THE **CHALLENGE**

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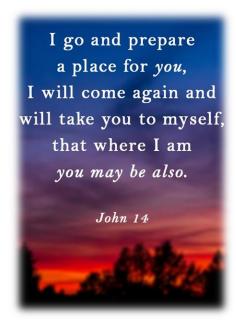
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Ministry & Fellowship Opportunities Deacon Meeting 5 PM

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5	JAM 5:30 PM - Meals Resume,
	Bible Study 6 PM
5	National Day of Prayer
9	Mother's Day Morning
12	JAM 5:30 PM, Bible Study 6 PM
16	Sunday Evening Service 6 PM
19	Men's Bible Study 8 AM
19	Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner
	JAM 5:30 PM, Bible Study 6 PM
26	JAM 5:30 PM,
26	Bible Study 6 PM,
	Business Meeting (Apr)
30	Observe Lord's Supper





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:



The story is told of a woman in England who came to her minister with a troubled conscience. The minister knew her to be a habitual gossip—she had maligned nearly everyone in the village. "How can I make amends?" she pleaded. The minister said, "If you want to make peace with your conscience, take a bag of goose feathers and drop one on the porch of each one you have slandered." When she had done so, she came back to the minister and said, "Is that all?" "No,"

said the wise old minister, "you must go now and gather up every feather and bring them all back to me." After a long time the woman returned without a single feather. "The wind has blown them all away," she said. "My good woman," said the minister, "So it is with gossip. Unkind words are easily dropped, but we can never take them back again."

In Psalm 141:3, we find these words, "Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips." The problems of the world could be solved overnight if people could get victory over their tongues. A wise person thinks about how their words will be received and what effect their words might have on the other person and on their witness. The one filled with godly wisdom doesn't always say what's on their minds, but instead pauses to ask, "God, what would you have me say?" Asking God to set a guard over our mouths is more than a prayer for self-control when we're angry. It's a plea for self-control in everything we say. I know you've seen this acronym before, but we should ask ourselves the following five questions before we speak:

T - Is it truthful? Is what I'm about to say the truth?

H - Is it helpful? Or will it simply harm the other person?

I - Is it inspirational? Does it build up or does it tear down?

N - Is it necessary? If it's not necessary, why do I need to say it?

K - Is it kind?

May God bless you and your family. Let your light shine for Jesus!

Pastor Rick



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Wednesday

JAM 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Worship and Bible Study Masks Will Be Worn Meals begin back on May 5th

Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Children's Worship 11:15 am
Andy on YouTube 6:00 PM
Masks Will Be Worn When
Meeting in Person

M-FUGE @ Ridgecrest Outside of Asheville, NC June 19 - June 23



at Lynn Garden Baptist
John 15:5
An "Extension" of ROOTZ Youth Ministry
Current Meeting
Sunday BrancheZ College-Age Bible
Study @ 8:30 p.m.
Beginning Sunday, May 7th
Google Meet
Join with Code: tca-jaeb-txq



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.



A MESSAGE FROM ANDY:



"But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, 'These who have turned the world upside down have come here too." Acts 17:6

It certainly feels like the world was turned upside down over the past year, but can you imagine what it was like when Jesus' disciples and the early church were spreading through the Middle East, Africa, Asia Minor, and Greece in the 1st century introducing the Jews and Gentiles to Jesus?

Charlie Hall at Passion in 2020 opened by saying, "God, let us be a generation that seeks Your Face."

I firmly believe that we need a generation to RISE UP and TURN THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN for JESUS. I'm approaching the big 4-0 this year, and I don't believe it will be my generation. I would love to be wrong, but as a whole, we've already messed things up too badly.

Will it be the upcoming generation? The one after that?

The opposite is something terrible to think about....

"When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel." Judges 2:10

If we don't start preparing our children and youth to be a generation that seeks God's face, my fear is this will happen. Can you imagine? An entire generation that didn't know God. There are few things scarier!

I see sparks in our children and youth today that could start a fire for God, but Satan is trying his best to use the lures of this world to pull them away. And they can't do it alone. The need us, church family, to support and disciple them. They need Christ-centered friendships and relationships with others of their generation to bolster them. They need prayer and encouragement to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and spread the Gospel with courage and boldness.

Let's pray that we will see a generation turn this world upside down for Jesus!

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GREETERS NEEDED ON SUNDAY MORNING

The team is stationed at entrances to greet members and guests as they arrive for Sunday School & Morning Worship. Please use the tear off portion of the bulletin to let the office know you will serve on this ministry team.

