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Faith in Grace

Three weeks ago, I heard a trusted teacher give a primer to a lesson he would be sharing on “Faith in Grace.” He reminded us that the story of Scripture is on God and his goodness and grace. Very little else in this world if anything is forever trustworthy, except for God’s grace.

Unfortunately, I was not able to make the full lesson, but I have meditated on “Faith in Grace” constantly since.

It has made the difference, when I walk into the hospital room of one of our church family, and have nothing to offer but “Faith in Grace.” Their healing and comfort are well beyond any word or action I could offer but to offer what God has placed in my hands.

It is making the difference right now as I contemplate taking Emily and Andrew to college at the end of this month and will have to hope for the best from afar. “Faith in Grace” is quieting the storm that is raging deep in my heart. God’s goodness will be present for them, for Jane and for me, and in that I find great peace.

All of us are facing circumstances and callings that are beyond us. The choice to have “Faith in Grace” is one that will make all the difference in the world. I have found that “Faith in Grace” has brought peace, joy, and hope when there was no other reason to have these amazing gifts penetrating my heart and soul.

I invite you to join me in these days as we contemplate what it looks like to advance the Kingdom of God into the world, to choose “Faith in Grace.” I invite you to choose “Faith in Grace,” as you daily face circumstances and callings that are beyond you. I know that the God of the universe is waiting and wanting each of us to trust his amazing love, his amazing power, and his amazing grace.

Blessings,
Jeff

Colossians, Paul's Word for the Faithful and the Fruitful

Summer of 2022

August 7—Colossians 2:16-23 “Living in His Freedom”

August 14—Colossians 3:1-11 “Living from an Upward Focus”

August 21 —Colossians 3:12-17 “Heaven's Referees”

August 28—Guest Speaker

Joint Recommendation from the Deacon Ministry and Church Council

For the August 17, 2022, Business Meeting

The Deacon Ministry and Church Council of Floyd Baptist Church move that Floyd Baptist Church votes that the Blue Ridge Baptist Association dissolve and the monies be distributed equally among the following missions' offerings; Annie Armstrong Offering, Alma Hunt Offering and the Lottie Moon Offering.

Antioch Revisited

- Antioch was a hot bed for mission in the New Testament. Antioch Revisited is designed to help those who participate to discover and live into the mission God has for them as we join the Kingdom Movement that is being launched into our world.
- The components we will engage with are:
 - Mission—identifying your God-Given Mission
 - Message—Discovering your gospel and connecting it to your mission
 - Methodology—Discovering practical ways of infiltrating and gathering the people of your mission for evangelism and discipleship.
- Miraculous-- Learning how to join God in what he is already doing in the lives of others.
- Multiplication—Helping others to live into the mission God has for them.
- Sunday, August 14th @ 8:30 AM
- In the Fellowship Hall
- “Connecting Your Message/Gospel to Your Audience”
- The Antioch Revisited Sessions are stand-alone sessions and can be attended by anyone. No RSVP necessary.
- Preparation for the August 14th Gathering:
 - Spend time listing the Important Events, Important People, Important Places of your life

Spend time with two people asking them to talk about the Important Events, Important People, and Important Places of their lives.

Note where there is similarity.

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

- **July 17, 2022, Church Council Report**

- The Floyd Baptist Church Council met on July 17, 2022 and engaged in the following:
- Received reports on 2022 VBS, Promotion of Sunday School Classes, Team Kid Launch, Antioch Revisited, Worship at the Pond.
- Actions Taken
- Voted to affirm the Deacon Ministry's recommendation that Floyd Baptist Church vote that the Blue Ridge Baptist Association should dissolve, in response to the letter seeking guidance for the future of the Association from the Blue Ridge Baptist Association.
- Voted to approve the request for use of the Fellowship Hall on August 23, 2022 from 7:30 am-5:00 pm by the VA Coop Extension, Floyd County for the offering of a Senior Awareness Program.
- Added to the August Agenda—
- Receive a recommendation for the use of the Church's Tables and Chairs from the Task Force it charged with the responsibility at the June Church Council Meeting.
- Receive report from Karen Whitlock on a "Celebration in Music" program for the October 30, 2022, Family Sunday.
- Receive report from Pastor Jeff on possibility of engaging other Floyd Community Congregations in a Joint Thanksgiving Celebration.

Church Council Meeting

To Be Announced



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lord's Super

Sunday, August 7th

Business Meeting

Wednesday, August 10, 7:00 p.m.

Warm Meeting

Thursday, August 11, 10:00 a.m.

Antioch Revisited

Sunday, August 14th, 8:30am

Church Council Meeting

To Be Announced

Deacon Election

Sunday, August 28th

Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, August 23, 7:30 p.m.

OIAM Day

Saturday, August 27

TEAM KID

Begins September 21st

Team Kid Volunteer Meeting

August 7th

9:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

We are asking all those willing to, or who have an interest in volunteering for our Team Kid Ministry to gather in the Fellowship Hall on August 7th at 9:00 AM for to prepare for the launch of a new season this September.



