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The **INFORMER**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A Triumphant People

Abraham Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address", John F. Kennedy's "Ask Not What Your Country Can Do for You" or Martin Luther King Jr's "I Have a Dream" speeches were pivotal moments for our nation and the world. In any sector of life there are moments than can be pointed to as the turning of the tide.

The seven churches that were the original readers of the Apostle John's, "Revelation" became the bridgehead from which the Christian Movement went on the infiltrate and transform the world of its day. At the time of its writing Christianity was hanging on a 'knife's edge". The other eleven apostles and the apostle Paul had all been martyred. The persecution and ostracization of Christians in most cities had intensified. Many had lost homes, businesses, or worst of all families. Ephesus had been the missional center from which the Apostle Paul had launch church-planting campaigns from which the other six chruches were born. The Apostle John had served as the Bishop at Ephesus before his exile to the Isle of Patmos. In this critical moment for Christianity and the World John receives a revelation in his exile that he shares with the churches of Asia Minor. Many scholars believe, and I concur that this letter to the churches could well have been the moment in which the tide turned.

In the book of Revelation John gives insight, encouragement, and prescriptions for not just surviving the day but triumphing even in the fiercest times of struggle.



As we look backward, we know that these fledgling communities of faith went on to become a triumphant movement that changed the world. Christ's victory became theirs.

I believe the generation that is taking their place of leadership and influence in the world right now is the one through which the tide will turn for the Kingdom of God. For them the words of John in Revelation will be very helpful for withstanding and resisting the pressures of our day that would bring defeat. I believe with all my heart that the Christian Movement's best days lie ahead of us and once again The Victory of Christ will be his peoples. The victory has been already won and it is time for us to live in it as the Triumphant People of God.

With Great Hope for the New Year
Pastor Jeff

January Sermons

January 1: Luke 2:21-35 "Mary Did You Know"

A Triumphant People

The Book of Revelation

The Victory of Christ is Our Victory

January 8: Revelation 1:1-3 "The Time is Always Near and Now"

January 15: Revelation 1:4-9 "He is Our Hope in Suffering"

January 22: Revelation 1:10-20 "Know Who Holds You"

January 29: Family Sunday / Men's Sunday



Church Council
Sunday, January 15th at 8:30 AM
In the Fellowship Hall



Dear Floyd Baptist Church,

As we come to the close of this year and begin to look forward to a new year, I am excited to announce that I have been blessed with the opportunity to come on staff with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) as an area representative here in Floyd as well as Auburn and Shawsville. FCA has given me the opportunity to minister to coaches and athletes at the highschool, middle school, and even down to the elementary school level to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. FCA's vision is to see the world transformed for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes. We do this by creating disciples who then go and make disciples.

I am grateful for your past and current support of FCA. There are many ways that your support of this ministry can be expressed. Thank you in advance for your prayers as I launch into this new venture of mission with High School students in Floyd County. There is a letter placed on the table across from the Church Office detailing how you can support this ministry in tangible ways.

If you have any questions or interests about FCA and or the vision I feel the Lord has put on my heart for the area I will be serving, then please feel free to reach out to me!

We are grateful for your time and prayers!

Staking it all at the Cross,



Stephen Conner

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Lord's Supper
Sunday, January 1, 11:00 am
WARM Meeting
January 12, 10:00 am
Church Council Meeting
Sunday, January 15, 8:30 am
Deacons Meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 7:30 pm

Offering Envelopes
Tithing envelopes are available on the table in the hallway behind the sanctuary. If you want envelopes and do not have them, let Judi know.
Judi Dempsey, Financial Secretary,
fourjdemp@swva.net



Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study

You are invited to join us for the Wednesday night Adult Bible Study that runs with Team Kids which will begin again on January 11 at 6:30. This class meets in the LIFE classroom beside the Pastors Study. The new study will be Resilient by John Eldredge. The longing for joy is one of the deepest yearnings of the human heart. After times of trial – including the pandemic, economic turmoil, wars and rumors of war, and grief – our desire rises to the surface demanding relief. At some point, we have to replenish our soul's reserves or we will burn out. Drawing on wisdom from Scripture, Christian tradition, and practical experiences, Resilient offers powerful supernatural graces to sustain you through these trying times as well as prepare you for future storms. This study leads to the peace only God can give in a world gone mad – and helps you receive from Jesus the strength that prevails.

