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The INFORMER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Immersion Initiative

One definition of the word initiative is a new plan for achieving a particular purpose. Thursday afternoon literally the "light came on" in a zoom call with other pastors and missional leaders. We were delving deep into the John 15:1-9 passage to find clarity for what it looks like to Abide/Remain in Jesus in times of "Retreat & Advance". Jesus states in John 15: 5, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." Too often we allocate abiding in Christ to our quiet times, worship, and Bible Studies, however, Jesus makes it clear that we are to always remain in him. The word for abide in this passage is "Mano" in the Greek and it means to abide, dwell, or remain.

The conversation continued with the image of abiding that Jesus uses. He utilizes the image of a branch immersed into a vine. Our mentor went on to share with us how abiding with Christ that bears fruit in our resting and walking hinges on simply being immersed in Jesus' love, presence, and power. There was much more to our conversation, but this one exchange captured me. I began to imagine living at all times immersed in the love, presence, and power of Jesus. Choosing to retreat into that love when I feel tempted, overwhelmed, fearful, facing a ministry opportunity, as I enter my home, as I go to bed, or when I awake in the morning. Literally, to heed the encouragement of Jesus to remain immersed in him. This has led to a new way of experiencing life that afternoon and since.

I have experienced the presence and fruit of the Spirit in me like never before. There as been one opportunity after another to express God's love and the Gospel to one person after another in ways that go well beyond me. I believe with all my heart that this is a new way of being that is key for seeing the love, presence, and power of God being unleashed in our lives, our worship, our families, our Bible Study Groups, ministries, and out to the world. I will be taking the next couple of months to grow in this new way of being. I anticipate launching the "Immersion Initiative in February 2023 by beginning "An Immersed Life Discipling Groups", and the gathering of "An Immersed Community".

You will be hearing more about these soon, but for now I am asking for you to pray for me in this journey, and to ask God if he is leading you to join. I am inviting you not only to imagine but to experience in greater ways life and community immersed fully and continuously in the love, presence, and power of Jesus. Just let me know if you would like to chat about this in the days ahead. Blessings.

Jeff



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Business Meeting Wednesday, November 9, 7:00 p.m.

<u>Church Council Meeting</u> Sunday, November 20, 8:30 a.m.

<u>Deacons Meeting</u> Tuesday, November 22, 7:30 p.m.

> Church Office Closed November 24-25

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 6.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour!



Floyd County Community Thanksgiving Service All are invited to participate in this time of celebration and praise Sunday November 20th 6:00 PM

Church Office will be closed Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Regarding Citizens Channel 20

The new dates and times for the broadcast of our worship services are: Mondays at 11:00am Wednesdays at 3:00am



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

If you tune in to watch our service and another service is in progress, our service will begin upon the completion of the service that is in progress. WARM Meeting

Thursday, November 10, 10:00 a.m.





Local Missions: Quilters Fridays from 9:30am-2pm in the Fellowship Hall



Pastor's Luncheon for New Guests, Participants and Members Sunday, November 13th @ 12:00 Noon RSVP by November 9th by calling church office (540)745-2677, or Pastor Jeff (540)577-0839 This is a time for: getting to know each other better having your questions about Floyd Baptist answered discovering your place at Floyd Baptist

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2- Julius DickersonBrett Thomas HolmanLeisa Holman
- 6- Lynsey Profitt Miller Cynthia Womack
- 7- Maurice Quesenberry Inez Yearout
- 10- Sarah Browning Joyce Williams-Kanode Terry Thompson Michele Stuart Tucker
- 11- Jane Barton
- 12- Frances Helms
 Elliott Yearout-Patton
 Zackary S. Reynolds
 Ryne Matthew Bond
 Lawse T. Midbiff
- 13- Joyce T. Midkiff Ross Linkous

- 14- Ashley Spangler Ray Weddle
- 15- Jennifer Sharp-Knott Thelma Via
 - Adam Krantz
- 18- Monica Turner
- 19- Neal Compton Ellie Woods
- 21- Trinity Penrose
- 22- Zachary Hall
- 23- Ruth Thompson
- 24- Greg Wallace
- 26- Fred Wirt
 - Christian Jared Nichols
 - Nancy Whitley
 - Melinda Whitley Lephew
 - Donna Petty
- 28- Elizabeth Reynolds

THANK YOU NOTES

THANK YOU!!

A huge THANK YOU for all the donations of candy and treats for the Halloween treat bags. Bags have been prepared for distribution on Halloween evening/. Come join us between 5PM and FPM on Monday night. Thank you for your support of this outreach!!

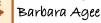
To the Warm Ladies

Thank you very much for inviting me to the luncheon.

The food was delicious. I knew it would be!

I really enjoy seeing so many wonderful Floyd Baptist folks.

God bless you all,









PRESCHOOL NEWS



The leaves are falling, the scent of wood burning fires is in the air, frosty mornings, the holidays are not far off! At preschool, the children are busy working on cutting, coloring, painting, and learning the letters of the alphabet and their sounds. In November, we will also focus on the holidays, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. The children will learn about the Pilgrims and the Indians and their roles in the Thanksgiving holiday. We will also be learning what it means to be thankful for the many blessings that we have in our families, homes and world.

