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From the Pastor's Desk

The Spirits

1 John 4:1-3 "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world."

In 1936 a historical find surfaced in California. It was a brass plaque with an English sixpence coin bearing the likeness of Queen Elizabeth I that claimed the land of "Nova Albion" for the English crown. It was thought to have been left there by Sir Francis Drake when he sailed the Golden Hind along the California coast in 1579 on his trip around the world. The plaque was taken to the University of California at Berkeley where Herbert Bolton, chair of the history department authenticated it. He called it "one of the world's long-lost historical treasures." Photos of the plaque were featured in history textbooks as evidence of early English involvement on the west coast of the United States. However, in 1977 the plaque was subjected to advanced chemical and metallurgical testing - and conclusively found to be a fake. After investigation it was learned that the brass plaque had in fact been made in 1917 by associates of Herbert Bolton.

Though sometimes the devil comes to attack us with outrageous lies, more often he uses deception and presents something that looks and sounds good and genuine on the surface.

If we do not exercise discernment and good judgment, testing what seems to be legitimate against the unfailing standard of the Word of God, we are very susceptible to being led astray. Not every preacher on television is speaking the truth. Not every large church is truly pointing the way to Heaven. Just because something is popular does not make it right, and just because something seems to make sense when we first hear it does not mean it is true.

Because we live in a fallen world, we must remain alert and vigilant. Jesus warned, "*And he said, take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them*" (Luke 21:8).

"The more we fill our minds with God's truth, the easier it will be for us to spot Satan's attempts to lead us astray."

From: The Pastors Desk

Church Council

Floyd Baptist Church held their regular meeting on Sunday, February 16, 2025, at 8:30am in the fellowship hall. Those in attendance Denise Peters, Leisa Holman, Terri Morris, Janice Short, Karen Whitlock, Jeremy Quesenberry, Janice Yearout Patton, Terry and Gayle Semones.

Jeremy opened the meeting with prayer.

Pastor Report

Terry reached out with visits and phone calls to shut ins and several in the hospital. Plans are in progress for the Good Friday Service with local churches.

Deacon Report

Deacon chair Jeremy Quesenberry reported that the membership list has been completed. Two items of business need to be brought up in the upcoming Business Meeting.

Clean up the residential guidelines for church membership

A temporary committee needs to be formed to prepare a new Church Directory.

Sunday School Report

Sunday School chair Leisa Holman reported looking for future Sunday School material for studies in the teen class.

She has also been in the process of learning how to order the Sunday School materials.

Youth Committee Report

Leisa Holman reported that the teens came home from the Youth Conference full of encouragement and good decisions were made while there. We want to thank Marlana and Caleb for their time and dedication to our teenagers. We are also thankful for Michelle and Cathy for their support.

The youth will be doing the 5th Sunday service on March 30, 2025. We will have a meal in the fellowship hall after Sunday worship hour.

Meals for our teen group on Wednesday nights are being provided from members of the congregation. If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Leisa Holman to sign up and get more information.

Visitation and Outreach Committee

Chairperson Denise Peters reported visits made to Deronda & Clyde Thomas and Helen Roberson.

WARM Group Report

Terri Morris discussed plans to feed the Floyd County girls basketball team. Terry was asked to encourage the group with devotion and prayer.

LOOKING AHEAD

A new committee and chair need to be formed to head up the upcoming

150th Year Anniversary of Floyd Baptist Church!

If you are interested in participating in this committee, please see Pastor Terry or one of our deacons. We would like to have the committee formed by May 2025.



Church Council

Church Council Meeting

Sunday, March 16th @ 8:30 AM
In the Fellowship Hall



Deacon Service Ministry

<p>Called to Serve Deacon of the Week</p>	March 2	Darrell Thompson
	March 9	Mark West
	March 16	Fred Wirt
	March 23	Isabel Lovitt
	March 30	Jack Morris
<p>The next Deacon Meeting will be Monday, March 24th at 7:00 pm, FH</p>		