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.



SERVICE MINISTRIES



Deacon of the Week

January 1	Isabel Lovitt
January 8	Scott Lovitt
January 15	Jeremy Quesenberry
January 22	Michael Shortt
January 29	Fred Wirt

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.

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 cannot 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

****The One Year Bible Daily Reading Guide for January is included in this Newsletter, or you can pick one up at Church. You may also choose to use the Online One Year Bible App at [www.oneyearbible .com](http://www.oneyearbible.com).**



THANK YOU NOTES



Wishes for a warm and wonderful holiday and a bright and beautiful new year!
-Skyline National Bank

Dear Friends,

I want to let you know how much I appreciate your generous gift to Samaritan's Purse. Thank you for your partnership and prayers for this ministry as we help hurting people around the world. Everywhere we work, our goal is to share God's love and hope of the Gospel with those who need to hear. It is the message of Christmas-and the only truth that can change lives for eternity. As the angel told Joseph, "she will bring forth a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21)

May God richly bless you during this Christmas season.

Sincerely,
Franklin Graham

Thanks so much to the WARM groups for the nice basket of goodies and to the preschool for the pretty Christmas card. Thanks to Pastor Jeff for his visits, also for the cards.
Helen Roberson

Dear WARM group

Thank you once again for your kind thoughts for me with the delightful basket of goodies. You are a special group who do a great job of thinking about others. May God bless you!
Marie Peters

Ladies of Floyd Baptist Warm Group
For caring and showing it in such a warm way.
For the many cards sent during my time if recovery and your prayers. Thank you for the basket of goodies. Your kindness means so much. God blessed each of you.
Love,
Catherine (Jean)

Dear Floyd Baptist Church,
Thank you for thinking of me as I head into finals! I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas!
Love,
Nate Allen

Thank you so much for the monetary gift that you gave me. I greatly appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness. I wish you many blessings in the coming year.
Karen Whitlock
Minister of Music

Happy Holidays!
Wishing you the best this season and in the new year.
Love,
Bert and Linda Hatcher



Merry Christmas!
May you be blessed as we celebrate the birth of our
Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Franklin and Jane Austin Graham

A silent night, a star above, a blessed gift of hope and love.
Have a blessed Christmas!
Neil and Jackie

Floyd Baptist Church Family
Hope you know how much your thoughtfulness is
appreciated.
Thanks so much for the delicious goody basket from
the ladies of the WARM group. It was so good. Also
thanks for the pretty Christmas card. A big thank you
to Connie Q. for delivering it. God bless everyone!
Jane Shelton

Thank you for the goody snack box. I look
forward to it each year at exam time. Thank
you for remembering me.
Ryan

Floyd Baptist Church,
My deepest appreciation for the
beautiful dish arrangement you pro-
vided at the church service of the
passing of my mother. I will never
forget everything you did for my
family and the luncheon was the ic-
ing on the cake.
Beautiful day and thanks everyone
that helped.
Terry

Dear Isabelle and WARM group
God bless each of you for the fruit basket and extreme kind-
ness. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Bert and Linda

Floyd Baptist Church,
Thank you for your generous donation of \$100 to NRCA dated
October 6, 2022. Your gift provides a hand up to those in
need. Per your request, we will restrict your gift to Floyd
Emergency Assistance.
We hope for your continued support in the future. You have
made a real difference in the lives of families we serve.
Sincerely,
Krystal Thompson

MUSIC MINISTRY

Jan. 4 Sanctuary Choir 8:00 - 8:45p.m.

Jan. 11 Sanctuary Choir 8:00 - 8:45p.m.

Jan. 18 Sanctuary Choir 8:00 - 8:45p.m.

