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The **INFORMER**

From the Deacon Fellowship

October 22nd was Reverend Jeff Hudgins last day as Pastor of Floyd Baptist Church. We wish him all the best in his future life and ministry and are thankful for his years of faithful service to the church. His Letter of Resignation is included with this issue of The Informer. During this time of transition, we, as a church, will prayerfully look to our Heavenly Father for guidance.

The Deacon Fellowship, Church Council, committees and others continue to meet, plan, and take action. The deacon in charge of Pulpit Supply has found preachers to fill our pulpit on Sundays. The Deacon Interim Pastor Search Subcommittee has met often and made numerous contacts with the goal of securing an Interim Pastor who will lead us until our permanent new Pastor is called. Plans are in place for the election of the Pastor Search Committee at a called business meeting on November 12th, following the worship service.

May we find inspiration in these words written to a church long ago.
Rejoice always! Pray constantly: give thanks in everything
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18



**Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00
am on Sunday, November 5.**

***Don't forget to turn your clocks
back one hour!***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Business Meeting

Wednesday, November 8, 7:00 p.m.

Special Called Business Meeting

Sunday, November 12, Following Worship Service

Church Council Meeting

Sunday, November 19, 8:30 a.m.

Deacons Meeting

Monday, November 27, 7:00 p.m.

Church Office Closed

November 23-24

WARM Meeting

Thursday, November 9, 10:00 a.m.



Church Office will be closed Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Local Missions: Quilters

Fridays from 9:30am-2pm in the Fellowship Hall



Regarding Citizens Channel 20

The new dates and times for the broadcast of our worship services are:

Mondays at 11:00am

Wednesdays at 3:00am

Saturdays at 12:00 pm

Sundays at 6:00 pm.

If you tune in to watch our service and another service is in progress, our service will begin upon the completion of the service that is in progress.

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.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

Dear Loving Church Family of Floyd Baptist,

I am so thankful for the opportunity to have been your pastor since, September ,2015. I count it a privilege to have journeyed with you in these years learning from each other and partnering together to advance the Kingdom of God out to the world.

In the desire to follow God in all things, I hear-by submit my resignation to you as the pastor of Floyd Baptist Church. Submitted on Sunday, September 24, 2023 to become effective on October 22, 2023.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to partner with you in service of the Kingdom.

Sincerely,

Rev. Jeffrey C. Hudgins

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2- Julius Dickerson | 14- Ashley Spangler |
| Brett Thomas Holman | Ray Weddle |
| Leisa Holman | 15- Jennifer Sharp-Knott |
| 6- Lynsey Profitt Miller | Thelma Via |
| Cynthia Womack | Adam Krantz |
| 7- Maurice Quesenberry | 18- Monica Turner |
| Inez Yearout | 19- Neal Compton |
| 10- Sarah Browning | Ellie Woods |
| Joyce Williams-Kanode | 21- Trinity Penrose |
| Terry Thompson | 22- Zachary Hall |
| Michele Stuart Tucker | 23- Ruth Thompson |
| 11- Jane Barton | 24- Greg Wallace |
| 12- Frances Helms | 26- Fred Wirt |
| Elliott Yearout-Patton | Christian Jared Nichols |
| Zackary S. Reynolds | Melinda Whitley Lephew |
| Ryne Matthew Bond | Donna Petty |
| 13- Joyce T. Midkiff | 28- Elizabeth Reynolds |
| Ross Linkous | |



THANK YOU NOTES



I want to thank everyone for the cards, calls, flowers, food, visits, and all acts of kindness while I was in the hospital. Special thanks to Jeff for many visits. It is wonderful to belong to a church that cares. Please continue to keep me in your prayers.

In Christian Love,

Nellie Overstreet



PRESCHOOL NEWS



The leaves are falling, the scent of wood burning fires is in the air, frosty mornings, the holidays are not far off! At preschool, the children are busy working on cutting, coloring, painting, and learning the letters of the alphabet and their sounds. In November, we will also focus on the holidays, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. The children will learn about the Pilgrims and the Indians and their roles in the Thanksgiving holiday.

We will also be learning what it means to be thankful for the many blessings that we have in our families, homes and world.

