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The INFORMER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

What is the Deeper Meaning?

This morning I stepped out of the door and noticed the buttercups across the driveway were in full bloom!

I have since made my way to the office and sat down to write this article. As I began to think of how the flowers blooming in the heart of winter was a wonderful metaphor for some greater Spiritual realities my mind and heart found it difficult to land on just one.

I am tempted to share all the ways this has spoken to my heart, but I am going to resist. I am more interested in hearing what greater and deeper meaning that image releases to you.

Let me encourage you to share this with me and each other via email, text, in-person, as a testimony on Sunday or on our Facebook Page.

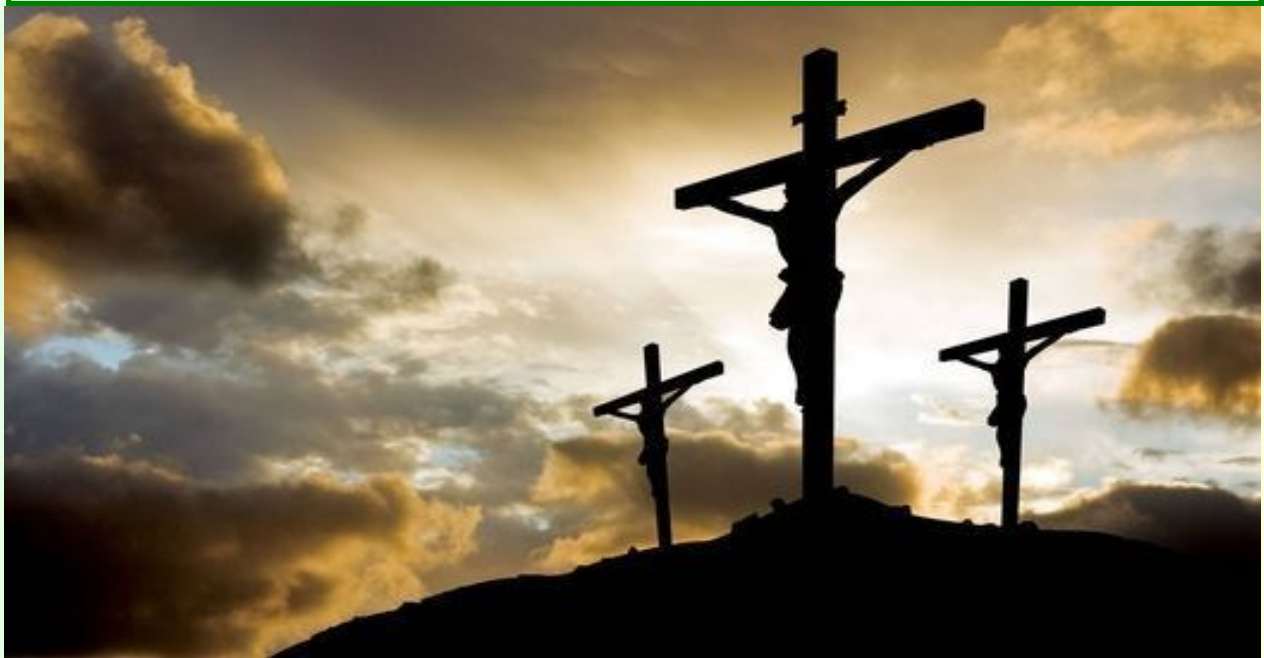
Either way I am glad that Spring is not far away, who knows I may even get the golf clubs out this week!

