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The INFORMER

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Stewarding God's Grace

Many years ago, I found myself upside down in a car that I was driving, having lost control on a wet road. Fortunately, the car rolled over slowly, and there were no injuries. But there I was sitting in a car upside down on the side of the road. It was totally disorienting, and it took me quite a bit of time before I could get my bearings and free myself of the vehicle.

To say that Jane's passing has been disorienting is an enormous understatement. It took me at least a week just to even begin to get a sense of any direction. The one reality that I found myself returning to had been a theme and focus of my heart for some time now; "have faith in God's love and grace". Honestly, there has been much that has tried to cloud my ability to see, receive, and live in this reality, but God has been faithful in his love towards me minute by minute, day by day.

Several weeks ago, I found the anchor that would allow me to find the orientation I would need each day, as I press forward. A simple reminder shows up in my email box at 6:00 am each morning. The subject title is, "Words to Live by," and it reads, "Let go and trust the Lord's goodness and grace toward you. Steward grace well. Live in the depths of his love and presence. Trust his heart for you."

God's love and grace has been so marvelously displayed by so many people, especially by my Church Family at Floyd Baptist. I am so thankful for each gift, each card, each prayer, each act of kindness, the food provided for the meal at the funeral, and so much more.

Thank you so much for the time you have allowed me to have away from my responsibilities as the Pastor at Floyd Baptist. It has been a true expression of God's love, and restorative presence to me. I pray that I have stewarded this great gift well. I have spent enormous time the last few weeks in deep prayer, and reflection. This time has allowed me to receive a fresh sense of God's call upon me, and what it looks like to be the unique person he has created me to be.

Each day I find myself asking, “what does it look like to Steward God’s grace well today.” My sense is that he would have that be the question I am asking in the good times and the times of great difficulty. Stewarding God’s Grace is what we do to partner with him in his love to us, and his mission out to the world.

As always, I sense my responsibility is simply to share with you that which I have received. The coming weeks I look forward to our taking a journey together in Stewarding Grace.

There are not enough words for me to offer in thanksgiving for how grateful I am for the love and grace you have offered me especially in this difficult season. Pray that I am a good steward of this precious gift.

Love,

Jeff

Stewarding the Gift of God’s Word

“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who builds his house upon the rock.” Matthew 7:24

God’s Word to us is one of His greatest gifts. I am inviting all into a journey of greater stewardship of this Gift.

Hearing God Speak Through His Word

Bible Discovery Guide: These guides will be available as an insert in Sunday’s Bulletins, in the Church Office, and via email. The Guide will include the Scripture for the upcoming sermon with some questions to help you engage with God’s Word and hear what he is saying to you personally.

Sunday’s Teaching: This time will be offered to bring clarity and confirmation to what you are hearing God say to you.

Putting the Word into Action

Word Alive Gatherings:

Pastor’s Group: Pastor will host a gathering for those who want to find greater discernment, and encouragement for putting the Word they have heard into practice. These will be on Wednesdays at 12:00 Noon in the Fellowship Hall, and at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone is invited to attend these gatherings at any time that they are offered.

Other Word Alive Groups: You are invited to offer a Word Alive Gathering for others. Simply talk to Pastor Jeff about what this looks like and to see if there is a need for training.

Word Alive Leader Gathering: Starting in June there will be a gathering for those leading Word Alive Gatherings to receive training, encouragement, and to share ideas. These will take place once a month.

Word Alive Leader Mentoring: Contact pastor Jeff if you would like to receive mentoring as a Word Alive Leader.



Sermon Themes for May

May 7: Rev. Mike Lee, Guest Speaker

May 14: Youth Sunday

May 21: "Such a Love as This" John 3:16, Romans 8:31-32

May 28: "The Greatest Invitation You Will Receive" John 1:1-14, John 10:10



Church Council Meets

May 21th @ 8:30 AM

In the Fellowship Hall



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lord's Supper

Sunday, May 7, 2022

Church Council Meeting

Sunday, May 21, 8:30 a.m.

Deacons Meeting

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

Office Closed

Memorial Day, Monday, May 29

Youth

Wednesday Night Youth from

7-8:30 pm in the Annex.

If you have a student that would like to be added to our weekly group communication for information or upcoming events, please reach out to Hope Shortt.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A SPECIAL SERVICE ON JUNE 25TH

There will be a special service on Sunday, June 25, 2023, during the worship hour to honor Karen Whitlock for her forty (40) years of serving our Church as Music Director. The Music Committee and others are currently in the process of planning this service. If you would like to participate in this service or have suggestions for the service, please contact either Kay Slusher, Kathryn West, or Fred Wirt.