JAMES' CORNER:

When I was a child, I would pick Mom wild flowers. She would quickly put them in a vase. She loved them. Our sons used to pick their mother dandelions. They meant so much to her. To this day Margaret still calls them a "Mommie's Flower." I remember on my first trip to Bristol alone, I wanted to buy my Mother a Christmas gift. I searched everywhere for a gift to match the money I had. I finally found a ceramic high-top shoe with a rose on it. It matched the money I had which was 25 cents. She unwrapped it and cuddled it as if it was a \$100 gift. She put it in the living room where it could be seen by all. It was still there when I left home. It is not always the big gifts that mean the most to Moms. It is what we give from our heart. If your mom is still living, give her a hug or go pick her a wild flower or maybe write her a personal note. She will love it as much as an expensive gift. HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

Bro. James Meade



Deacon of the Week:

2	Andy Walters
9	Paul Bowman
16	Steve Byrd
23	Mickey Bush
30	Tom Gilbert

Greeters:

2	TBA
9	TBA
16	TBA
23	TBA
30	TBA

<u>Audio:</u>

2	Michael Bush
9	Michael Strickler
16	Michael Bush
23	Michael Strickler
30	Michael Bush

Power Point:

2	Avery Bush
9	Michael Bush
16	Avery Bush
23	Michael Bush
30	Avery Bush

Video:

2	Conner Collins
9	Caleb Hall
16	Doug Clark
23	Conner Collins
30	Caleb Hall
DVD Di	stribution:
2	No Delivery

2 No Delivery 9 No Delivery 16 No Delivery 23 No Delivery 30 No Delivery

Nursery Workers:

2	S Clark, M Tittsworth
9	P Leedy, C Chapman
16	L Kirk, J Nowah
23	C Gilbert, J Livesay
30	A Collins, N Byrd

Transportation:

2	Not Running
9	Not Running
16	Not Running
23	Not Running
30	Not Running
Children's Worship:	

2&9 Roy & Christine Chapman

16&23 D Gilbert, L Walters

30 Children remain in Sanctuary

Tellers:

Rhoton, Bowman, Lawson
Rhoton, Tittsworth, Bishop
Rhoton, Lawson, Vicars
Rhoton, Bowman, Tittsworth
Rhoton, Lawson, Vicars

<u>Ushers</u>

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2	Andy Walters
9	Gale Osborne
16	Bill Thurman
23	Paul Bowman
30	Andy Walters
Outside	Morning Security:
2	Tony Tittsworth
9	Randy Livesay
16	Glen Rogers
23	Joe Smith
30	Joe Collier

WATCH MORNING WORSHIP AT HOME

<u>Sermons on YouTube Will Continue Sunday Mornings:</u>
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.



Cinco De Mayo is the day!

Wednesday, May 5 at 5:30

JAM meals will resume



IT'S BACK!!!

Join us each Sunday Starting May 16!





MEN'S BIBLES STUDY

Wednesday, May 19 8:30 am LGBC Fellowship Hall

Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner! Time to fellowship together

Join us Wednesday, May19 at 5:30 pm as we break bread together for the first time in a long time! We will be ordering individual fried chicken meals.



Class of Congratulations!



Caroline Elizabeth Gilbert

Dobyns Bennett High School Daughter of Thomas and Debbie Gilbert Granddaughter of Tom and Bettie Gilbert



Aiden Flanary
Dobyns Bennett High School
Son of Scott and Kim Flanary



McKenzie Byington

Dobyns Bennett High School

Daughter of Jamie Buchanan

Great-Granddaughter of Don and Della Parson



Trent Jackson Jones

Hume-Fogg High School

Son of Ross and Sandra Jones

Grandson of Shirley Cox and the late Jack Cox

Nephew of Vicki Wallen



Preston Ware
Dobyns Bennett High School
Son of Kim Trivette
Grandson of Paul and Sue Bowman



Michelle Morton
Science Hill High School
Daughter of Tom and Teresa Morton
Grand daughter of Doug and Wilma Carico



Cameron Hartzler
LeTourneau University
B.S. in Forensic Chemistry
Son of Mark and Mitzi Hartzler
Grandson of Doug and Wilma Carico



Andrew Morton
Rhodes College
Masters in Accounting
Son of Tom and Teresa Morton
Grandson of Doug and Wilma Carico