Attention all Senior Adults!



Mark your calendar for Thursday, September 8 at noon for fun, food, and fellowship at Floyd Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Our women's organization, WARM, cordially invites you to come for lunch. Please call the church office at 540-745-2677 to let us know you are coming and whether you need a ride.

FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS

OPEN WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10th

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 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 Profitt	23- Staci Thompson	30- Mabel DeHart
11- Ronnie Shelton		

PRESCHOOL NEWS

We look forward to starting a new year. Open house is Aug. 21st, and the first day for students is Aug. 22nd.

It is hard to believe when March rolls around next year, our preschool will be 40 years old. We have had a lot of families and children through our preschool! I look at it as we have been blessed to have a very big family all through this community!



MUSIC MINISTRY

Karen Whitlock, Minister of Music

Music Ministry Calendar

Aug. 7 8:00p.m. Sanctuary Choir
 Aug. 14 8:00p.m. Sanctuary Choir
 Aug. 21 8:00p.m. Sanctuary Choir
 Aug. 28 8:00p.m. Sanctuary Choir



Music Ministry Notes

August Sanctuary choir rehearsals will resume to the old time schedule of 8:00 - 8:45p.m. each Wednesday evening. As we head into September, preparations will begin for the Christmas cantata and Adult handbell rehearsals. The music ministry invites anyone who is interested, to join us as we glorify God through music.

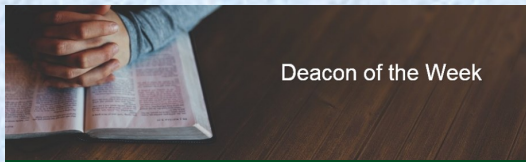
DEACON NEWS

Deacon Nominations

The Deacon Fellowship candidates were nominated on July 24th. The two candidates that were nominated were Michael Shortt and Fred Wirt.

The election will be held during the Sunday, August 28nd service.

SERVICE MINISTRIES



August 7	Jim Sharp
August 14	Kay Slusher
August 21	Darrell Thompson
August 28	John Weeks
September 4	Ron Bingham

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The proposed budget for the 2022-2023 church year will be presented at the August business meeting and then voted on at the September business meeting. A copy of the proposed budget was emailed to church members on July 26, 2022, and additional copies will be available at the church office. The next two business meetings are August 10th at 7:00pm and September 14th at 7:00pm.

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 27, 2022

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 27th** 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. Signup 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.

The King will reply, “I tell you the truth, inasmuch as you have done such things for the least of my brothers and sisters, you have done the same for me.”

*****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.



In August, school supplies will be collected
(small plastic pencil sharpeners, markers, colored pencils, crayons, erasers, glue & small writing tablets).

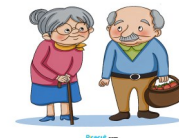


Let's not forget to prepare for our OCC mission. Whenever you are out pick up something for a box - there are many choices God is still calling us to reach out. The children of the world are counting on us.
Thank You!

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 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6:30-9pm-Young Life, Annex 7-9pm, FH, AA	2 7-9, Cub Scouts, FH	3 3am–Last Svc Ch20 5:00pm-Splitting Wood @ Richard's 6:30-9-Floyd Baptist Youth, Annex 8:00pm-S. Choir	4	5 5pm-Friday Foursomes	6 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20
7 Lord's Supper 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6-8pm - Boy Scouts	8 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch2 6:30-9pm-Young Life, Annex 7-9pm, FH, AA	9	10 3am–Last Svc Ch20 5:00pm-Splitting Wood @ Richard's 6:30-9-Floyd Baptist Youth, Annex 7:00pm-Business Meeting 8:00pm– S.Choir	11 10am - WARM, FH	12 5pm-Friday Foursomes	13 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20
14 8:30am-Antioch Revisited, FH 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6-8pm - Boy Scouts	15 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6:30-9pm-Young Life, Annex 7-9pm, FH, AA	16	17 3am–Last Svc Ch20 5:00pm-Splitting Wood @ Richard's 6:30-9-Floyd Baptist Youth, Annex 8:00pm-S. Choir	18	19 5pm– Friday Foursomes	20 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20 2-6pm– Spencer Hall baby shower FH
21 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 12-4pm-Thompson Reunion 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6-8pm - Boy Scouts	22 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6:30-9pm-Young Life, Annex 7-9pm, FH, AA	23 7:30-5:00pm– Cooperative Ext-FH 7:30pm Deacons	24 3am–Last Svc Ch20 5:00pm-Splitting Wood @ Richard's 6:30-9-Floyd Baptist Youth, Annex 8:00pm-S. Choir	25	26 5pm-Friday Foursomes	27 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20 OIAM Yard Sale, FH & Annex, All Day
28 Deacon Elections 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20 6-8pm - Boy Scouts	29 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6:30-9pm-Young Life, Annex 7-9pm, FH, AA	30	31 3am–Last Svc Ch20 6:30-9-Floyd Baptist Youth, Annex 8:00pm-S. Choir			