Fellowship Hall Schedule

Weekly Schedule for Fellowship Hall Usage March, 2025					
Please let us know in advance if you need to use the Fellowship Hall so we can add you to the schedule.					
Date	Time	Group/Person	Date	Time	Group/Person
March 3	5pm	Adult Handbells	March 18	7-9pm	Cub Scouts
March 4	7-9pm	Cub Scouts	March 21	9:30-2pm	Quilters
March 7	9:30-2pm	Quilters	March 21	5-10pm	Cub Scouts P. Derby
March 8	All Day	R. Howell B'day Party	March 22	9-6pm	Cub Scouts P. Derby
March 13	10am	WARM	March 24	7pm	Deacon Meeting
March 14	9:30-2pm	Quilters	March 28	9:30-2pm	Quilters
March 15	5-9pm	A. Lusk	March 28	4-9pm	H. Shortt
March 16	8:30am	Church Council	March 29	All Day	Setup For Sunday
March 16	12:30-5pm	A. Lusk	March 30	All Day	Family Sunday
March 17	5pm	Adult Handbells			

Announcements




**WEDNESDAY
NIGHT
BIBLE STUDY**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY
6:30 PM
WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US AS WE STUDY
"SAINTS FROM THE PAST"!


WARM Meeting
Thursday, March 13th at 10:00am, FH


Church Council Meeting
Sunday, March 16th, 8:30am, FH

Deacon's Meeting
Monday, March 24th, 7:00 pm, FH



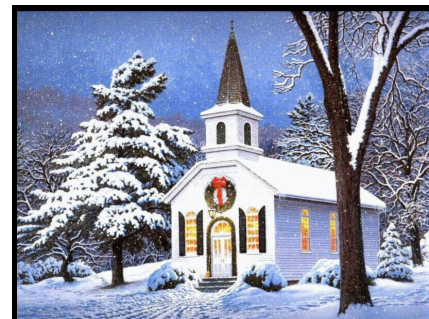
**Broadcast Times
on Citizens TV**
Mondays at 11:00am
Wednesdays at 3:00am
Saturdays at 12:00 pm
Sundays at 6:00 pm.



TEAM KID 

Wednesday nights - 6:30-7:45pm
Preschool through 6th grade
We look forward to seeing you!

SPRING
Forward
2025
Set Your Clocks
Ahead One Hour
March 9, 2025



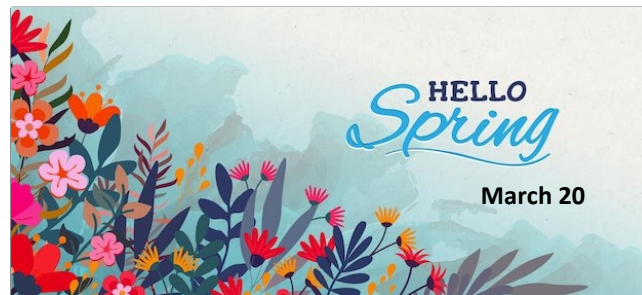
Inclement Weather Schedule

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 WSLS-10 and WDBJ-7.

Announcements

Widow's Bible Study

If you are a widow and would like to join us for an upcoming Group Bible Study for Widows, we would love to have you. The workshop is currently scheduled to begin on Thursday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the L.I.F.E. Sunday School classroom. Depending on the number of participants, the class will be 1 to 1 1/2 hours and will last approximately 8 weeks. The title of our workbook is Seeking God During Grief (Group Bible Study for Widows, A Widow's Might, Inc.). The workbook is faith-based and gives many practical applications. If you are interested in attending and would like to get a workbook, please contact Lisa Radford at (540) 239-4961.



Vacation Bible School



Grab your friends and hiking gear and trek on over to this year's Floyd Baptist Church VBS!

During True North, kids will go on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them towards Jesus, True North shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

Mark your calendars for June 9th-11th from 6:30-8:30 pm. Our VBS will have classes for upcoming PK3 through 7th grade.

There will be more information regarding registration in the upcoming weeks. Also, volunteer signup sheets will be available at the end of March. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ashley Holman (540-392-9954) or Janice Shortt (540-808-7474).

