

# 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:



Carolyn and I want to thank you as a church for the expressions of love shown to us in October. You will never know how much we appreciated each word, card, or gift. We consider ourselves blessed by God to be able to serve our Lord alongside you here at Lynn Garden Baptist Church.

One of our grandchildren prays so simply, but so sincerely. Even if we’re giving God thanks for the food, this child will share the names of whoever is on his heart at the time, and this year, I’ve noticed he always prays “for this coronavirus.” You know, his prayers touch my heart, and I know they touch the heart of God. I truly believe God hears the prayers of children. Why? Because of their honesty and sincerity. Matthew 6:7-8 “But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.” ‘Vain repetitions’ refer to useless babbling. It’s a prayer filled with empty words and phrases.

Jesus told the people that the power of prayer is not found in its length or the “right” words. The Pharisee in Jesus’ parable in Luke 18, used prayer as a way of getting public recognition. He prayed to be seen and heard by people around him. So then, what does God look for when He listens to our prayers? I’m sure that many things could be said, but let me point out just two:

1) God looks for prayers that are sincere. They should come from our heart. The publican in Jesus’ parable of Luke 18, prayed – “God be merciful to me a sinner,” a short prayer indeed, but Jesus said that he went home justified in the sight of God. In other words, his prayer was answered.

2) God looks for prayers that are of simple child-like faith. Note again what Jesus said in Matthew 6:8 – “...for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.”

Prayer is not us trying to persuade a reluctant God to hear us and help us. Prayer is us putting ourselves in a position where God can help us. We pray with confidence. Some people are afraid to pray out loud and in front of others for fear that they might not say the right thing. You know, with our grandchild, it doesn’t matter if it’s just the two of us, or the entire family’s there, his prayer will be the same. The truth is, it doesn’t matter what one person thinks of another person’s prayer. The only thing that matters is what God thinks. Have a great week and let your light shine for Jesus this week.

Pastor Rick



- 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Youth Sunday  
Deacon Meeting 5 pm
- 4 JAM 5:30 pm, Bible Study 6 pm
- 7 Mollie Osborne and Ian Allen  
Wedding 4 pm
- 8 Vote on 2021 Budget  
11 JAM 5:30 pm, Bible Study 6 pm  
18 JAM 5:30 pm, Bible Study 6 pm  
20 Joy Gardeners – Lynn Garden  
Fellowship Hall 11:30 am  
Meal (TBA) followed by Concert  
“Brian Burchfield”  
25 JAM 5:30 pm  
25-27 Thanksgiving Break  
26 Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed  
27 Office Closed  
29-Dec 6 Lottie Moon Offering for  
International Missions





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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 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) 8:00 pm

**Wednesdays**

JAM Activities  
Meal at 5:30 pm  
Bible Study and Activities at 6 pm



**November Outing**



Lynn Garden Fellowship Hall 11:30 am  
Friday, November 20  
Concert and Meal (provided)  
followed by  
Featuring Concert "Brian Burchfield"



**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:**



*Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*  
- 1 Timothy 4:12

I find myself always telling our students at church to never doubt themselves because they're too young. They're never too young to start reading the Bible, pray, read a daily devotion. But especially they're never too young to share their faith in Jesus Christ with others. Recently God reminded me of this fact in a very special way!

We decided to take Luke to ride a horse while we were on vacation over Fall Break. We met Ms. Vicky, the lady leading his ride, and in typical Luke fashion, he started talking up a storm with her as they started off on their ride. At some point as they are riding around the stables, Luke shares with Ms. Vicky, "I love Jesus, and I hate the devil!" And Ms. Vicky shared right back with Luke that she loved Jesus and hated the devil, too!

God's Word tells us in 1 Peter 3:15:

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;*

We never know what a simple comment we might make about our faith might do, but God sure does! And if my 4 year old son (Yes, he is 4 now – can you believe that?!) can share his faith while riding a horse on vacation, I don't think I have any excuses not to share my faith wherever I am and in whatever situation!

