

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:



God used the prophet Elisha to perform several miracles during his ministry. The one recorded in 2 Kings 6:1-7 is often referred to as “the miracle of the floating axe head.” Elisha had started a School of Prophets that had continued expanding under Elisha’s successor, Elisha. The number of students attending this school in Gilgal had outgrown their facilities, so with Elisha’s approval to enlarge their facility, they began the expansion project. The students in this school went to the river and began cutting down timber. As they’re cutting down some trees, one of the students was cutting a tree and his axe head fell into the water. Now he became really upset because the axe was borrowed. He tells Elisha what happened and Elisha goes to the point in the river where the axe head fell in, cut a stick, threw it into the water and made the ax head float.

I used to wonder what the purpose of this miracle being recorded in God’s Word was. Was it just simply to remind us of the power of God? Yes, that is absolutely one reason, but there is another reason. To us, it might sound like such a simple need, but it was a real need to the man who lost the ax head. We might think God would be too busy with larger and more important needs than to be concerned about an ax head that had gotten lost in the river. This miracle illustrates a simple but profound truth: God cares about the small stuff of life—lost ax heads, lost glasses, lost keys, lost cell phones, lost contact lenses—the little things that cause us to fret and worry. But His promise to provide for the needs of His people covers little things as well as big ones. He does not always restore what was lost (for reasons of His own), but He understands our loss and comforts us in our distress.

Next to the assurance of our salvation, the assurance of our Heavenly Father’s care is essential. Our concerns are His concerns. Our small worries mean everything to Him because we mean everything to Him. 1 Peter 5:7 reminds us, “*Casting all your care upon him; for he cares for you.*” Have a great week and let your light shine for Jesus this week!

Pastor Rick



Ministry & Fellowship Opportunities

- 1 Men’s Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,
Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm
- 4 Jessica Fleenor Weaver Baby Shower 2 -4
- 5 Student Led Sunday Morning
- 8 Men’s Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,
Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm
- 12 Souper Bowl Sunday Collection,
Youth Super Bowl Party
Mollie Osborne Allen Baby Shower 2-3:30
- 14 Valentine’s Day
- 15 Men’s Bible Study 8 am,
JAM 5:30 pm, Bible Study 6 pm,
Choir 7 pm
- 19 Staff Meeting 5 pm
- 22 Men’s Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 p Bible
Study 6 pm, Business Meeting, Choir 7pm
- 24 Joy Gardeners Pratts BBQ Outing 11:30am





Student Ministry

Wednesday



JAM 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Free Meal, Worship and
Bible Study
Preschool – 12th grade

Sunday

Sunday School	9:45 am
Morning Worship	11:00 am
Children's Worship	11:15 am
Student Meal	5:30 pm
Student Worship	6:00 pm



Branchez
College
Ministry
at Lynn Garden
Baptist
John 15:5

An "Extension" of ROOTZ Youth Ministry
Our next meeting is
April 30, 2023

MESSAGE FROM ANDY:



*Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls;
All Your waves and billows have gone over me.
The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime,
And in the night His song shall be with me —
A prayer to the God of my life.
• Psalm 42:7-8*

Have you seen videos (Or maybe participated in!) the "Polar Plunge"? Folks who take the Polar Plunge don their summer swimsuits and jump into frigid water in the middle of winter. I love watching videos of the Polar Plunge to see the shock on folks' faces as the icy water chills them to the bone! If they weren't awake before, they certainly are after!

The theme for the Strength to Stand Conference our youth attended in January was "DEEPER." It was an amazing time of worship and hearing God's Word preached! Each speaker focused on how we as Christians can, and should, go deeper in our faith and in our walk with Jesus Christ. I literally wrote a book over the course of the weekend as I took notes and journaled about the sermons.

I want to pull out one particular area focused on by Brian Mills on the last day of the conference. Brian encouraged us to "look for the opportunities in opposition". We need to go "DEEPER" in our purpose...living for Jesus Christ! We will face "purpose robbers" along the way and must be prepared to face them, but we should not use those purpose robbers to put limits on ourselves, put limits on God, or to make excuses.

Folks who take the "Polar Plunge" get a shock to their system when they go "DEEPER" into that icy water. We need to go "DEEPER" in our walk with Christ. We may need a shock to our system of the same severity to wake us up to what God wants to do in us and through us. Our purpose is greater than us, and that purpose is found in our MIGHTY GOD!

Two big takeaways I wrote from Brian's sermon:

1. When we choose the ways of God, we see movements take place.
2. God can move in Lynn Garden.

Let us use the hope we have in Jesus as our fuel for movements to take place as we GROW GOD'S GARDEN TOGETHER!

Andy



The February outing for Joy Gardeners will be at **Pratts BBQ** and Catering on Friday February 24 @ 11:30. Van will not run. We will meet at the restaurant. We will order off the menu or they have a lunch buffet for 11.99 drink and tip not included.