Thank you to all the parents who stepped up to make our Halloween Parties so special!! - Janice

MUSIC MINISTRY

Nov. 1 8:00 - 8:0p.m. Cantata

Nov. 1 8:20p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Nov. 6 5:00p.m. Adult Handbells

Nov. 8 8:00 - 8:20p.m. Cantata

Nov. 8 8:20p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Nov. 15 8:00 - 8:20p.m. Cantata

Nov. 15 8:20p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Nov. 20 5:00p.m. Adult Handbells

Nov. 22 8:00 - 8:30p.m. Cantata

Nov. 22 8:30p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Nov. 29 8:00p.m. Cantata



EVANGELISM & MISSION NEWS

Gifts for College Students and Military Personnel

The L.I.F.E. Sunday School Class is planning the annual remembrance of the college students and military personnel. We will be sending care packages. If you would like to help with postage that would be great! If you have someone you'd like us to send a package to, please let the church office know by **Sunday, November 12th**. You may bring their name along with their address to the church office or call (745-2677) or email us at floydbaptist@swva.net. If you have any questions, contact Peggy Profitt, Martha Thompson or Connie Quesenberry.



Angel Tree

The Angel Tree will be up soon! We invite you to select an Angel and help a needy child to have a Merry Christmas! More details will follow!

Christmas Food Boxes and Fruit Baskets

We will be delivering Christmas Food Boxes and Fruit Baskets in December. A Sign-up sheet will be available soon on the bulletin board beside the pastor's office. We will be taking food donations as usual. Look for the food collection boxes wrapped in Christmas paper.



Food Drive

Please help us with our collection of food items for the local NRCA food bank. The theme for November is:

Canned Soups

Please drop off your donations by **November 30** in the box outside the Fellowship Hall





It's Time for Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Ministry!

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's Love. Here are some ways you can make a difference in the lives of those children:

PRAY that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a shoe box gift.

PACK A SHOE BOX filled with small toys and other gifts that can open hurting hearts to God's love.

Instructional brochures will be available.

GIVE to cover shipping and other project costs.

*If you would like to fill a shoe box, please have it back to the church by **November 13th**.*

Remember that toothpaste and candy are not accepted.

Suggested postage is \$9.00.

As you are all aware, we have been collecting items for the shoe boxes all year. Your response has been amazing. Thank YOU!! As we continue to try to make sure we have enough to make at least **175** boxes, please consider donating money so that we can purchase the items needed to complete these boxes. You can give the donation to Judi Dempsey or Judy Britt. Of course, we are hoping that many of you will want to pack your own box. Boxes are available at church as well as the information flyer with the labels. You can also build a box online again this year on the Goal Page for Floyd Baptist. This information will be available very soon.

We also need volunteers to help collect boxes during the week of November 13-20. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hall by the pastor's office.

Millions of children (and their families) are being impacted by these simple shoebox gifts. The Gospel is being shared and received. Each box makes a difference!

National OCC Collection Week is November 13-20.

The Hours of Collection are:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday	5:00-7:00pm
Tuesday & Thursday	6:00-8:00pm
Saturday	9:00-11:00am
Sunday	1:00-5:00pm
Monday, November 20th	9:00-11:00am



SERVICE MINISTRIES

Deacon of the Week

November 5 Michael Shortt

November 12 Kay Slusher

November 19 Brain Swortzel

November 26 Gerald Smith

December 3 Greg Wilson

Special Business Meeting

There will be a special called business meeting of Floyd Baptist Church on November 12th immediately following the worship service to begin the process of selecting a new pastor. The congregation will select a search committee consisting of five members and an alternate. Please plan on participating in this important step in the life of our church.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Floyd Baptist Church Council had its regular monthly meeting October 22, 2023, 8:30 a.m., in the Church Fellowship Hall. The meeting was well-attended. John Weeks moderated in the absence of Pastor Jeff.

The following is a brief summary.

The Youth will be at Busch Gardens, Oct. 28-29.

Please check the bulletin and Informer for updates regarding Xtreme Winter Youth Conference 2023!, December 29-31, Gatlinburg, TN.

The church bus has been repaired and is running smoothly. The Western Blue Ridge Network will have its annual meeting in Pembroke, October 22, 2023, in the afternoon. No one from our church will be attending. Following the meeting we should find out if Floyd Baptist Church is accepted as a member of the Network.

Plans were made for Worship Service on Family Sunday, October 29. The theme will be "Thankfulness." There will be a covered dish meal following the Service.