Growing God's Garden Together  
Andy

**JAMES' CORNER:**

When my brother and I were teenagers, we decided to build us a boat. We lived close to the river. We hunted up all kinds and sizes of wood. We got some of Dad's rusty nails. He always saved used nails and he would straighten them and reuse them. We began the work on our dream boat. We worked about a week and the day to launch finally came. We carried it through town to the river. We were so proud and happy after building our own boat. We put it in the water and it went to the bottom of the river immediately! Talk about heartbroken!

I have laughed many times about us carrying that crude looking boat through town. My brother and I had no plans nor the right kind of wood to build a boat. We have times in our life that we fail because we don't plan or get directions from our Lord. Life is a one-way trip. To make the best of it, we must plan by letting Jesus lead us. Things will be better if we stick with His plans. *"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye."* (Psalm 32:8)

Bro. James Meade



*Gale and Dolores Osborne  
would like to invite you to attend the  
marriage of their daughter*

*Mollie Osborne to Ian Allen*

*at 4 pm in the afternoon  
on November 7, 2020  
at Lynn Garden Baptist Church*

# November Sunday Morning Ministries

**Deacon of the Week:**

- 1 Tom Gilbert
- 8 Kenny Lawson
- 15 Randy Livesay
- 22 Allen Rhoton
- 29 Joe Stallard

**Greeters:**

- 1 TBA
- 8 TBA
- 15 TBA
- 22 TBA
- 29 TBA

**Audio:**

- 1 Michael Bush
- 8 Michael Strickler
- 15 Michael Bush
- 22 Michael Strickler
- 29 Michael Bush

**Power point:**

- 1 Avery Bush
- 8 Michael Bush
- 15 Avery Bush
- 22 Michael Bush
- 29 Avery Bush

**Video:**

- 1 Doug Clark
- 8 Caleb Hall
- 15 Conner Collins
- 22 Doug Clark
- 29 Caleb Hall

**DVD Distribution:**

- 1 no delivery
- 8 no delivery
- 15 no delivery
- 22 no delivery
- 29 no delivery

**Nursery Workers:**

- 1 A Collins, N Byrd
- 8 S Clark, M Tittsworth
- 15 Volunteers Needed
- 22 P Leedy, C Chapman
- 29 L Kirk, J Nowah

**Transportation:**

- 1 not running
- 8 not running
- 15 not running
- 22 not running
- 29 not running

**Children's Church:**

- 1&8 D Gilbert, C Gilbert
- 15&22 A Collins, A Lundy
- 29 Children remain in sanctuary

**Tellers:**

- 1 Rhoton, Bishop, Vicars
- 8 Rhoton, Bowman, Lawson
- 15 Rhoton, Tittsworth, Bishop
- 22 Rhoton, Lawson, Vicars
- 29 Rhoton, Tittsworth, Bishop

**Ushers:**

- 1 A Walters
- 8 J Wells
- 15 G Osborne
- 22 B Thurman
- 29 Paul Bowman

**Outside Morning Security:**

- 1 Glen Rogers
- 8 Randy Livesay
- 15 Tony Tittsworth
- 22 Coy Kindle
- 29 Paul Bowman



**Let the church deliver your church family's Christmas Cards.  
All you have to do is drop them off in a box located around the church.**

We have put a master list outside the church office if you want to send your Christmas cards through the church. All donations for "postage" will go towards our 2019 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions.

If you need to make any changes to your mailbox, downstairs near the fellowship hall, please let the church office know before December 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!!!

## WATCH MORNING WORSHIP AT HOME

**Sermons on YouTube Will Continue Sunday Mornings:**

Use the link below to view the Sunday Morning Worship services.