Jan. 19 Adult Handbells 5:00p.m. (Reserve FH)

Jan. 25 Sanctuary Choir 8:00 - 8:45p.m.



To everything there is a *season...*

and a time for every purpose under *heaven.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:1



PRESCHOOL NEWS

In January, the children will continue working on the alphabet, numbers, counting, rhyming and discussions about our new season winter and all it brings!!!

Thanks to our parents who planned and helped carry out our wonderful parties! We appreciate our great support from everyone!

Also, families were asked to bring food for our food boxes and they did! Lots of food items were generously

donated to fill the food boxes delivered from our church. We also blessed with generous donations to help with 3 angels from the elementary school and 2 angels from the nursing home and rehab!!! Not even leaving out the over 30 shoe boxes filled by our preschool families! We have tried to teach how good it feels to give!!!

MISSION NEWS



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 January, we will be collecting bars of soap.

Please place your donations in the box located in the Sanctuary.
You may also make monetary donations for shipping and other items needed.

Thank You!

Senior Smiles

A drop off box has been placed near the social hall at the back entrance off the back parking lot for donations to Senior Smiles.

Again thank you so much for your generosity.

Senior Smiles
Judi Dempsey



Food Drive

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

The theme for January is:

Household Supplies (Paper Towels, Napkins, Shampoo, etc.)

Please drop off your donations by

January 31

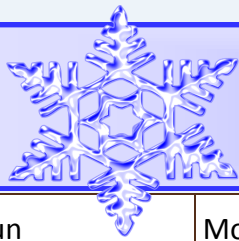
in the box outside the Fellowship Hall .

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1- Crystal Linkous	13- Kenneth Thompson	24- Mia Paige Spangler
2- Angel Spangler	13- Richie Clinger	26- Brian Perkins
3- Joshua Bary	14- Kathryn West	27- Andrew Morris
3- Taylor Quinn	15- Rio McPeak	27- Julie Ann Dunn
3- Sheila Thompson	16- Jennifer Davis	28- Ken Sharp-Knott
6- Gene Thompson	21- Macy Hannah Hollandsworth	30- Drake Thompson
6- John West	22- Darrell Thompson	31- Samuel Morris
6- Diane Larkin	22- Martha Thompson	31- Joe Womack
7- Bobby Gardner, Sr.		
7- Allie Nicole Martin		
9- Janet Agee Moran		
9- Travis Battle		
9- Andrew Hudgins		
9- Emily Hudgins		
11- Megan Quesenberry		



Let the words of my mouth,
 and the meditation of
 my heart,
 be acceptable in thy sight,
 O Lord,
 my strength, and my redeemer.
 Psalm 19:14



JANUARY 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Lord's Supper 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6-8 pm Boy Scouts	2 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 7-9pm, FH, AA	3 7-9, Cub Scouts, FH	4 3am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6:30pm - No TeamKid 8:00pm-Sanctuary Choir	5	6 9:30-2pm– Quilting-FH	7 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20 Cub Scouts 6-9pm
8 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6-8pm– Boy Scouts	9 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 7-9pm, FH, AA	10	11 3am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6:30pm-Adult Bible Study 6:30pm - TeamKid 8:00pm-Sanctuary Choir	12 10am-WARM, FH	13 9:30-2pm– Quilting-FH	14 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20
15 8:30am - Church Council 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6-8 pm Boy Scouts	16 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 7-9pm, FH, AA	17 7-9, Cub Scouts, FH	18 3am–Last Svc Ch20 6:30pm-Adult Bible Study 6:30pm-Team Kid 8:00pm-S. Choir	19 5:30pm - Adult Handbells	20 9:30-2pm– Quilting-FH	21 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20
22 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20 6-8pm Boy Scouts	23 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 7-9pm, FH, AA	24 7:30pm– Deacons meeting	25 3am–Last Svc Ch20 6:30pm-Adult Bible Study 6:30pm-Team Kid 8:00pm-S. Choir	26	27 9:30-2pm– Quilting-FH	28 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20
29 Family Sunday 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20 6-8 pm Boy Scouts	30 7-9pm, FH, AA		