

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:



Whenever we have a new president elected, I admit there is always a little bit of apprehension within me. In my mind, all kinds of questions rise up: Which direction, morally speaking, will we as a nation go? Will we experience times of prosperity and peace or are challenging times ahead for us? I guess I must admit that I struggle with change at times, and yet, change happens. We welcome positive changes:

a wedding, a new baby, a graduation, a promotion, or a personal achievement. We dread the negative changes: an illness, death, divorce, getting fired from a job, or uprooting our family to move to a new location. Resisting change seldom works because change is going to happen whether we like it or not. You can’t stop growth. You can’t stop change.

As we all encounter major changes in our individual lives, and as our nation and world continue to change, we need to remember there is one thing that cannot change -- our unchanging God. In Malachi 3:6, God says, "For I am the Lord, I change not." Isn't that comforting? Even more specific and personal, God's love for you will never change. Jeremiah 31:3 says, "I have loved you with an everlasting love." It is permanent, so you can build your life on it.

When the winds of change are blowing everything away and everything is being uprooted, know that God's love for you will never change. So let the changes come. We will not walk in fear, but in faith! We will trust God with all the changes, and know that He is more than able to help us and that He even has plans to bless us.

“I Know Who Holds Tomorrow” is a beloved song written by Ira Stanphill many years ago. I love the line from that great hymn which reads, “Many things about tomorrow I don’t seem to understand, but I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand.” You and I cannot know what the future holds, but as Christians, we can know our Lord will be with us every step of the way and He will see us through.

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

Pastor Rick



Ministry & Fellowship Opportunities

- 3 Bible Study 6 pm
- 7 Souper Bowl Sunday
- 10 Bible Study 6 pm
- 17 Bible Study 6 pm
- 24 Bible Study 6 pm
Business Meeting (January)

“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.”

1 PETER 4:8





Please pray for our student ministries. We will get back together as soon as possible.

Youth join us as we gather virtually.



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 boxes.



Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thanks for all your prayers, cards and also your calls.

Barbara and Coy Kindle

Lynn Garden Baptist Church,

It is with gratitude and a humble heart that I would like to extend a thank you on behalf of Kennedy Elementary. You helped make a difference for so many families!

♥ Debbie Allen

A MESSAGE FROM ANDY:



And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

- Hebrews 10:24-25

One thing this Coronavirus Pandemic taught me this past year is to never again take for granted our ability to gather together for worship! We are coming up on close to a year since everything shut down, and I pray that we are seeing a light at the end of the tunnel with the vaccine rolling out.

One thing our group of middle and high school students love is gathering together to sing praises to God. Be it in the J.A.M. Room or Resurrection, praising our Lord and Savior through song gives us that time to thank Him and give Him the glory He is so greatly due. It is something I have missed and am excited to resume sooner rather than later, Lord willing!

I am grateful that this pandemic occurred in a time when we have the technology to meet and study God's Word in a virtual setting, but nothing compares to being able to assemble together as God's Church to praise and worship Him. My prayer is that, once this pandemic is over, none of us will ever forsake or take lightly our ability to come together and worship!

Andy

JAMES' CORNER:

Happy New Year to everyone. Thank you for helping make the past year a little more cheerful. It has been a hard 20 months for Margaret and me. Your prayers gave us strength. Your many cards throughout the year were uplifting to us both. We have received Christmas cards from so many of you. EVERY card was so enjoyed and appreciated. Thank you everyone! Church family, you have been a blessing during this rough time in our lives. We both want to say thank you. We love you all and I miss being there so much. I have always liked the arrival of a new year. It is an opportunity to start over and forget the wrongs of the past year. We can pray to make better choices in the new year ahead. As we think back over the past year and the mess we made of it, we can ask for God's forgiveness and go forward in 2021. Let us ask for wisdom as we begin this New Year. Margaret and I appreciate and love you so much.

Bro. James Meade





Deacon of the Week:
 7 Joe Stallard
 14 Louis Trivette
 21 Andy Walters
 28 Paul Bowman

Greeters:
 7 TBA
 14 TBA
 21 TBA
 28 TBA

Audio:
 7 Michael Bush
 14 Michael Strickler
 21 Michael Bush
 28 Michael Strickler

Power Point:
 7 Avery Bush
 14 Michael Bush
 21 Avery Bush
 28 Michael Bush

Video:
 7 Conner Collins
 14 Caleb Hall
 21 Doug Clark
 28 Conner Collins

DVD Distribution:
 7 No Delivery
 14 No Delivery
 21 No Delivery
 28 No Delivery

Nursery Workers:
 Nursery Not Provided at This Time

Transportation:
 7 Not Running
 14 Not Running
 21 Not Running
 28 Not Running

Children's Worship:
 No Children Worship at This Time

Tellers:
 7 Rhoton, Vicars
 14 Rhoton, Lawson, Tittsworth
 21 Rhoton, Vicars
 28 Rhoton, Lawson

Ushers:
 7 Jasen Wells
 14 Gale Osborne
 21 Bill Thurman
 28 Andy Walters

Outside Morning Security:
 7 Louis Trivette
 14 Kenny Lawson
 21 Allen Rhoton
 28 Randy Livesay

ATCH 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

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COVID-19: We strongly recommend that you wear a mask for the entire time you are inside our building.



“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY
 Sunday, February 7, 2021

We will be collecting cans of soup for the Care House. Our goal is 150 cans of soup.

This is a great ministry opportunity for us to share God's love with our community in a practical way! Please bring soup to the church and place them in the collection area behind the choir loft. Thank you in advance for helping!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY



Adults, come join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm, downstairs in the fellowship hall. Everyone wears their mask & we are socially distanced. We begin our time together in prayer and then we study God's Word together. This coming Wednesday, we will be looking at 1 John 3:9-24, as we continue the our Bible Study, "Living with Assurance," a study of John's Epistles (1, 2, and 3 John).

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering



Lottie Moon International Mission Offering
 Our goal is \$5,000.00. We have received \$5,234.00.

A special thank you to everyone that supported the 2020 Lottie Moon International Mission Offering.



GOD LOVES YOU.

1 John 4:19

We love because he first loved us.

John 15:13

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Ephesians 5:1

Follow God's example; therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

1 John 3:18

Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

1 Peter 4:8

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

Proverbs 10:12

Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs.

Jeremiah 31:3

I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love, I have drawn you to myself.

Romans 13:8

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

1 Corinthians 13:15

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Romans 8:37-39

But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Song of Solomon 8:6

Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame.