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From the Deacon Fellowship

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. Luke 2: 10-12

The image of the manger beckons us to come and adore our Savior. As a church, let us come together and worship through daily Bible readings, visiting each other, Sunday morning activities, the lighting of the Advent candles, the Christmas Cantata, the music of the Bell Choir, the Fellowship Meal, Wednesday night Youth and Team Kid activities, the Christmas Eve Service, and **more**. May the journey to the manger be overflowing with Peace, Joy, Hope and Love.



Silent Night Oh Holy Night.

Church Council

The Floyd Baptist Church Council had its regular monthly meeting November 19, 2023, 8:30 a.m., in the Church Fellowship Hall. The meeting was well-attended.

David Hall was the moderator.

The following is a brief summary.

1. Floyd Baptist Church became a provisional member of the Western Blue Ridge Baptist Network in October 2023. To find information about the Network go to this website:
<https://westernblueridge.wixsite.com/baptistnetwork>
Also, you may contact Scott Lovitt or John Weeks for additional information.
2. The Sunday Worship Service Bulletin and Prayer List will be mailed each Friday to homebound members, upon request. The mid-week bulletin mailing, began as a communication bridge during the 2020 COVID epidemic, has been discontinued.
3. A deacon election for the open position on the Deacon Fellowship will take place Sunday, December 3, during the worship service. Mark West has agreed to serve.
4. The Christmas Eve Service will take place at 6 pm. The service will be led by Floyd Baptist members and staff. The service will include the Lord's Supper.
5. Adam Krantz will serve as Scoutmaster of Troop 36 for the coming year.

Pastor Search Comittee

Pastor Search Report – December 2023

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas from the Pastor Search “Adventure” committee. We are so excited to see what God has in store for the Floyd Baptist Church family. Our committee is comprised of Chairman – Steve Hamlin, Janice Yearout-Patton, Kathryn West, Connie Quesenberry, John Weeks, and Darrell Thompson. We each consider it an honor to have been elected to serve in this important role. The committee is off to a great start. A dedicated email account has been created through which resumes will be accepted (FBCresumes@swva.net) and we will be filling out a pastor profile through the Baptist General Association of Virginia. We are so thankful for the words of encouragement and support we have received thus far. What we need above all else are your prayers as we earnestly seek God's guidance through this process. Now, it's time to get to work...



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cantata & Handbell Presentation & Christmas Dinner - Sunday, December 10, 4:00pm

WARM Meeting - Thursday, December 14, 10:00am

Christmas Eve Service - December 24, 6:00pm

Church Office Closed - December 25-26 and January 1

Prayer Meeting - All are welcome to attend a Prayer Meeting on Sunday's from 9:25am - 9:40am in the back room of the Fellowship Hall.

Youth

The youth group is headed to Xtreme Winter Youth Conference 2023!

December 29-31 in Gatlinburg, TN.

Open to 7th grade and up, please reach out to Hope Shortt for more information.

Christmas Party

The Children's Dept., grades 1 - 6, will be having a Christmas Party during Sunday School on Sunday, December 10h. There will be lots of fun, games and food!!!

The children that would like to participate in a gift exchange game are asked to bring a small wrapped gift (around \$5 in cost) appropriate for a young boy or girl. We'll have extra gifts on hand so everyone can join in the fun.

Invite your friends!"

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 deacons. A cancellation will be announced, when possible, by

phone tree message and **cancellations will be posted on TV channels WSL-10 and WDBJ-7.**

Offering Envelopes

It's almost time to give out offering envelopes for 2024. 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, fouridemp@swva.net



THANK YOU NOTES

THANK YOU!!

Many thanks to all who helped in any way with the TREATS ON THE PORCH outreach. Hundreds of treat bags and treats were distributed. While the weather may have been cold and damp, warm smiles, happy faces, and folks expressing their gratitude were also a huge part of that evening. To all who contributed their time and effort before and during the event...THANK YOU, and to all who donated candy and treats....THANK YOU. Your generosity is greatly appreciated !!

Thank you so very much for all of the delicious food! Dirk and I greatly appreciate you all doing this for us, It will definitely cover a few meals which helps us greatly!

We love you all!

Jen and Dirk

Dear Floyd Baptist Church,

We are so grateful for your love and support during this difficult time. Thank you for the food, flowers, calls, visits, prayers, and all of your outpouring love. The entire family appreciates your thoughtfulness. May God bless you all.

The family of Louise C. Via



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 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 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. 7th and the 4's program is the 8th at 6:00pm.*** We look forward to the Christmas tree lighting for all our preschoolers at 6pm at Lineberry Park on Dec. 1! We will also sing and get to listen to the Hand Bell Choir from Floyd Baptist too!