BABY DEDICATION SUNDAY

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14

We will be having Baby Dedication as part of our 11:00 AM Worship Experience. Please notify the church office if you would like your family to participate.

Family *Sunday*

SUNDAY, MAY 14

May 14th will be our Youth Sunday. Join us for a morning of worship and a special message from our youth.

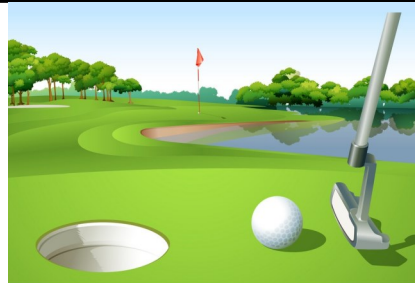
CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Our graduates will be recognized as part of our Youth Sunday Service. Please notify the church office of any graduates that need to be recognized.
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FRIDAY FOURSOMES

Come join us!
Everyone is welcome!
Fridays at 5pm at Great Oaks.



Vacation Bible School

VBS is going to be **STELLAR**
at Floyd Baptist Church this year!
Mark your calendars and be sure to register!
June 19 - 21, 2022 from 6:30-8:30.
Our VBS will have classes for
upcoming 3 yrs. of age – 7th Grade.



Youth Night

May 6th we will be going out to eat and bowling. More Information will be sent out to parents/youth. Contact Hope Shortt for more information.

Youth

Youth will meet on Wednesday nights from
7:00pm-8:30pm in Annex



Schedule for Fellowship Hall Usage, May 2023

Date	Time	Group/Person
May 1	7-9pm	AA
May 2	7-9pm	Cub Scouts
May 4	5pm	Adult Handbells
May 8	7-9pm	AA
May 9	6:30pm	3 year old Promotion
May 10	6:30pm	4 year old Graduation
May 11	10am	WARM
May 15	7-9pm	AA
May 16	7-9pm	Cub Scouts
May 18	5pm	Adult Handbells
May 21	8:30am	Church Council Meeting
May 22	7-9pm	AA
May 23	3-4pm	Christmas 4 Kids
May 23	7:30pm	Deacon Meeting
May 28	12:30– on	Janice YP
May 29	7-9pm	AA
May 31	11-4pm	Serving Seniors



**Church Office will be Closed
Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th**

Church Calendar

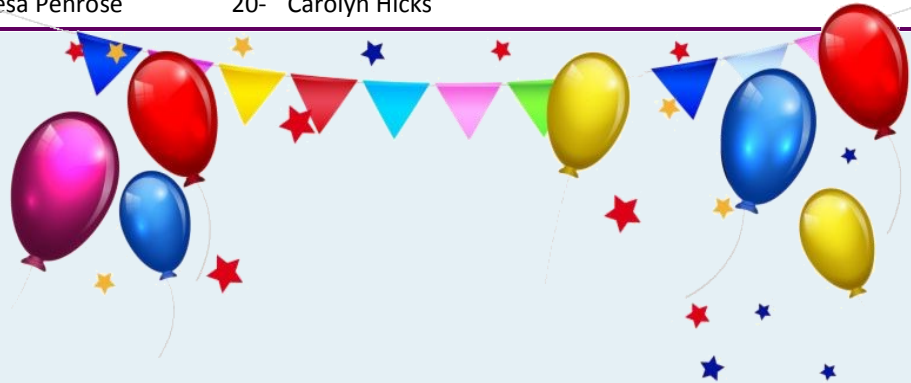
If you plan to have an event in the Fellowship Hall and it is not listed here, please call the church office at 745-2677 or email at floydbaptist@swva.net to get your event added to the calendar.





May

3- Ryan Shortt	10- Brenda Weeks	20- Agnes Williams
3- Louise Thompson	11- Kayla Shelton	20- Andrew Thompson
3- Cole Long	14- Shane Tanner	21- Aleah Lusk
4- Bryce Scott Altizer	14- Gavin Swortzel	22- Louisa Nolen
5- Allan Spangler	16- JoAnn Nester	24- Courtney Nicole Tanner
5- Allison Long	16- David Morris	24- Haleigh Elizabeth Hamlin
6- Luke Morris	16- Jeremiah Slusher	25- Douglas Thompson
6- Marc Quesenberry	16- Riley Matthew Whitlock	25- Killian Woods
7- Mitzi Weeks Johnston	17- Laura Larimer	26- Ashlee Shortt Weeks
7- Chuck Bary	18- Todd Via	26- Steven Thompson
8- Denise L. Peters	18- David Hall	26- Ron Bingham
8- Tim Wallace	19- Joe Wooldrige	27- Evan Vickers
9- Ricky Worley	20- Lisa H. Thomas	27- Walter Allen Spangler
9- Teresa Penrose	20- Carolyn Hicks	