WMU Happenings

Mission Focus Meetings

...will be held at the same time the deacon meetings are held.
The first Sunday of each odd number months.
Join us, Sunday, March 5, 2023 at 5 pm, in the parlor.

WMU Garden Parties

...will be in the even months.
Join us, Saturday, February 11, 2022 at 2 pm for

One Day Bible Study

All women welcome

Women's Bible Study

More information coming soon...

Brotherhood Happenings

Deacons Meet

Sunday, March 5, 2023 at 5 pm

Men's Bible Study

Every Wednesday morning at 8 am
In the fellowship hall. All men welcome!

February Sunday Morning Ministries

Deacon of the Week:

5 Michael Strickler
12 David Vicars
19 Steve Byrd
26 Steve Fletcher

Greeters:

5 Freddy Puckett
12 Allen Rhoton & Frances Bates
19 Wilma Carico, Carolyn Meade & Louis Ann Southard
26 Kenny & Deborah Lawson

Audio:

5 Michael Bush
12 Michael Strickler
19 Michael Bush
26 Michael Strickler

Power Point:

5 TBA
12 Michael Bush
19 TBA
26 Michael Bush

Video:

5 David Hammonds
12 Doug Clark
19 Conner Collins
26 David Hammonds

DVD Distribution:

No delivery at this time.

Nursery Workers:

5 Catherine Gilbert, Debbie Gilbert
12 Caroline Gilbert, Christine Chapman
19 Aliceson Collins, Nancy Byrd
26 Anissa Barrett, Caroline Gilbert

Transportation:

5 Joe Collier 286-2154
12 Roy Chapman 782-0246
19 Louis Trivette 429-7537
26 Joe Collier 286-2154

Children's Worship:

5 & 12 R Fletcher, A Rogers
19 & 26 C Gilbert, D Gilbert

Tellers:

5 Rhoton, Lawson, Tittsworth
12 Rhoton, Trent, Vicars
19 Rhoton, Livesay, Tittsworth
26 Rhoton, Tittsworth, Trent

Ushers

5 Bill Thurman
12 Andy Walters
19 Gale Osborne
26 TBA

Outside Morning Security:

5 Lois Trivette
12 Joe Collier
19 Kenny Lawson
26 Allen Rhoton



NEEDED!

Wednesday Night Transportation, for children who want to come to church but don't have a ride.

Can anyone help get these kids to our church?



Collecting cans of soup for carehouse. Please have to church by February 12th

Thank You!

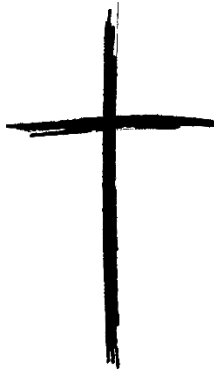
Lynn Garden Baptist Church Family,
Thank you for the prayers and support during our parents declining health.
Randy, Joy and Brooke Livesay

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Dear Church Family,  
Are hearts were touched my the outpring of love you showed during the passing of our sister, Dorothy. Thank you for your prayers, food, cards and calls. We also want to thank everyone that traveled to Jefferson City to pay their respects. We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving church.  
Tom and Bettie Gilbert

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We wanted to thank you for the Christmas bag f goodies. We enjoyed the visit and fellowship.
Don and Marcella



Ephesians

"Who We Are in Christ"

Begins Wednesday, February 1, 6:00 pm
All adults welcome!

OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

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 are behind the choir loft or drop donations in the offering boxes.



UPCOMING BABY SHOWERS...

Jessica Fleenor Weaver

Granddaughter of David and Pat Vicars,
Daughter of Amy Fleenor
Saturday, February 4
2 pm – 4 pm
In the fellowship hall

Registered:

www.babylist.com/kyhbpzspu



Mollie Osborne Allen

Daughter of Gale and Dolores Osborne
Granddaughter of Virginia Austin

Sunday, February 12
2 pm – 3:30 pm
In the fellowship hall

Registered:

www.babylist.com





WHICH MINISTRY IS GOD LEADING YOU TO?

We need individuals in the following ministries!

Which ministry is God calling you to be a part of? Please pray and let the church know!

Email us at lgbc@chartertn.net or call 246-2562

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 video and creative learning. Everything you need is supplied for you, the children just need a loving person to be with them.

JAM Sunday Night Meals: We meet at 5:30 pm and feed the kids. We need individuals to help with feeding the students on Sunday nights. Food will be picked up we need servers and clean-up. After the meal we have a worship service with Andy Walters sharing a message.

Sunday Morning 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. Sunday mornings, Sunday nights as well as Wednesday evenings with JAM ministry youth.

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. We currently need individuals on Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings.

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.

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 (Shoebbox Ministry) are just a couple of the mission opportunities our women take on each year. Every other month our ladies meet for what we call "WMU Garden Party" and do a one day Bible study with snacks and wonderful fellowship.

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.