[https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCmGFp0v5QWg\\_yFVTbam\\_EFA](https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCmGFp0v5QWg_yFVTbam_EFA)

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## Project JFK Thanksgiving Baskets

**If you would like to sponsor a family: Use the 'Special Offering' envelope and designate it for "Thanksgiving Basket"**

## Order Poinsettias



Beginning Sunday, December 6th, and during the Christmas season our Sanctuary will be decorated with beautiful poinsettias. If you would like to place a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, you may do so by turning in this form and your money to the church office or placing the form and money in a special offering envelope with "Poinsettia" written on the outside. The cost of each flower is \$9.00.  
*Orders will be taken only until Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plants \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

**Operation Christmas Child  
Shoe Box Ministry**

**Boxes due back at Church  
before November 15<sup>th</sup>**



# Ministry Opportunities

As the new year approaches, it is time to start thinking about what role you would like to serve in the life of our church. In the next few weeks please begin praying how you feel God is leading you. Below are some areas where the church family needs additional participants.

God's Holy Word tells us...

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,  
as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.  
1 Peter 4:10*

### **JAM – Jesus and Me Children's Ministry:**

**JAM Children's Worship:** This ministry provides a morning worship service for children ages 4 thru 5th grade. The service incorporates biblical teaching, musical worship, and creative learning.

**Jammin' Sunday Nights:** The focus of this ministry is to help kids to develop relationships while teaching them to give and grow with each other. We also are developing a puppet ministry.

**Nursery/Preschool Ministry Team:** This ministry focuses on nurturing and teaching our young children about the love of Jesus Christ. These volunteers rotate on a regular basis as they serve in our nursery and preschool ministry each Sunday morning during worship.

### **Rootz Student Ministry:**

**Youth Ministry Team:** This ministry focuses on helping our teenagers grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ as well as with other Christians. There are various opportunities to serve in an on-going role in this ministry.

### **Wednesday Night JAM Ministry:**

On Wednesday nights all students meet together for a meal, worship and Bible study. We currently need individuals in all areas.

### **Joy Garden's (Just Older Youth)**

Our senior adults make up this ministry. Currently they are meeting once a month for food and Christian fellowship.

### **Transportation Ministry Team:**

This ministry provides transportation for those who need assistance to attend our worship services.

### **Greeter/Usher Ministry Team:**

**Greeters:** The Welcome Team strives to set a Christian example of the Body of Christ as members of God's family by giving guests a warm and comfortable welcome. They provide guests with information about the church and place them in appropriate Small Group Bible studies.

**Ushers:** These men help with taking up the offering and passing out bulletins with a smile to make everyone feel welcome.

**Security/Patrolling Ushers:** This ministry provides security during Sunday worship services for our building and our parking lot.

### **Sunday School and Small Group Bible Studies:**

Our small group Bible studies are the foundational strategies for helping people to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and with other believers. There are various groups for all ages. Sunday School meets at 9:45 am and Men's Bible Study on Wednesday morning.

### **Sound/Audio Visual Ministry Team:**

This ministry helps with worship services/events/meetings by providing quality sound and audio-visual enhancement. Training will be provided so experience is not necessary.

### **Choir and Musicians:**

The Choir leads worship in the Sunday morning worship services. If you sing or play an instrument this could be the place for you!

### **Women on Mission:**

This essentially encompasses the "women on mission" of the church. Project JFK (Our ministry to John F. Kennedy Elementary) and the Operation Christmas Child (Shoebox Ministry) are just a couple of the mission opportunities our women take on each year.

### **Brotherhood:**

The purpose of this ministry is to plan mission/ministry projects and fellowships that bring men together and reach out to our community.

### **Outreach**

**COA Team** (Community Outreach Activities): This team helps our church to plan and implement various creative outreach events such as Trunk and Treat, Spring Fling, and more.

**Card Ministry:** This group writes cards to guests and members as a way to provide encouragement and follow up from our church.

**Food Ministry Team:** This ministry provides food for members during times of grief.

**Grief Ministry Team:** This ministry provides assistance/ministerial care to our members during times of grief. They help during times of grief by organizing meals, prayer support, counsel, and visits of support and encouragement.