ***This year our Christmas program for the 3's is 11:45 on Dec. 9 and the 4's program is the 10th at 7pm.***

The children learn that giving is a wonderful feeling so they help with Angels from Floyd Elementary and the nursing home!!! Also, the children will be giving to our food boxes with non-perishable food donations as we do every year!! We will learn about the true meaning of Christmas as well as have fun talking about Santa!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !



SERVICE MINISTRIES

Greeters

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| December 5 | Richard Wood Jim & Louellen Sharp |
| Decemer 12 | Maurice & Connie Quesenberry Chris & Kim Bond |
| December 19 | Connie Browning Danny & Martha Thompson |
| December 26 | John & Ashlee Weeks |
| January 2 | Richard Wood Jim & Louellen Sharp |



Deacon of the Week

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| December 5 | Kay Slusher |
| Decemer 12 | Darrell Thompson |
| December 19 | John Weeks |
| December 26 | Ron Bingham |
| January 2 | Connie Browning |



MISSION NEWS

Food Drive

Please help us with our collection of food items for the local food bank. The theme for December is:

Canned Vegetables & Fruits

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



Christmas Food Boxes and Fruit Baskets



Delivery of the Christmas Food Boxes and Fruit Baskets will be done as always with the boxes and baskets ready for pick-up on **Friday, December 17th**. As in the past, if you sign a person up for a food box or fruit basket please be prepared to deliver it and put your contact information on the sign-up sheet. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board beside the pastor's office. Decorated boxes have been set out for food donations. We are also accepting monetary donations that will enable us to purchase items. Please make your checks payable to the church and put "Food Boxes" in the memo section. We anticipate a heavy demand this year so please help us in continuing this wonderful outreach! **Please have all names and donations submitted by Wednesday, December 15.** For more information, contact Dirk Davis.

MISSION NEWS



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

"You have. . . heard about this hope in the message of truth, the gospel that has come to you. It is bearing fruit and growing all over the world, just as it has among you since the day you heard it. . . Colossians 1:5-6. Your prayers and gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will help the Gospel continue to resound throughout the nations as you send and sustain missionaries and their work. Thank you in advance for your Lottie Moon Offering during this Christmas Season!"

Operation Christmas Child Collection

Praise God for His blessing and guidance during another collection week for Operation Christmas Child. Many prayers were answered by the wonderful collection of boxes this week. Floyd County collected 1,237 boxes. Thank you so much to each person who made the decision to build a box to give a child the gift of an opportunity to learn about Jesus and His love.

A huge thank you to Floyd Baptist Church. With the boxes donated and the money and donations given to the Youth, we had 220 boxes this year! In addition to these, we also had 21 donated online. I want to say a special thank you to Faith and Winky for all the work they put into this project and all the youth who helped fill the boxes. I also want to thank all the volunteers who helped me all week with the collection. I certainly could not do this alone. Also, a big shout out to Danny Vaughn for taking the cartons to the Central Dropoff location in Hillsville.

Judy Britt



Merry Christmas



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

MUSIC MINISTRY

Karen Whitlock, Minister of Music



"Run to the Hope" cantata and handbell presentation will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 4:00p.m. and on Dec. 19, 11:00a.m. The cantata will be presented by the Sanctuary choir and friends. It tells of the story of Jesus, which never grows old. For over 2000 years, this message has been celebrated, worshipped, and adored all over the world. The cantata encourages us to know that Jesus is the only salvation and HOPE. The handbell choir will present holiday carols before the cantata.

The public is invited to attend.

Music Ministry Calendar

Dec. 1 Sanctuary Choir 8:00p.m.
Dec. 2 Handbells 5:30p.m.
Dec. 5 Cantata & Handbell presentation 4:00p.m.
Dec. 8 Sanctuary Choir 8:00p.m.
Dec. 15 Sanctuary Choir 8:00p.m.
Dec. 16 Handbells 5:30p.m.
Dec. 19 Cantata & Handbell presentation 11:00 a.m.
Dec. 22 No Sanctuary Choir
Dec. 29 No Sanctuary Choir




*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!*



DECEMBER 2021



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|----------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | 1 3am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6:30-Adult Bible Study 6:30pm - TeamKid 6:30pm-CBF Womens BibleStudy 8:00pm-Sanc Choir | 2 5:30pm - Adult Handbells | 3 All Day—FH—Set up for Dinner 2:30-6pm-Young Life, Annex | 4 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20 All Day—FH-Set up for Dinner |
| 5 2nd Advent Lord's Supper 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 4:00pm –Cantata & Handbell Presentation 4:45pm -Christmas Dinner 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 | 6 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 5:30-8:30-Young Life, Annex 7-9pm, FH, AA | 7 (No cub Scouts) | 8 3am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6:30-Adult Bible Study 6:30pm - TeamKid 6:30pm-CBF Womens BibleStudy 8:00pm-Sanctuary Choir | 9 10am-WARM, FH | 10 6:30pm, FH, Cub Scouts | 11 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20 |
| 12 3rd Advent 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 | 13 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 7-9pm, FH, AA | 14 | 15 3am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6:30pm-Adult Bible Study 6:30pm - TeamKid 6:30pm-CBF Womens BibleStudy 8:00pm-Sanctuary Choir | 16 Young Life, FH 5:30pm - Adult Handbells | 17 | 18 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20 12-4pm, FH, Stacy Thompson Reunion |
| 19 4th Advent 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Cantata & Handbell Presentation 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 | 20 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 7-9pm, FH, AA | 21 7-9, Cub Scouts, FH | 22 3am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 | 23 Office Closed | 24 Office Closed 6pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service | 25 <u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u> 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20 |
| 26 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20 | 27 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 7:30pm Deacons Meeting 7-9pm, FH, AA | 28 | 29 3am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 | 30 | 31 Office Closed |  |