Thank you to all the parents who stepped up to make our Halloween Parties so special!! - Janice

MUSIC MINISTRY

Nov. 2 8:00 - 8:20p.m. Cantata rehearsal Nov. 2 8:20 - 8:45p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Nov. 3 5:00 - 6:00p.m. Adult Handbells

Nov. 9 8:00 - 8:20p.m. Cantata rehearsal Nov. 9 8:20 - 8:45p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Nov. 16 8:00 - 8:20p.m. Canatata reherasal Nov. 16 8:20 - 8:45p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Nov. 17 5:00 - 6:00p.m. Adult Handbells

Nov. 23 8:00 - 8:20p.m. Cantata rehearsal Nov. 23 8:20 - 8:45p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Nov. 30 8:00 - 8:20p.m. Cantata rehearsal Nov. 30 8:20 - 8:45p.m. Sanctuary Choir



EVANGELISM & MISSION NEWS

Gifts for College Students and Military Personnel

The L.I.F.E. Sunday School Class is planning the annual remembrance of the college students and military personnel. We will be sending care packages. If you have someone you'd like us to send a package to, please let the church office know by **Sunday, November 13th**. You may bring their name along with their address to the church office or call (745-2677) or email us at



floydbaptist@swva.net. If you have any questions, contact Peggy Profitt, Martha Thompson or Connie Quesenberry.



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<u>Angel Tree</u>

The Angel Tree will be up soon! We invite you to select an Angel and help a needy child to have a Merry Christmas! More details will follow!

Christmas Food Boxes and Fruit Baskets

We will be delivering Christmas Food Boxes and Fruit Baskets in December. A Sign-up sheet will be available soon on the bulletin board beside the pastor's office. We will be taking food donations as usual. Look for the food collection boxes wrapped in Christmas paper.





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



Food Drive

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

<u>Canned Soups</u> Please drop off your donations by <u>November 30</u> in the box outside the Fellowship Hall



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It's Time for Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Ministry!

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's Love. Here are some ways you can make a difference in the lives of those children:

PRAY that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a shoe box gift.



PACK A SHOE BOX filled with small toys and other gifts that can open hurting hearts to God's love. Instructional brochures will be available.

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{GIVE}}$ to cover shipping and other project costs.

If you would like to fill a shoe box, please have it back to the church by November 13th.

Remember that toothpaste and candy are not accepted.

Suggested postage is \$9.00.

If you would like to donate money for the Youth to go shopping to fill boxes, please give that money to Faith or Winky Nichols or Judy Britt by **November 21st.**



National OCC Collection Week is November 14-21.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday	5:00-7:00pm
Tuesday & Thursday	6:00-8:00pm
Saturday	9:00-11:00am
Sunday	1:00-5:00pm
Monday, November 22nd	9:00-11:00am



This year we will be offering drive-in drop off again so that people will not be required to come inside.

**If you would like to volunteer to help during collection week, there is a sign-up sheet posted in the hall by the pastor's study.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

SERVICE MINISTRIES

Deacon of the Week

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Wirt
Weeks
ael Yeatout-Patton
Hall

Deacon Nomination and Election to fill opening. November 6, 2022—Announce the receiving of Nominations in the 11:00 AM Worship Service November 13, 2022—Receive Nominations in the 11:00 AM Worship Service November—Election of Deacon to fill opening in the 11:00 AM Worship Service Business Meeting November 9th @ 7:00 PM Deacon Recommendation for Business Meeting on November 9th. The Deacons recommend the following Constitutional Amendment which will be introduced at our Business Meeting on November 9th and voted on at the Business Meeting, February 8, 2023. The Deacon Fellowship recommends that the Visitation and Outreach Committee Chairperson be added as a voting member to the Church Council.





Church Council

October 16, 2022, Church Council Report

The Church Council met on October 16, 2022, and engaged in the following:

Outreach and Visitation Committee presented to the Church Council what they are using as "welcome packets" for new guests.

- Youth committee moved and church council approved their recommendation to deny the use of the annex for The Perfect Christmas Store in 2022. Reasoning was because the youth are utilizing this space in greater and more frequent ways. The use of the annex by the Perfect Christmas Store would hamper the ongoing Youth Ministry at Floyd Baptist Church.
- Discussed the Seasons of the Church especially as it relates to the recruitment, training and preparation of volunteers and ministry leaders. Submitted to the Deacon Ministry the responsibility of appointing a Task Force to develop recommendations relative to this issue.

Decided to schedule a Church Council Retreat for February 2023 at our November Church Council Meeting. The focus of this retreat will be:

Comradery—A time of deepening our relationships

- Culture—Time given to discerning the uniting culture of our church. Who are we, and how we can be faithful to that identity?
- Clarity—Time given to discerning the ministry season of our church and adjusting our activities, events, and ongoing ministries accordingly.

Added to the November Agenda evaluating the Bible Study ministry of Floyd Baptist relative to each age grouping.