FAMILY DEACON LIST

Brian Swortzel (2026)
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Holman, Brett & Ashley
Holman Leisa
Horney, Wayne & Belinda
Krantz, Adam & Kelly

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Thompson, Andrew
Thompson, Doug & Stacy
Thompson, Gene & Hazel
Cecil Handy
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Gardner, Bobby Sr. & Mary
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Reynolds, Zach
Shaffer, Vicky & Ron
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Whitley, Rodney
Dickerson, Marcus & Jennifer
Dickerson, Roger
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Gardner, Bobby & Joy
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Hudgins, Jeff
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Slusher, Kay & Mike
Tanner, Susan & Shane

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Linkous, Beth
Roberson, Helen
Webb, Allie
Weddle, Janie
Johnson, Kayla

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Clinger, Richie
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Weeks, Brenda
Kenny Gardner & Teresa Penrose
Lemay, Paul

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Britt, Robert & Judy
Easterly, David
Hall, David & Billy
Larkin, Diane
Morris, Jack & Terri
Nichols, Winky & Faith
Radford, Lisa

Swortzel, Brian & Deanna, Kaiden,
Rylan, Gavin, Kavlan
Thompson, Becky
Thompson, Darrell & Sheila
Thompson, Dorsey & Louise
Thompson, Ruth
Vaughn, Bradley

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Linkous, Ross & Connie
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Petty, Robert, Donna, Adam & Mark
Smith, Theresa H. & Gary
Weeks, Mary & Paul
Ingram, Amy

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DeHart, Turner
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Holman, Taylor
Lusk, Aleah & Jarrod
Meyer, Art and Beth
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Moran, Ruby E.(Wood)
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Spangler, Katelyn & Austin
Via, Louise
Williams, Agnes
Williams-Kanode, Joyce (Roy)
John Paul, Kelly Thomas, Audrey, Lydia
Huff, Sandy, Dennis, and Dylan

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Hamlin, Steve & Carmen
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Via, George & Thelma
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Wood, Richard & Brenda
Conway, Chris & Alyssa

OPEN
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Carr, Brittany
Carr, Christy
Hudgins, Andrew
Long, Dean & Allison
Moran, Shirley
Morris, David & Kelly
Nolen, Anthony & Louisa-392-8548
Pauley, Roger

Penrose, Trinity
Penrose, Darren & Teresa
Spangler, Stacy & Angel-392-8758
Wirt, Fred
Yearout-Patton, Elliot & Ladonna
Trail, Ricky
Pratt, Sandra & Joel

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS

Floyd Baptist Church Committees/Teams Chairpersons

Benevolence - Judy Britt

Evangelism - Darrell Thompson

Nominating -

Pastor-Church relations - Winky Nichols

Personnel - Teresa Penrose

Preschool - Co-Chairs Martha Thompson, Michael Browning

Stewardship - Kay Slusher

Visitation & Outreach - Isabel Lovitt

Youth Advisory - Brian Swortzel, Ashlee Weeks

Music - Vicky Shaffer

Team Kids- Connie Quesenberry, Janice Shortt





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30pm- TeamKid, 6:30pm-8:00pm—Youth Annex 8:00pm– Cantata 8:20pm– S Choir	2 3am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20	3 Quilting 9:30-2pm-FH 4-9pm– Cub Scouts	4 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 9am-4pm– Deronda Thomas-FH
5 Lord's Supper 9:25 am– Prayer Meeting 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20 6-8 pm– Boy Scouts	6 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 5 pm– Adult Handbells 7-9 pm– Alanon Library 7-9pm, FH, AA	7 7-9 pm– Cub Scouts	8 3am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6:30pm-7:45pm—Youth Annex No TeamKid 7:00pm– Business Meeting 8:00-Cantata 8:20pm-Sanctuary Choir	9 10am-WARM, FH	10 Quilting 9:30-2pm-FH	11 Veteran's Day 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 Yates Baby Shower– 10am-2pm FH
12 9:25 am– Prayer Meeting 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 12pm– Special Called Meeting 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20	13 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 FACT TEAM– All Day-FH 7-9pm, FH, AA 7-9 pm– Alanon Library	14	15 3am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6:30pm– TeamKid, 6:30pm-8:00pm—Youth Annex 8:00pm– Cantata 8:20pm– S Choir	16	17 Quilting 9:30-2pm-FH	18 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20
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