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# The INFORMER

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### The Month of May, A Yearly Struggle

For almost forty years I have had to write an article for a church newsletter in the month of May. And for almost forty years this has been a struggle.

On the one hand, I want to be faithful to celebrate those who have been nurturing and loving Mothers to their biological, adoptive, and spiritual children. Over the years I have been blessed by those who have provided a window into God's heart for me by sacrificially loving and nurturing me. I am continuously wanting to faithfully celebrate those who are my "Mothers".

On the other hand, I want to be sensitive to the reality that we live in an imperfect world, and there are many who have dysfunctional and/or destructive relationships with their mothers. The celebration of Mother's Day hangs as an albatross around their necks and is the source of great pain and sorrow. Know that I am continuously wanting to offer sympathy and grace to those for whom Mother's Day is more of a curse than a blessing.

I sense that as we gather as God's family in seasons like this, we can be both celebrative and sensitive at the same time. As we celebrate with those who celebrate and mourn with those who mourn, we can be a true community of faith.

This year I am choosing to embrace both sides of the "Mother's Day Coin." I will be choosing to celebrate those who have served as loving mothers to me and to you. I will also choose to have my heart broken for those whose hearts are broken because their loving mothers are no longer with them, or they have never truly known the love of a "mom".

My prayer is that each of us will come to know the love God is wanting to offer us through our community of faith at Floyd Baptist. My prayer is that you will find your place for care, nurture, and growth in our midst. But most of all, that as you become more of a part of our community you will grow in the knowledge of God's love for you.

Blessings to All, Jeff Nonprofit Org US Postage PAID Floyd, VA

### **Antioch Revisited Launch Meeting**

### Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 AM

In the Fellowship Hall

You are invited to join us at this important gathering to begin a journey of discovery and mission as we learn from the New Testament Church gathered in Antioch!

- \* As part of this journey, we will engage in receiving God's mission for our group both near and far!
- As part of this journey, we will discover and commission the missionaries in our midst who are called to advance God's Kingdom into new frontiers!
- As part of this journey, we will engage in times of preparation for the mission that is ours!
- \* As part of this journey, we will be released into our missional frontiers!

To prepare for our time together, be reading the New Testament account of the church at Antioch as found in Acts 11:19-30 and Acts 13:1-3. Write down and bring to the gathering any observations or insights from this passage that really captures you!



#### Sermon Themes for May

May 1<sup>st</sup>: Matthew 7:7- 12: "Ask and You Shall Receive" May 8<sup>th</sup>: Matthew 7:7-8 & 7:15-20 May 15<sup>th</sup>: Youth Sunday & Graduate Recognition May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Matthew 7:7-8 & 7:13-14 "Knocking on the Right Door" May 29<sup>th</sup> : Matthew 7:21-24—"A Sacrifice Worth Making"



Church Council Meets May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 AM In the Fellowship Hall



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Buildings and Grounds team will be painting at the Annex on Saturday, May 21st. We'll start at 8am.

Come help if you can! Bring

painting supplies if you have them. We would greatly appreciate it!

If you have questions, contact Steve Hamlin.

<u>Lord's Supper</u> Sunday, May 1, 2022 <u>Church Council Meeting</u> Sunday, May 15, 8:30 a.m., <u>Deacons Meeting</u> Tuesday, May 24, 7:30 p.m. <u>Office Closed</u> Memorial Day, Monday, May 30





### **BABY DEDICATION SUNDAY**

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8

We will be having Baby Dedication as part of our 11:00 AM Worship Experience. Please notify the church office if you would like your family to participate.



The youth will be leading our worship experience on this Sunday. There will be a covered dish meal following the service.

### **CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!**

Our graduates will be recognized as part of our Family Sunday Service. Please notify the church office of any graduates that need to be recognized. floydbaptist@swva.net / 540-745-2677



#### FRIDAY FOURSOMES

Come join us! Everyone's welcome! Fridays at 5pm at Great Oaks. Contact Steve Hamlin or Chris Bond for details.





VBS is going to be **MONUMENTAL** 

at Floyd Baptist Church this year! Mark your calendars and be sure to register! June 20 ~ 22, 2022 from 6:30~8:30. Our VBS will have classes for upcoming 3 yrs. of age – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade.





### WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

A great time is waiting for you on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:45pm.

- Team Kid (children pre-school through 7th grade) There will be Bible study, crafts, music and games.
- Adult Bible study:
  - \*\* "Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table" A study of Psalm 23 by Louie Giglio, led by Judy Britt
  - \*\* Study of Matthew Bible Study Fellowship for ladies, led by Amanda Sowers



The last day of Team Kids will be May 4th. It will begin again in September.

Clark Gas & Oil has donated \$3,000 to be used by the Benevolence Committee to aid community members who need help with heating or electricity bills or with buying food. Applications for assistance must go through the church secretary at 745-2677.



#### ATTENTION: COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Please plan to meet with your respective Committee between now and June to consider possible changes to our current church budget. The Stewardship Committee will plan to send an email message out towards the middle of June to Committee Chairpersons requesting any recommended budget changes from their respective Committee. Thereafter the Stewardship Committee will plan to meet during the month of July to finalize the proposed budget for our upcoming church year, so that it can be presented at the August business meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kay Slusher, Chairman of the Stewardship Committee.