The children learn that giving is a wonderful feeling so they help with Angels from Floyd Elementary 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

Deacon of the Week

December 3	Greg Wilson
December 10	Fred Wirt
December 17	Connie Browning
December 24	Billie Hall
December 31	David Hall

Pastor Search Committee

The following people were elected to serve on the pastor search committee.

Steve Hamlin– Chair
Kathryn West
John Weeks
Janice Yearout Patton
Connie Quesenberry
Darrell Thompson– Alternate

MISSION NEWS

Treat Boxes

The LIFE class packed 30 treat boxes going to military personnel and college students. Fifteen boxes went to military personnel, fifteen to college students and three to local ministries. Four military boxes went overseas, eleven boxes stayed within the US spanning from Alaska to California to Pennsylvania to NC. College boxes went to our very own Floyd Baptist students as well as family and friends of our members. Prayers and love were sent with all boxes. Thank you for providing names and addresses for this ministry.

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 17h**. 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 13.**

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.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you so much to everyone for your hard work and your dedication to supporting this ministry.

We collected **1,364** boxes for the county. That is the most out of Floyd country to date!

Floyd Baptist Church collected **225 boxes**

Floyd Baptist Preschool collected **27 boxes**



Merry Christmas

MUSIC MINISTRY

Karen Whitlock, Minister of Music

Music Ministry

The celebration of the birth of Jesus is rapidly approaching. The Music Ministry invites you to share in musical opportunities for this celebration.

On Dec. 1, 6:00p.m., the Adult Handbells will join in the community celebration of the tree lighting at the Lineberry Park.

On Dec. 10, 4:00p.m., the Handbells will ring Christmas carols in conjunction with the presentation of the cantata, *Christmas Comes Alive*, with the Sanctuary Choir and Friends. Following the musical presentations, the Christmas dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

On Dec. 17, 11:00a.m., the Handbells, Sanctuary Choir, and Friends will again present carols and the cantata.

I pray that God will use this music to bring you joy and peace in this season.

Everyone is invited to attend these celebrations.

Karen Whitlock
Minister of Music

Music Ministry Calendar

Dec. 1 6:00p.m. Adult Handbells Tree Lighting Lineberry Park

Dec. 4 5:00p.m. Adult Handbells

Dec. 6 8:00p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Dec. 10 4:00p.m. Handbells/Cantata presentation

Dec. 13 8:00p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Dec. 17 11:00a.m. Handbells/Cantata presentation

Dec. 20 No Church Activities

Dec. 27 No Church Activities



*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!*



DECEMBER 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Quilting 9:30-2pm-FH 6:00 pm- Adult Handbells/Preschool at Lineberry Park	2 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20 Nichols All Day-FH
3 1st Advent Lord's Supper 9:25 am– Prayer Meeting 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6-8pm Boy Scouts	4 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 5pm– Adult Handbells 7-9pm– Alanon–Library 7-9pm, FH, AA	5 7-9 Cub Scouts-FH	6 3am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6:30pm - TeamKid 6:30-7:45pm Youth Annex 8:00pm– Cantata	7 3's Christmas Party 9-12pm-FH 3's Christmas Program–11:45am Sanct	8 4's Christmas Party 9-12pm FH 4's Christmas Program-6:00pm Sanct Hospitality All Day – FH	9 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20 Hospitality All Day – FH
10 2nd Advent 9:25 am– Prayer Meeting 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 4pm– Cantata/Bells 5pm– Christmas Dinner 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20	11 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 7-9pm– Alanon–Library 7-9 AA-FH	12	13 3am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6:30pm – TeamKid 6:30pm– Youth Annex 8:00pm– Sanctuary Choir	14 WARM– 10am	15 Hollandsworth Christmas Dinner–All Day-FH	16 5-on Cub Scout Dinner-FH
17 3rd Advent 9:25 am– Prayer Meeting 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc–Cantata Thompson Dinner–12pm– 5:30pm FH 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20	18 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 7-9pm– Alanon–Library 7-9pm, FH, AA	19 3-4-FH Christmas 4 kids 7-9, Cub Scouts, FH	20 3am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 No Church Activities	21	22 Quilting 9:30-2pm-FH 4:00 pm– 8:00pm Janice Shortt FH	23 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20 M.Tucker—All day-FH
24 4th Advent-Christmas Eve 9:25 am– Prayer Meeting 9:45am– Sunday School 11:00am– Worship Svc 6:00pm– Christmas Eve Service 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20	25 Christmas Day Office Closed 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 7-9pm– Alanon–Library 7-9 AA FH	26 Office Closed	27 3am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 No Church Activities	28	29 Quilting 9:30-2pm-FH Youth Xtreme	30 Youth Xtreme 31 9:25 am– Prayer Meeting 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 Youth Xtreme