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# INFORMER

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



### God's Gifts and Christmas

The word "Christmas" literally means Christ is Born. As I have reflected on that one short sentence it seemed as if I was granted a window into the heart of God. Just a moment of listing gifts from God wrapped up in the phrase "Christ is Born" was enough to transform my heart and life.

Christ is born—and God dwells with us!

Christ is born—and we too can be born anew by God's Spirit!

Christ is born—and there is peace on Earth, goodwill toward people whom God favors!

Christ is born—and we can have an intimate relationship with the God who spoke the universe into being!

Christ is born—and we see God's love is on full display, and we can find the courage to trust that he will provide us all things!

Christ is born and he died, and he rose again, and the enemy was defeated and all that was lost in the Garden has been reclaimed!

Christ is born and the doors of heaven have been opened to all people!

Christ is born and we celebrate with our whole hearts that he is the full revelation of God. And we are amazed that one with eternal power is best described as one with eternal love!

May you know fully the Gifts of God to you as you celebrate "Christ is born" this year!

Your Brother and Friend,  
Jeff



*Silent Night Oh Holy Night.*

### **“Advent Series: And the Angels Speak”**

November 27—First Sunday of Advent: A Word for the Humbled and Favored, Luke 1:26-38, 46-48

December 4—Second Sunday of Advent: A Word to the Disillusioned, Matthew 1:18-25

December 11-Third Sunday of Advent: A Word to the Doubting, Luke 1:8-20

December 18—Fourth Sunday of Advent: A Word to the Forsaken, Luke 2:8-12

December 25<sup>th</sup>—Christmas Day: A Word for A Waiting World Luke 2:13-14



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Cantata & Handbell Presentation & Christmas Dinner** - Sunday, December 11, 4:00pm

**WARM Meeting** - Thursday, December 8, 10:00am

**Christmas Eve Service** - December 24, 6:00pm

**Deacons Meeting** - Monday, December 20, 7:30pm

**Church Office Closed** - December 23-26



### **Offering Envelopes**

It's almost time to give out offering envelopes for 2023. 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 Aleah in the church office, before the 10th of December.

Judi Dempsey, Financial Secretary, [fourjdemp@swva.net](mailto:fourjdemp@swva.net)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.

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](mailto: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 Baptist Church,*

*Thank you for your ongoing support of Floyd Young Life. We are looking forward to seeing what God will do through the ministry in 2023.*

*We are excited and thankful for our new Area Director, Chase Ferrell, dedicated volunteer leaders and you who help make it possible to share the good news with the youth of Floyd.*

*Sincerely, Floyd County Young Life Volunteers and Team*

*Dear Pastor Jeff and Church Family,*

*Many thanks for visits during my hospital stays and making home stays. For the cards, calls, every prayer kept me encouraged and hopeful. Getting home again was such a blessing. For all who has helped me I pray the God will richly bless you. My love and thanks to all.*

*Catherine (Jean) Moran*

*To my Church Family,*

*Many thanks for the help in heating my home during the cold winter. I know God will bless you.*

*Love to all*

*Catherine*





# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- |                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 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. [floyd baptist@swva.net](mailto:floyd baptist@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.

# 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

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 am on Dec. 15 and the 4's program is the 14h at 6:30pm.***

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 !

Love, Ms. Janice



# SERVICE MINISTRIES

## One Year Bible Campaign 2023

The Deacon Ministry of Floyd Baptist Church is excited to lead our Church Family in reading the Bible through in 2023. We believe that God will meet us in His word as we His people devote ourselves to journeying together in the Scriptures.

We know that you want to join us in this season of engaging in Bible Reading. Three options are available to assist each of us in this venture.

A reading guide for each month/week will be included in the Newsletter and Bulletins.

The Church will have copies of the One Year Bible available for purchase or you can secure one from the Book Store of your choice.

You can utilize the Online One Year Bible App at  
[www.oneyearbible.com](http://www.oneyearbible.com).

We will begin this journey together on January 1, 2023! You will be hearing more about ways of sharing what you are learning.

Truly, 2023 can be an amazing year, and we can not imagine a better way to spend it together, than engaging the Bible together as we Read The Bible Through in 2023!

Blessings,

The Deacon Ministry at Floyd Baptist Church

## Deacon of the Week

December 4	Billie Hall
December 11	David Hall
December 18	Steve Hamlin
December 25	Wayne Horney
January 1	Isabell Lovitt



# 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



Delivery of the Christmas Food Boxes and Fruit Baskets will be done as always with the boxes and baskets ready for pick-up on **Sunday, December 18th**. 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.**

# 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. 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 203 boxes this year! In addition to these, we also had 24 donated online.



Merry Christmas

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## 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

## Music Ministry

The music ministry is preparing a variety of music for the preparation of the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The handbells will present a variety of well-known Christmas carols during the morning worship service on December 11 and again in the afternoon service at 4:00p.m.

The Sanctuary Choir and Friends will present the cantata "Joy" on Sunday, December 11, 4:00p.m. The cantata tells the story of Christ's birth through familiar carols and original material written in a gospel style. The Christmas dinner will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us in this celebration.

### Music Ministry Calendar

Dec. 1 5:00p.m. Adult Handbells

Dec. 3 6:30p.m. Handbell presentation - Lineberry Park

Dec. 7 8:00p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Dec. 11 4:00p.m. Bell / Cantata presentation

Dec. 14 No Sanctuary Choir

Dec. 21 No church activities

Dec. 28 No church activities



*Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year!*



# DECEMBER 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  5pm– Adult Handbells	2 Quilting 9:30-2pm-FH	3 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20  6:30pm– Handbell Presentation - Lineberry Park
4 2nd Advent Lord's Supper 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20  6-8pm Boy Scouts	5 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20  7-9pm, FH, AA	6  7-9 Cub Scouts-FH	7 3am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6:30-Adult Bible Study 6:30pm - TeamKid 6:30pm-Youth Annex 8:00pm– Cantata 8:20pm– S Choir	8  10am-WARM, FH	9 FH Hall reserved for set up	10 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20  FH Hall reserved for set up
11 3rd Advent 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 4:00pm– Cantata/Bells 5:00om– Christmas Dinner  6-8 Boy Scouts	12 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20  7-9 AA-FH	13	14 3am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 9am-12pm– 4 yr old Preschool Party-FH 6:30-Adult Bible Study 6:30pm –No TeamKid 6:30pm-4 yr old Preschool Program 6:30pm– Youth Annex 8:00pm– No Sanctuary Choir	15 3 yr old Preschool Party 9am-12pm-FH 11:45 am– 3 yr old preschool program	16 Christmas Dinner– Martha Bower FH All Day	17 M. Tucker B'Day Party– All Day– FH
18 4th Advent 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 4:00pm– Cantata/Bells Snow Date 5:00pm– Christmas dinner Snow Date 5:00pm– Annex (Family Party) if no cantata  6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20	19 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20  7-9pm, FH, AA	20 3-4-FH Christmas 4 kids  Deacon's meeting 7:30pm  7-9, Cub Scouts, FH	21 3am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20  No Activities	22 Ross Linkous FH 4-7pm	23 Office Closed  Bread of Life 8-4 FH	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b>  12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20  Christmas Eve Candlelight/ Communion Service 6pm
25 <b>Christmas Day</b> No Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20	26 Office Closed 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20  7-9 AA FH	27	28 3am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20  No Church Activities	29	30 Quilting 9:30-2pm-FH	31