Blessings,
Jeff



Sermons/Scriptures
March-Sunrise Service 2023

- March 5: Revelation 2:18-29 "Faithful in Protecting and Leading Others"
- March 12: Revelation 3:1-6 "A House of the Living and the Dead"
- March 19: Revelation 3:7-13 "Sometimes Simple Faithfulness is Enough"
- March 26: Revelation 3:14-22 "Forsaking the Façade"



On the Horizon for Easter

- * **Community Good Friday Service and Lunch - Friday, April 7th, 11:00 am**
- * **Sunrise Service at Jacksonville Cemetery, Easter Sunday, April 9th, 8:00am**
followed by breakfast in our Fellowship Hall
- * **Easter Celebration During our Worship Hour - Easter Sunday, April 9th, 11:00 am**

The Immersed Life

Living Immersed in the Love, Presence, and Power of Jesus

Immersed Life Disciple Group Gatherings

Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon in the Annex

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM Upstairs off the Church Office.

The 6:30 pm time especially good for parents of young children and youth in that we also have activities going on for them at that time.

Anyone 16 years-old and up is invited to join.

We will accept new participants up through March 8th.

Do you hunger to live more in the love, power, and presence of Jesus?

Do you desire to grow in your intimacy with God and others?

Do you want to be able to help others experience more of the life of Christ?

Do you want to be a part of a Kingdom Movement and Revival that is breaking out into all the world?

THEN

Join one of the Immersed Life Discipleship Groups!

Church Council Meeting

Sunday, March 19th

Fellowship Hall



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lord's Supper

Sunday, March 5

WARM Meeting

March 9, 10:00 am

Church Council Meeting

Sunday, March 19, 8:30 am

Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, March 28, 7:30 pm



The last day of Team Kids will be May 3rd.

It will begin again in

September.

TEAM KID



If you have a recurring family reunion or other activity that you normally use the church fellowship hall for, please call the church office (745-2677) or email (floydbaptist@swva.net) to make sure we have it on our calendar.

Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tithes and Offerings

To continue giving tithes and offerings during this time, you can mail your offering to the following address or initiate an online Bank Payment from your bank using the same address.

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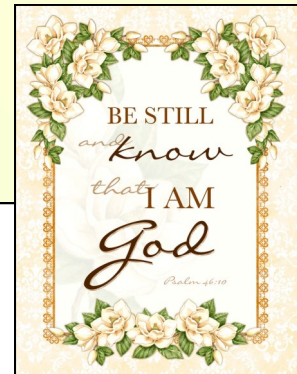
2 Corinthians 9:7

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Prayer List Updates:

Please let the church office know if you have any updates for anyone on the prayer list. We appreciate your helping us keep this 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



Senior Luncheon

All seniors are invited to join the WARM group (Women About Reading and Ministry) for lunch on Sunday, March 12th following worship service. The meal will be served in the fellowship hall and the WARM group will supply the meal. Please join us for a time of good food and fellowship.

Inclement Weather Schedule

Our winter closing policy is as follows: During the week, scheduled activities will be **CANCELLED** if Floyd County Schools are **CLOSED OR DISMISSED EARLY** 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

To my Church Family,
I want to say "Thank you for all you have done for me"
You know who you are and what you did. There has been so much
love shown to me with your prayers, cards, visits, calls, and food. I do
not know what is ahead for me and I truly ask for your prayers. I know
God loves me and will take care of it all.
May God bless you all.
Ruth Thompson



Pastor Jeff,
Please accept our warmest thank you from our entire family for your guidance and the use of the
church.
Everyone was so helpful!
Sincerely,
The Robert Nester family

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for your sympathy following the death of our loved one, Bettie Lovitt. We gratefully
acknowledge and thank you for the flowers, cards and prayers.
Sincerely,
Scott and Isabel Lovitt

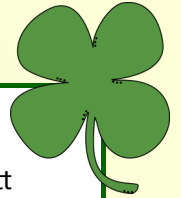
SERVICE MINISTRIES



Deacon of the Week

March 5	Steve Hamlin
March 12	
March 19	Isabel Lovitt
March 26	Scott Lovitt
April 2	Jeremy Quesenberry

