## THE CHALLENGE

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Ministry & Fellowship Opportunities

- Youth Sunday Morning Worship
- 2 1st Day of School
- 4 Men's Bible Study 8 am
- 4 JAM 5:30 pm, Bible Study 6 pm
- 11 Men's Bible Study 8 am
- 11 JAM 5:30 PM, Bible Study 6 PM
- 13 Fellowship Hall Reserved
- 15 Lauren Strickler Ford Baby Shower 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
- 15 Mission Dignity Emphasis
- 15 Nominating Comm. 5 pm
- 18 Men's Bible Study 8 am
- 18 Fellowship Meal Cookout 5:30 pm
- 18 JAM 5:30 pm, Bible Study 6 pm
- 22 Deacon Nominations
- 25 Men's Bible Study 8 am
- 25 JAM 5:30 PM, Bible Study 6 pm, Business Meeting, Choir 7 pm
- 27 JOY Gardener's Cub Outing 11 am
- 27 29 Doe River Gorge Retreat
- 29 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:



One reason so many of us are stressed out today is we're rarely content with what we have. We always want more—If I just had more money, then I would be content. . . . If I were a bit more intelligent. . . . If I were more good looking. . . If we had a bigger house, a newer car, ... more, more, more. It's a never-ending pursuit of something that is always just beyond our grasp.

The Bible shows us another way, though. The apostle Paul said, "I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content" (Philippians 4:11). Paul was in prison when he made that statement. Paul's contentment was not based on his circumstances, but on his relationship with Christ. Paul focused on eternal life, the love of God, and the forgiveness of sins. What he had in Christ was far greater than what he didn't have in life! It's interesting that Paul used the term "learned" - "I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content." Paul reminds us that contentment doesn't happen overnight. It's something that we learn. As our relationship with God develops over time and through experiences, we learn to trust God more and ourselves less. Some things have to be taught. For instance, children are not naturally selfish. We have to teach them to share. If you put a child in a room and give him/her a toy, they will be relatively happy. But when you bring in another child with another toy, look out! Each child wants what the other has. That's human nature, and we don't necessarily outgrow it. So we see that contentment doesn't come naturally to us, because we're not naturally content. Contentment isn't laziness. It doesn't mean you shouldn't want to better yourself. It doesn't mean you don't have goals. Contentment is enjoying what you have right now rather than waiting for something else to happen so you can be happy.

Think about it........What we have in Christ is far greater than anything we don't have in life. We have Jesus, and Jesus has us. Therefore, we have everything we need for now and for eternity. And that makes all the difference in the world. Count your blessings and focus more on what you have and less on what you don't! Have a great week and let your light shine for Jesus this week.

Pastor Rick



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#### Wednesday

JAM 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Meals, Worship and Bible Study

#### Doe River Gorge Retreat

August 27 – 29, 2021 Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

#### Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Children's Worship 11:15 am
Rootz 5:30 pm
JAM (K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) 5:30 pm
(Kids start back August 8)



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.
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.



Dear Church Family,

We just wanted to thank everyone for their calls, cards, love and mostly their prayers, during the illness of our loved one. It is a blessing being a part of such a wonderful church family.

Glen and Ann Rogers and family

#### A MESSAGE FROM ANDY:



""Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."
- Philippians 1:6

I love seeing our church filled with children and youth worshipping God during Vacation Bible School! The old saying goes that, "It takes a village to raise a child." I believe it takes "AN ARMY" to put on a Vacation Bible School, and I want to thank each and every person who was involved in any way in making our VBS a success this year!

For our children and youth who don't know Christ as Savior, we sowed seeds that, encouraged by prayer and continuing to reach out, will grow in their hearts. And for those who do know Christ as Savior, they grew closer to God through worship and studying the Bible during VBS. They all learned through Philippians 1:6 that Jesus works in them and through them for His Good and for His Glory.

For our adults and youth who served in so many ways – before, during, and after VBS – we were the loving hands and feet of Jesus that made this week possible. We glorified Philippians 1:6 in that Jesus continues to work in us and through us for His Good and for His Glory.

So now it is "Back to School" time. Anyone who knows Kristy and me knows how much we love our summers off to spend with Luke! The start of this school year is different, however, in that we are prayerful to begin 2021-2022 without the impact of COVID-19, and to get to know our new 3rd graders face-to-face. Our children and youth (and teachers!) are craving an uninterrupted school year.

Our summer here at Lynn Garden Baptist is one I will always remember! Through VBS, FUGE, and Fantastic Fridays (not to mention our regular weekly activities), our children and youth have grown in The Lord, and I pray that they will face whatever challenges the new school year brings in a way that brings glory and honor to God.

Church Family – please pray for all our children, youth, and educators as we begin the 2021-2022 school year!