March Birthdays

- 1- Jane Shelton
- 1- Nathaniel Endaya
- 1- Rylan Swortzel
- 2- River Anson Yearout-Patton
- 4- Jack Morris
- 4- Briggs Holman
- 4- Steve Hamlin
- 8- Mark Banks
- 9- Carmen Hamlin
- 10- Katelyn Spangler

- 10- Glen Altizer
- 11- Rhonda Arthur
- 11- Shane Radford
- 11- Monica Morris
- 12- Scott Lovitt
- 15- Kay Slusher
- 15- Dennis Whitlock
- 15- Mark Petty
- 16- Ian Marshall Faherty
- 17- Franklin Vaughn

- 22- Robert Britt
- 24- Braylee Madison Shortt
- 25- Danny Thompson
- 25- Serafina Cross
- 26- Janice Yearout Patton
- 28- Gayle Semones
- 29- Betty Nolan
- 29- Kim Bary
- 31- Sara Mende
- 31- Rayland Abel Yearout-Patton
- 31- Forest Asher Yearout-Patton



Happy St. Patrick's Day

Monday, March 17, 2025

Thank You Notes

To WARM:
Thank you very much for your warm
Valentine's Day greeting!
Barbara Agee



Dear Floyd Baptist Family,
Thank you for your faithful support of Floyd Young Life. The gift of meeting space and office space is such an important and vital part of the ministry. Thank you for your part in sharing the Good News with the youth of Floyd!
Joanne and Adult Committee



Preschool News



We finally got to have our Valentine Parties! With the ice and snow in February our parties were rescheduled for a week to two weeks later! But the kids didn't care. Our wonderful parents planned and carried out a wonderful time for the children! Thanks to all our caring, supporting parents!!!



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 9. 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 much more!!!!

Music Ministry Schedule

Mar. 3 5:00p.m. Adult Handbells

Mar. 5 8:00p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Mar. 12 8:00p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Mar. 17 5:00p.m. Adult Handbells

Mar. 19 8:00p.m. Sanctuary Choir



Missions

Local Missions: Quilters

The Christian Women of Floyd County will be quilting each Friday from 9:30am 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.



Food Drive

Please help us as we collect food items for the local food bank

The theme for March is:
Canned Vegetables & Fruits

Please drop off your donations by
March 31



OCC MINISTRY

Hopefully many of you were inspired by Tyler Kane last week as he spoke about OCC and how his church increased their involvement. We are hoping for a new sense of commitment for Floyd Baptist as well. We want to begin by setting a goal for this year. Last year we put together about 260 boxes. We have done around 200 for several years. While that is a wonderful number and means over 200 children and their families were exposed to the Gospel, we believe we can do better.

The Crooked Road Team, of which we are a part, always sets a goal for the next year. We have a saying – “**Set a goal so high that only God can do it.**” Using that thought, we are setting a goal of **400** boxes for Floyd Baptist Church next year. That’s a large number, but God can use **each of us** to make that happen.

We will be setting up a box for donations. If you have one dollar or five that you can contribute each month, you can just drop it in. Also, you can contribute through the church by making a donation marked for OCC. All donations will show each month on the Treasurer’s Report. This will all be used to buy bulk items at a cheaper price.

Of course, we still encourage you to shop for sale items during the year. These can be placed in the container outside the choir door.

Each month, we will highlight one item or more that we will need to pack boxes.

Please know that every dollar given, every item bought, and every prayer sent up has been appreciated and certainly will be in the future.

God is doing mighty work through the shoebox ministry. Let’s become an even greater part of that.

Belinda Alderman and Judy Britt



MARCH



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20 All Day - Cheerful Helpers Classroom, B. Alderman Family
2 9:45am– Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 6-8pm-Boy Scouts, Annex 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20	3 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 5pm-Adult Handbells, FH	4 6-9pm - Young Life, Annex 7-9pm - Cub Scouts, FH	5 3am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6:30pm-Youth Bible Study 6:30pm-Team Kid 6:30pm-Bible Study 8:00pm-S. Choir	6 6:30-8pm, Widow's Class, in LIFE Classroom (L. Radford)	7 9:30-2, Quilters, FH	8 12pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20 All Day, FH, B'day Party, R. Howell
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30 Family Sunday 9:45am–Sunday School 11am Worship Svc 12-5, FH, Meal 6-8pm-Boy Scouts, Annex 6pm –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch 20	31 11am –Last Wk Svc on Citizen's Ch20 6-9pm - Young Life, Annex					