

THE CHALLENGE

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Here is our Vision in a Nutshell! Our **PASSION**.

“Growing God’s Garden Together”

- **Glorify** Jesus Christ through worship
- **Grow** in a relationship with Jesus and other people
- **Give** of one’s time and resources by serving Jesus and His Church
- **Go** and reach out to others who need to experience the love of Jesus

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:



We are currently studying the book of Romans on Wednesday evenings. This past Wednesday, one of the verses we looked at was Romans 7:15 “For that which I do I allow not; for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.” Even though Paul wanted to do the right thing and knew what the right thing to do was, there were so many times he did not do the right thing. Paul is being honest, as we see him wrestling with himself. I’m thankful that

God inspired Paul to share that struggle with us. Can you relate to Paul? I can.

As Christians, our old sinful nature likes to rear its ugly head and drag us down or keep us from being as close to the Lord as we want and need to be. You want to be more patient, but you still lose your temper too often; you want to watch the words that come out of your mouth, but you still say things you can’t take back; you still act in ways you later regret, you still struggle to control your thoughts. Every day, we as Christians sin. Why? Because we are still works in progress, being changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ each and every day.

As a Christian, we now have a desire to live lives that are holy and pleasing to God. That desire to live your life in obedience to God is proof of salvation, proof that the Holy Spirit is at work in your life, helping you in this process of becoming more like Christ. If you think about it, there are really only three things you can do when you sin: First, you can deny it. Many people sadly do that. Second, you can try to deal with it on your own. That doesn’t work. Third, you can admit it and turn to the Lord in repentance and receive forgiveness.

When you look on down in chapter 7 of Romans, you come to v.24, where Paul says, “O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from this body of death?” Like Paul, we must understand we do not have the power in and of ourselves to overcome sin. The good news comes in v.25, “I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.” That’s the answer to this struggle with sin. It is a moment-by-moment dependence on Jesus Christ, realizing that His power is enough to help us to resist and overcome sin. Remember, when you fail - not if - but when you fail, when you struggle, and when you fall, remember the promise of 1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Have a great week and let your light shine for Jesus this week.

Pastor Rick



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| 2 | Bible Study 6 pm |
| 6 | Deacon Meeting 5 pm |
| 6-11 | Week of Prayer for Golden Tennessee Missions |
| 7 | Labor Day Office Closed |
| 9 | Bible Study 6 pm |
| 16 | Finance Committee Meeting 4:30 pm |
| 16 | Bible Study 6 pm |
| 23 | Bible Study 6 pm |
| | Business Mtg (Aug) |
| 25 | Joy Gardeners |
| | Van 11 am Meal 11:30 am |
| 30 | Bible Study 6 pm |





Luke 10:27-28

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Join Us Sundays

Sunday School 9:45 am

Morning Worship 11 am

Children's/Preschool Worship

11:15 am

"VIRTUAL" Rootz (Grades 6th – 12th)
8:00 pm

Wednesdays

JAM Activities are on hold until further notice due to the uptake in the Corona Virus. Our student ministry will return "in person" soon.



September Outing

Friday, September 25 HOMESTEAD FAMILY TABLE

400 Parkway Blvd.

Rogersville, TN 37857, 423 921-2017

Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 am

Van it will leave at 11:00 am

They do family still also
have specials of the day.

October 22,
we are still going to the Chop House.

November 20
will still be our end of the year
event at the Church.



OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

CARE HOUSE NEEDS: Our Community Outreach continues as we collect food for the neighborhood food bank. The current needs are toiletries, food items or monetary donations. They can purchase the food at a cheaper cost. Please place them in the collection area behind the choir loft or drop donations in the offering plate.

A MESSAGE FROM ANDY:



*The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him,
And delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good;
Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! Oh, fear the LORD, you
His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him.
- Psalm 34:7-9*

Well, August was different! In a month where I'm usually meeting a new group of 3rd graders, having back-to-school events at school and church, getting ready for college football, and getting re-used to getting up at 5:30 a.m., I've found myself sitting in front of a laptop planning out "virtual" classes, making instructional videos, and only seeing my students on a screen.

And, as is usual in this COVID-19 world, it's all about to change again!

Our J.A.M. and ROOTZ children and youth have either already started back to school in person or will be soon. If you ask the majority of them, they are more than ready to be back in their schools with their friends. As I write this, COVID-19 cases are decreasing in our area, and I'm asking our church family to pray along with me that the cases will continue to drop as we go into September, and to pray for our children and youth who are back in their schools!

Psalm 34:7-9 reminds us how great our protection is as Christians who place our faith and trust in the Lord!

Growing God's Garden Together
Andy

MESSAGE FROM KEVIN ODOM



"This Is Just What Heaven Means to Me"

Just a few days ago I was reading a daily devotion about what heaven will be like. Which also made me think of one of my favorite Howard and Vestal Goodman songs, "This Is Just What Heaven Means to Me."

Now, we are so often reminded of the strife, pain, and sufferings we have to endure here on earth. But think about this scripture from Revelation 22:3, "And there shall be no more curse; but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him." That's it. No virus, no cancer, no pain, no death. Just us, God's people, serving and praising Him continually.