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



1- Jane Shelton	10- Glen Altizer	22- Robert Britt
1- Nathaniel Endaya	11- Rhonda Arthur	24- Braylee Madison Shortt
1- Rylan Swortzel	11- Shane Radford	25- Danny Thompson
2- River Anson Yearout-Patton	11- Monica Morris	25- Serafina Cross
4- Jack Morris	12- Scott Lovitt	26- Janice Yearout Patton
4- Briggs Holman	15- Kay Slusher	29- Kim Bary
4- Steve Hamlin	15- Dennis Whitlock	29- Betty Nolan
8- Mark Banks	15- Mark Petty	31- Loretta Higgins
9- Carmen Hamlin	16- Ian Marshall Faherty	31- Sara Mende
10- Katelyn Spangler	17- Franklin Vaughn	31- Rayland Abel Yearout-Patton
		31- Forest Asher Yearout-Patton



MUSIC MINISTRY

Mar. 1 8:00p.m. Sanctuary Choir
Mar. 2 5:00p.m. Adult Handbells
Mar. 8 8:00p.m. Sanctuary Choir
Mar. 15 8:00p.m. Sanctuary Choir
Mar. 16 5:00p.m. Adult Handbells
Mar. 22 8:00p.m. Sanctuary Choir
Mar. 29 8:00p.m. Sanctuary Choir



PRESCHOOL NEWS



Brisk March winds are blowing in warmer temperatures and we are looking forward to the early spring flowers blooming, as everyone is thinking about outdoor activities. The days will be longer as Daylight Savings Time starts on Sunday, March 13. Don't forget to change your clocks and to "spring" ahead!

At preschool the children continue to study the alphabet while they learn about the March winds, Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day, Spring and as always, much, much more! The children enjoyed their Valentines and their party's. We blessed the nursing home folks with Valentine's made by our four year olds. They are learning how good it feels to give from the heart ♥

Floyd Baptist Preschool Celebrating 40 years

Floyd Baptist Preschool is celebrating its 40th year of serving the community.

Floyd Baptist Preschool was formed in 1983 by Pat Kesler and many others with a heart for children to help nurture the educational process of preschoolers in a Christian based environment. Ms. Karen Via was also a director during the early years of the Preschool. Ms. Mabel DeHart was a very important part of the preschool for many years also directing /teaching and touching the lives of many children. Ms Brenda Allen was also a teacher and very important part of our preschool family for 20 years. Through the years we have helped prepare countless 3 and 4 year old children in our area for their entrance to the public or private school system. These children have entered "big school" with a solid background of pre-reading and writing skills that have served as a strong foundation for their ongoing educational process.

Our current director is Ms. Janice Shortt that has been with the preschool since 1994 and the current teachers are Ms. Patsy Harris that has been with the preschool since 2002 and Ms. Briana Harris started in 2021. The preschool not only prepares children for big school but also is blessed to be able to teach the children about the love of God. Incorporating faith with the "Golden Rule" of treating others the way we want to be treated, we feel gives them a strong foundation to build on as they go through life. A solid foundation in preschool also prepares them for their next journey in education in college or whatever field they decide upon.



Dancing with the SMART board



Packing Operation Christmas
Child Boxes

A normal preschool day includes lots of fun, socialization in play time, crafts, prayer, dancing, sharing, snack time, the pledge, learning letters and sounds, numbers, rhyming, poems, writing, learning about the holidays, lots of hugs and much more. It

Floyd Baptist Preschool has seen children and families form lasting relationships that began with preschool and even some that have grown up and become husband and wife.

The preschool has grown in so many ways over the years and has been blessed by the church and community; we were recently blessed by the church family with a new SMART board for the classroom! The children and teachers are enjoying the SMART board and all the new learning opportunities it has opened up to them! A big Thank You to Floyd Baptist Church family and our wonderful Preschool Committees!!