FAMILY DEACON LIST

Scott Lovitt (Assoc Chair)
Bingham, Ron & Karen
Compton, Neal
Holman, Brett & Ashley
Holman Leisa
Horney, Wayne & Belinda
Krantz, Adam & Kelly
Quesenberry, Jeremy
Thompson, Andrew
Thompson, Doug & Stacy
Thompson, Gene & Hazel

David Hall	
Alderman, Belinda	
Davis, Dirk & Jennifer	
Gardner, Bobby Sr. & Mary	
Overstreet, Nellie	
Reynolds, Elizabeth & Andy	
Reynolds, Zach	
Shaffer, Vicky & Ron	
Sharp-Knott, Jennifer & Ken Knott	
Turner, Monica & James	
Wallace, Patsy	
West, Mark & Kathryn	
Whitley, Daniel	
Whitley, Nancy & Rodney 🛛 💐	

	Isabel Lovitt
	Arbogast, Anna
	Gardner, Bobby, Joy & Baily
	Higgins, Tom & Loretta
	Hudgins, Jeff & Jane
	Moran, Catherine
-	Robertson, Helen
	Slusher, Kay & Mike
	Tanner, Susan & Shane
	Vest, Tony & Rose
	Wilson, Greg
	Womack Joe & Cynthia

Steve Hamlin
Britt, Robert & Judy
Easterly, David
Hall, David & Billy
Larkin, Diane
Morris, Jack & Terri
Nichols, Winky & Faith
Radford, Lisa
Swortzel, Brian & Deanna, Kaiden,
Rylan, Gavin, Kavlan
Thompson, Becky
Thompson, Darrell & Sheila
Thompson, Dorsey & Louise
Thompson, Ruth
Vaughn, Bradley

Wayne Horney	
Branscom, Eric	
Howell, Gene	
Linkous, Crystal	
Linkous, Ross & Connie	
Lovitt, Scott & Isabel	
Nolen, Betty & Ivan	
Peters, Denise	
Peters Marie	
Radford, Wanda	
Thomas, Margie	

Michael Shortt
Bower, Shelia & Kenneth
Evan Davis
Gillenwater, Kelly and Nate Shanta
Harris, Dorian
Martin, Wayne
Patton, Michael & Janice Yearout
Petty, Robert, Donna & Mark
Smith, Theresa H. & Gary
Weeks, Mary & Paul

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FAMILY DEACON LIST, continued

DeHart, Mabel & Turner Holman, Taylor Lusk, Aleah & Jarrod Meyer, Art and Beth Moran, Leslie Moran, Ruby E. (Wood) Morris, Sam, Linda, Monica Sharp, Erin Shelton, Jane Spangler, Katelyn & Austin Via, Louise Williams, Agnes

Williams-Kanode, Joyce (Roy)

Jeremy Quesenberry (Secretary)

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Altizer, Glen Bond, Chris & Kimberly Browning, Michael & Sarah Compton, Nelcie Eaton, Steve & Carlotta Kitts, Dorothy Mott, Brian & Family Radke, Ann Marie & Family Sharp, Jim & Louellen Thomas, Calvin & Lisa Thompson, Danny & Martha Turman, Haley

Fred Wirt

Michael Patton	
Browning, Connie	
Chaffin, Caleb & Marlena	
Clinger, Richie	
Cross, David & Kristen & Family	
Helms, Frances	
Quesenberry, Maurice & Connie	
Thompson, Stacy	
Thompson, Terry & Elizabeth	
Vaughn, Rhonda & Jeffrey	
Weeks, Brenda	



John Weeks Banks, Cathy M. & Mark Carr, Brittany Carr, Christy Hudgins, Andrew Long, Dean & Allison Moran, Shirley Morris, David & Kelly Nolen. Anthony & Louisa Pauley, Roger Penrose, Trinity Penrose, Darren & Teresa Spangler, Stacy & Angel Wirt, Fred Yearout-Patton, Elliot & Ladonna Kay Slusher Dempsey, Judy Helms, Mona Midkiff, Joyce & Ronnie Shortt, Michael & Janice Shortt, Ryan & Hope Tucker, Michelle Weeks, John & Ashlee Whitlock, Dennis & Karen Whitlock, Eric Whitlock, Gabriel

Billie Hall Agee, Barbara Battle, Larry & Teresa Hamlin, Steve & Carmen Hudgins, Emily Profitt, Dale & Peggy Smith, Gerald & Linda Thomas, Clyde & Deronda Via, George & Thelma Weddle, Ray Wood, Richard & Brenda

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

Floyd Baptist Church Committees/Teams				
Benevolence - Connie Quesenberry				
Evangelism - Darrell Thompson				
Nominating - Belinda Alderman				
Pastor-Church relations - Winky Nichols	O . (b) 			
Personnel - Teresa Penrose	Give 🥵			
Preschool - Co-Chairs Peggy Profit & Greg Wilson	Optnanks			
Stewardship - Kay Slusher				
Transportation - Michael Shortt				
Visitation & Outreach - Isabel Lovitt				
Youth Advisory - Jeremy Quesenberry				
Music - Kay Slusher				

Team Kids– Spencer Ferrell

NOVEMBER 2022

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