#### Schedule for Fellowship Hall Usage, May 2022

Date	Time	Group/Person
May 1	8:30am	Antioch Revisited Launch
May 2	7-9pm	AA
May 3	7-9pm	Cub Scouts
May 4	6:30pm	Team Kids
May 5	5:30pm	Adult Handbells
May 9	7-9pm	AA
May 12	10am	WARM
May 14	9am-4:30pm	Baby Shower
May 14	5-9pm	WARM
May 15	8:30am	Church Council meeting
May 15	12-3pm	Family Sunday Meal
May 16	7-9pm	AA
May 17	3-4pm	Christmas for Children
May 17	7-9pm	Cub Scouts
May 19	7-9pm	3 year old Promotion
May 20	6-9	4 Year old Graduation
May 21	8:30-12:30pm	R. Jackson
May 22	6-8pm	Boy Scouts
May 23	7-9pm	AA
May 30	7-9pm	AA



Church Office will be <u>Closed</u> Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th



<u>Church Calendar</u> If you plan to have an event in the Fellowship Hall and it is not listed here, please call the church office at 745-2677 or email at floydbaptist@swva.net to get your event added to the calendar.

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3-	Ryan Shortt	10-	Brenda Weeks
3-	Louise Thompson	11-	Kayla Shelton
3-	Cole Long	14-	Shane Tanner
4-	Bryce Scott Altizer	14-	Gavin Swortzel
5-	Allan Spangler	16-	JoAnn Nester
5-	Allison Long	16-	David Morris
6-	Luke Morris	16-	Jeremiah Slusher
6-	Marc Quesenberry	16-	Riley Matthew Whitlock
7-	Mitzi Weeks Johnston	17-	Laura Larimer
7-	Chuck Bary	18-	Todd Via
8-	Denise L. Peters	18-	David Hall
8-	Tim Wallace	19-	Joe Wooldrige
9-	Ricky Worley	20-	Lisa H. Thomas
9-	Teresa Penrose	20-	Carolyn Hicks
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- 20- Agnes Williams 🐇
- 20- Andrew Thompson
- 21- Aleah Clemons
- 22- Louisa Nolen
- 24- Courtney Nicole Tanner
- 24- Haleigh Elizabeth Hamlin
- 25- Douglas Thompson
- 25- Killian Woods
- 26- Ashlee Shortt Weeks
- 26- Steven Thompson
- 26- Ron Bingham
- 27- Evan Vickers
- 27- Walter Allen Spangler



# **MUSIC MINISTRY**

#### Music Ministry– May Schedule

May 4 8:00 - 8:45p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal May 5 5:30p.m. Adult Handbells May 11 8:00 - 8:45p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal May 18 8:00 - 8:45p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal May 19 5:30p.m. Adult Handbells May 25 8:00 - 8:45p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal



# SERVICE MINISTRIES

Deacon of the Week					
May 2	Jeremy Quesenberry				
May 9	Jim Sharp				
May 16	Kay Slusher	$\mathcal{A}$			
May 23	Darrell Thompson				
May 30	John Weeks				
June 6	Janice Yearout-Patton				
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# PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our promotion program for 3 year olds is May 19 at 7pm Graduation for our 4 year olds is May 20 at 7pm

We wish our graduates the most awesome future and we will always remember them!



## MISSION NEWS



**Operation Inasmuch (OIAM) is Coming Soon!** Opportunities to serve will be similar to last year.

## Start praying about where you are being led to serve, for God's will to be done and His love to be shown in this mission effort.

If you are "spring cleaning" and have items that you would like to donate to the Free for All Yard Sale, you can begin dropping these items off at the church.



#### **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 May, nail clippers & chapstick will be collected.

Cash donations also appreciated in order to purchase extra things needed. Please place your donations in the box located in the Sanctuary. *Thank You!* 

#### Food Drive

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

The theme for May is: Canned Meats (tuna, spam, etc)

Please drop off your donations by <u>May 31</u> in the box outside the Fellowship Hall



#### Senior Smiles



Senior Smiles goal is to supply the residents of Skyline Nursing Home with personal name brand supplies they don't have access to, like body wash, shampoos, after shave, magazines and much more. A suggestion sheet is available at the drop off box. 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



# May 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Lord's Supper 8:30am -FH, Antioch Revisited Launch Mtg 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20	2 7-9pm, FH, AA	<b>3</b> 7-9, Cub Scouts, FH	<b>4</b> 3am–Last Svc Ch20 6:30pm-Adult Bible Study 6:30pm-Team Kid 6:30pm-CBF Womens BibleStudy	5 5:30pm - Adult Handbells	6 5pm-Friday	7 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20
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<b>15</b> <b>YOUTH Sunday</b> 8:30am - Church Council 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc Covered dish Meal after service	11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 7-9pm, FH, AA	<b>17</b> 3-4pm - Christmas for Kids, FH 7-9, Cub Scouts, FH	18 3am–Last Svc Ch20 6:30pm-Adult Bible Study 6:30pm-CBF Womens BibleStudy 8:00pm-S. Choir	19 5:30pm - Adult Handbells, FH 7pm - 3 yr old Preschool	5pm-Friday Foursomes 6:00 - 4 Yr Old Preschool	21 8am-Painting Annex 8:30am-12:30pm, FH, Rebecca Jackson 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20
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