Learning on the SMART board



Valentines Party Parachute

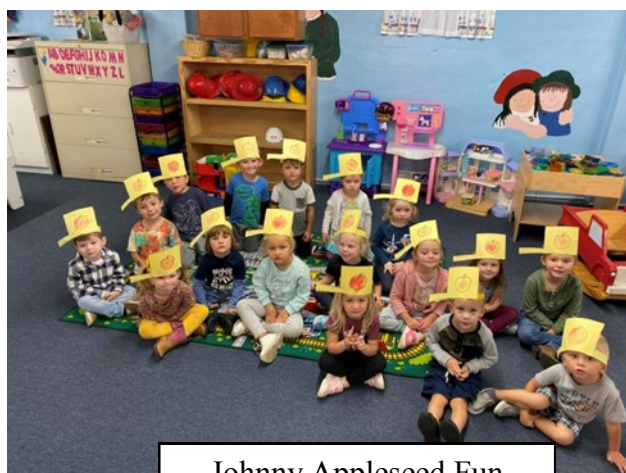
fall and the Nursing Home at Christmas to sing to the residents. We also take field trips to the local fire department and the courthouse to learn the importance of community helpers. We also enjoy visits from some of our Veterans each year! Each year we visit the Elementary School to visit the Kindergarten classes and enjoy eating lunch.

also includes small group learning with each teacher and if weather permits time on the playground. Each year we also do our Preschool Assessment with the 4 year old class and also PALS Testing (Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening) to help parents know the child's strengths and also things they may need more help with.

The preschoolers also enjoy field trips to Wades Orchard in the



Fire Station Field Trip



Johnny Appleseed Fun

Floyd Baptist Preschool is blessed to be part of the community and church family! We feel the children take away more than just a good start on their education but also a strong foundation built on the love of God and "The Golden Rule." We pray each of them always remember how special they are and they can accomplish anything as long as they do their best. The skills and lessons learned in preschool will last a lifetime. We so appreciate our parents for entrusting their children to us and also the church family for all of its support over the years.

Thank you for 40 years!



Apple Orchard Field Trip Fun

MISSION NEWS



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



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 March, plastic items (small cereal bowls, cups, utensils & small water bottles) will be collected.

With your donations the youth will be able to purchase extra things with the money they are provided. Please place your donations in the box located in the Sanctuary.



Food Drive

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

The theme for March is:

Canned Vegetables & Fruits

Please drop off your donations by

March 31

in the box outside the Fellowship Hall.





MARCH 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3am–Last Svc Ch20 12:00pm– Immersed Life– Annex 6:30 pm– Immersed Life Bible Study 6:30pm–Adult Bible Study 6:30pm–Team Kid 8:00pm–S. Choir	2 11:00am– Immersed Zoom 5:00pm - Adult Handbells	3 4:00 pm– Amanda Sowers-FH	4 11:00 am– Amanda Sowers-FH 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20
5 Lord's Supper 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20	6 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 7-9pm, FH, AA	7 1:00 pm– Immersed Zoom 7-9 pm– Cub Scouts	8 3am–Last Svc Ch20 12:00pm– Immersed Life– Annex 6:30 pm– Immersed Life Bible Study 6:30pm–Adult Bible Study 6:30pm–Team Kid 8:00pm–S. Choir	9 10am–WARM, FH 11 am– BSI Zoom	10 Deacon All Day– Annex All Day - Cub Scouts, FH	11 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20 Deacon All Day– Annex WARM FH after Derby All Day, Cub Scouts, FH, Pinewood Derby
12 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc WARM-FH All day 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6-8 pm– Boy Scouts – Annex	13 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 7-9pm, FH, AA	14 1:00 pm– Immersed Zoom	15 3am–Last Svc Ch20 12:00pm– Immersed Life– Annex 6:30 pm– Immersed Life Bible Study 6:30pm–Adult Bible Study 6:30pm–Team Kid 8:00pm–S. Choir	16 11 am– BSI Zoom 5:00 pm - Adult Handbells	17	18 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20
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