"A place where there is no misunderstanding,
And from all enmity and strife we're free.
No unkind words to wrong the heart are spoken,
Now this is just what Heaven means to me.
What will it be when we get over yonder
And join the throng upon the glassy sea?
Will join our loved ones and crown Christ forever
Oh, this is just what Heaven means to me."

What does heaven mean to you? Good health? Seeing loved ones? No more aches and pains? Dwell on these things.

-KevO

JAMES' CORNER

Back in my early teens, I was walking from downtown Bristol on West State Street. It was a very hot day. I saw a fruit stand that said, "Ice Cold Watermelon – 10 cents/pound." I thought that is just what I need. I stopped and asked the clerk for a pound of watermelon. She told me that was the price per pound for a whole watermelon. My heart broke. As well as I can remember, she gave me a glass of water. I wanted watermelon but I got water. I got what I really needed, water, not what I wanted. That's the way God works for us today. We do not always get what we want, but we always get what we need. Philippians 4:19 says "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Bro. James Meade





Deacon of the Week:

- 6 Joe Stallard
- 13 Michael Strickler
- 20 David Vicars
- 27 Andy Walters

Greeters:

- 6 TBA
- 13 TBA
- 20 D Lawson
- 27 J Fleming/C Chapman

Audio:

- 6 Michael Bush
- 13 Michael Strickler
- 20 Michael Bush
- 27 Michael Strickler

Power point:

- 6 Avery Bush
- 13 Michael Bush
- 20 Avery Bush
- 27 Michael Bush

Video:

- 6 Caleb Hall
- 13 Conner Collins
- 20 Doug Clark
- 27 Caleb Hall

DVD Distribution:

- 6 no delivery
- 13 no delivery
- 20 no delivery
- 27 no delivery

Nursery Workers:

- 6 Kirk, Nowah
- 13 C Gilbert, Livesay
- 20 Collins, Byrd
- 27 Clark, Tittsworth

Transportation:

- 6 not running
- 13 not running
- 20 not running
- 27 not running

Children's Church:

- 6 & 13 Roy & Christine Chapman
- 20 & 27 D Gilbert, C Gilbert

Tellers:

- 6 Rhoton, Bowman, Lawson
- 13 Rhoton, Tittsworth
- 20 Rhoton, Lawson, Vicars
- 27 Rhoton, Bowman, Tittsworth

Ushers:

- 6 A Walters
- 13 J Wells
- 20 G Osborne
- 27 B Thurman

Outside Morning Security:

- 6 Coy Kindle
- 13 Kenny Lawson
- 20 Joe Smith
- 27 Kevin Caldwell

If you will not be attending services yet please let the church office know and we find a replacement. Remember your safety comes first and finding a replacement is no problem.



Sermons on YouTube Will Continue Sunday Mornings:

Please understand that your decision to participate, or not to participate in returning to worship in the sanctuary, will be respected! Just because you can do something, doesn't mean you have to do something! More than anything, we want you to make the decision that is best for you, your family and your loved ones.

In addition to saying that, we would also encourage those that are considered high risk, whether it be age, underlying health conditions, medications that suppress the immune system, or other reasons, to stay at home. Just know that we still love you and we will miss you, but we see no need in taking an unnecessary risk. For those of you that stay home... we will miss you!

We also want to take this opportunity to let you know that we will continue livestreaming the service each Sunday. This is easily accessed from our website. Below is a link to the Lynn Garden Baptist YouTube channel which can be used to view our church services.

https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCmGFp0v5QWg_yFVTbam_EFA

This provides the ability to view a church service remotely should you be unable to attend due to travel, sickness, or other concerns such as the current situation like abstaining from gatherings due to health concerns. If you "subscribe" to the channel you should receive email notifications when we set-up an event prior to streaming one of our services.

Please realize this is a commercially available application which may have internet advertisements which are not disseminated nor endorsed by Lynn Garden Baptist and may be based on previous browser history. Please contact Michael Strickler If you have questions, suggestions to improve this service, or need further assistance. Michael Strickler, 423-360-9501

It is that time! Please help us fill 100 Christmas shoeboxes and share Christmas with needy children all over the world! Here are the items needed:



Time to collect for our Show Box Ministry!

Boys

- Yo-yos
- Whistles
- Toy cars or trucks
- Stuffed toys
- Socks
- Soccer ball deflated w/pump
- Whistles
- Toy cars or trucks
- Soccer ball deflated w/pump
- Puzzles
- Flashlights & batteries
- Fishing lures, hooks, etc.
- Tape measures
- Screwdrivers
- Small hammers
- Hats
- Flashlights & batteries

Girls

- dolls
- hair accessories
- little purses
- stuffed toys
- socks
- jump ropes
- jewelry
- puzzles
- sunglasses
- bandanas
- sewing kits
- fabric
- cooking utensils
- measuring spoons
- measuring cups
- mixing spoons

For all Boxes (100)

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| Washcloths | Pens | Bar Soap (Ivory) |
| Pencils & Containers | Crayons | Combs |
| Small Notebooks | Toothbrush | Small Coloring Books |

HOMECOMING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Due to the Coronavirus we will not have our annual Homecoming Celebrations, but will reschedule a Homecoming pot luck luncheon at a later date. (This is just for this year!)