MUSIC MINISTRY

Music Ministry– May Schedule

May 3 8:00 - 8:45p.m. Sanctuary Choir
 May 4 5:00 - 6:00p.m. Adult Handbells
 May 10 No Sanctuary Choir
 May 17 8:00 - 8:45p.m. Sanctuary Choir
 May 18 5:00 - 6:00p.m. Adult Handbells



SERVICE MINISTRIES

Deacon of the Week

May 7	Billie Hall
May 14	David Hall
May 21	Steve Hamlin
May 28	Isabel Lovitt
June 4	Scott Lovitt



ATTENTION: COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS & TEAM LEADERS:

Please plan to meet with your respective Committee or Team between now and June to consider possible changes to our current church budget. The Stewardship Committee will plan to send an email message out towards the middle of June to Committee Chairpersons and Team Leaders requesting any recommended budget changes from their respective Committee or Team. Thereafter, the Stewardship Committee will plan to meet during the month of July to finalize the proposed budget for our upcoming church year, so that it can be presented at the August business meeting.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our promotion program for 3 year olds is May 9 at 6:30pm

Graduation for our 4 year olds is May 10 at 6:30pm

**We wish our graduates the most awesome future and we will
always remember them!**



OPERATION IN AS MUCH

Operation Inasmuch (OIAM) is Coming Soon!

Opportunities to serve will be similar to last year.

Start praying about where you are being led to serve, for God's will to be done and His love to be shown in this mission effort.

If you are "spring cleaning" and have items that you would like to donate to the Free for All Yard Sale, you can begin dropping these items off at the church.

OUR **MISSIONS**

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 May, nail clippers & chapstick will be collected.

Cash donations also appreciated in order to purchase extra things needed. Please place your donations in the box located in the Sanctuary. *Thank You!*

Food Drive

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

The theme for May is:

Canned Meats (tuna, spam, etc.)

Please drop off your donations by

May 31

in the box outside the Fellowship Hall

Wood Splitting Day

OIAM wood splitting day will be on May 20th. Please contact Steve Hamlin or Richard Wood for details.



Senior Smiles

Senior Smiles goal is to supply the residents of Skyline Nursing Home with personal name brand supplies they don't have access to, like body wash, shampoos, after shave, magazines and much more. A suggestion sheet is available at the drop off box. 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



May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7-9 pm– AA	2 7-9, Cub Scouts, FH	3 3am–Last Svc Ch20 6:30pm-Adult Bible Study 6:30pm-Team Kid 7:00pm– Youth Annex	4 5:00pm - Adult Handbells	5 5:00 pm– 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 6-8 pm– Boy Scouts – Annex	8 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 7-9pm, FH, AA	9 Preschool 3 year old Gradation– 6:30 pm	10 3am–Last Svc Ch20 No Team Kid Preschool 4 year old Graduation– 6:30 pm 7:00pm– Youth– Annex	11 10am - WARM, FH	12 5:00 pm– Friday Foursomes Boy Scouts– Annex– All day	13 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20 Boy Scouts– Annex– All Day
14 Mother's Day Baby Dedication Youth Sunday 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6-8 pm Boy Scouts	15 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 7-9pm, FH, AA	16 7-9, Cub Scouts, FH	17 3am–Last Svc Ch20 7:00pm– Youth-Annex 8:00pm-S. Choir	18 5:00pm - Adult Handbells, FH	19 5:00 pm– Friday Foursomes	20 Wood Splitting Day 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20
21 8:30 am– Church Council-FH 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6-8 pm– Boy Scouts	22 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 7-9pm, FH, AA	23 3-4pm - Christmas for Kids, FH 7:30pm Deacons Meeting	24 3am–Last Svc Ch20 7:00pm– Youth-Annex 8:00pm-S. Choir	25	26 5:00 pm– Friday Foursomes	27 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20
28 9:45am– Sunday School 11am –Worship Svc 12:30-on– Janice YP-FH 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20 6-8 pm– Boy Scouts	29 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 7-9pm, FH, AA	30	31 3am–Last Svc Ch20 Serving Seniors FH – 11-4pm 7:00 pm– Youth– Annex 8:00pm-S. Choir			