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#### JAMES' CORNER:

In 2 Corinthians 12:9, Jesus tells us, "My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Have you ever had to claim these words of Jesus? I have many times. I remember several years ago I was asked to help in a funeral service. The director told me that the pastor of the person would do the funeral message and I would have the scripture, prayer, and obituary. The night of the service, I asked the pastor the order of service. He replied that he would be doing the obituary, scripture, and prayer. He said I would be preaching the message. I told him he would be doing the message because I was not prepared to do the message. He replied, "I'm not preaching it!" About that time, the daughter came up to us and said, "If one of you preachers yells FIRE, neither one of you would have to preach a message!" I felt so bad for the daughter. I replied, "I will do it" and I did. I received sufficient grace to get through the service. Sometimes even us preachers try to shirk our responsibility just like other people often do. If we go ahead and try in a tight situation, God will give us the needed wisdom and grace. May we all be faithful in our work for the Lord. His grace will be sufficient in all we do in His name.

Bro. James





Deacon of the Week:

Mickey Bush
 Tom Gilbert
 Kenny Lawson
 Randy Livesay
 Allen Rhoton

Greeters

W Carico & C Meade
K & D Lawson
C & S Hurd
A Rhoton, F Bates
W Carico & C Meade

Audio:

Michael Strickler
Michael Bush
Michael Strickler
Strickler
Michael Bush
Michael Strickler
Strickler

Power Point:

Michael Bush
Avery Bush
Michael Bush
Avery Bush
Avery Bush
Avery Bush
Michael Bush

Video:

1 Caleb Hall
8 Doug Clark
15 Conner Collins
22 Caleb Hall
29 Doug Clark
DVD Distribution:
No delivery at this time.

Nursery Workers:

1 P Leedy, N Byrd
8 Cat Gilbert, J Livesay
15 S Clark, J Nowah
22 Car Gilbert, C Chapman

29 A Collins, N Byrd

Transportation:

1 Joe Collier

8 David Vicars

15 Louis Trivette

22 Joe Collier

29 David Vicars

Children's Worship:

1 & 8 A Collins, A Lundy 15 & 22 D Gilbert, L Walters Tellers:

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

<u>Ushers</u>:

1 Andy Walters
8 Gale Osborne
15 Bill Thurman
22 Paul Bowman
29 Andy Walters
Outside Morning Security:

Joe Collier
 Louis Trivette
 Kenny Lawson
 Allen Rhoton
 Paul Bowman

God Is Love

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

1 John 4:16

#### 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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MEN'S BIBLES STUDY Wednesdays 8:00 am LGBC Fellowship Hall

# FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Wednesday, August 18th at 5:30 pm



Bring your lawn chairs and/or picnic blankets.

Weather permitting, we will be outside for dinner and Bible study/prayer time.

Dessert donations are much appreciated!!



We will start back with JOY August Outing will be

Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> to Chop House Restaurant

1701 North Eastman Rd

Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 am

# JAM Student Retreat

August 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>



Bible Study, Team Building, Games, Camp Fire and Saturday DAYQUEST.

#### What is Dayquest...

Ride the 700-foot water-landing zipline ... get blasted by the BLOB ... Swim in the manmade LAKE with a white-sand beach, water volleyball and basketball, water slides, the LILY PAD crossing and WATER OBSTACLE COURSE. See it all from the giant CLIMBING TOWER overlooking the lake! Also, guided horseback trail rides on scenic wooded trails and arena rides for the youngsters. A favorite for all...Rail excursions into the Doe River Gorge on the historic tracks of the former East TN & Western NC Railroad.

Cost is only \$25.00 per person (\$20.00 per person if you have more than one child). Please use a special offering envelope and place it in the offering boxes outside the church office or in the vestibule. Mark Student Retreat and the child's name on the envelope.

If you would like to sponsor a student for the trip the actual trip cost \$109.00. We do have many JAM students that will have trouble coming up with their portion of the trip so any donations are greatly appreciated.



Retreat Theme - 2 Timothy 1:7
For God gave us a spirit not of fear
but of power and love
and self-control.



## Thank you VBS Volunteers



## JAM - August Emphasis ...

Get ready for back-to-school focus in JAM on Wednesday nights, as we use GOD'S Word to prepare our students for the classroom! Grades k – 5<sup>th</sup>!

Wednesday at 5:30

Dinner, Worship and Survivor Games!



### **PROJECT JFK**

We are collecting school supplies for Kennedy Elementary School. Please put items in the collection area behind the choir loft. Here are the essential items the children will need.

- ☐ Pencil / Crayon Box Container
- ☐ Backpack (No wheels please)
- □ No. 2 Pencils
- □ Crayons
- ☐ Glue Sticks
- □ Box of Tissue
- ☐ Crayon Box Container
- ☐ Composition Book
- $\hfill \square$  Primary Composition Book or / and Regular Composition Book
- ☐ Colored Pencils
- ☐ Wide-Rule Notebook Paper
- ☐ Three-Ring Binder (durable): 1½" or 2"