

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:



Do you ever look around at all that is happening in our world today and feel fear grip your heart?

What are you worried about? The economy? Your health? Your bills? Your kids? The future? The fact is there are a lot of reasons to be afraid in today’s world. How do we navigate both our fears and our faith?

There’s a wonderful truth found in 2 Kings 6:16, “Fear not, for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.” The prophet Elisha spoke this treasured truth to his servant. The servant was overwhelmed with fear because he looked and saw a massive enemy army surrounding them. His fear is clearly heard when he asked Elisha, “Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?” Their circumstances appeared to be hopeless when seen through human eyes. But Elisha didn’t look at their circumstances with human eyes. Elisha clearly saw the enemy surrounding his city, but he also saw an angel army sent by God who was far stronger, far greater and far more in control than any human eye could see.

I love what Elisha prays for his servant – that his spiritual eyes would be opened so his faith would be increased. He didn’t pray for his servant’s fear to be erased; He didn’t pray that the enemy would turn and run; He simply prayed that his servant would see that God is in control. Elisha answered his servant, “Fear not, for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed and said,

‘Lord, open his eyes, that he may see.’ And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw; and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.” (2 Kings 6:16-17)

His fear was then silenced as he saw the protection and provision of God. That was true for Elisha’s fearful servant, and it’s true for us, too. All of us at times feel afraid, but we don’t have to live afraid. Two thousand years ago Jesus rose from the grave and because Jesus lives, we can face tomorrow. The words of the hymn Bill & Gloria Gather penned years ago are so true:

“Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives all fear is gone.
Because I know, He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.”

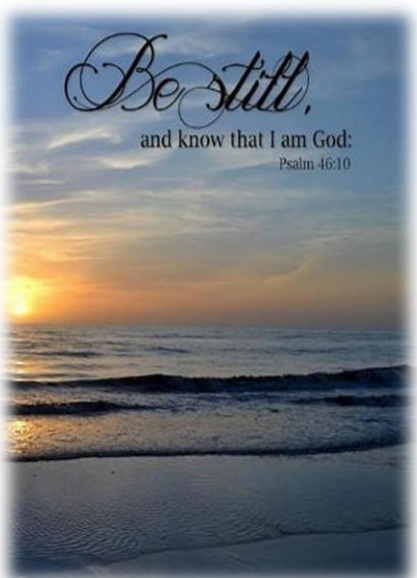
I hope you and your family are planning to join us in church this coming Sunday. Have a great week and let your light shine for Jesus this week!

Pastor Rick



Ministry & Fellowship Opportunities

- 3 WMU Garden Party 2 pm
- 4-8 VBS
- 11 Youth – Night of Worship on Broad Street
- 14 Men’s Bible Study 8 am,
JAM 5:30 pm, Bible Study 6 pm,
Choir 7 pm
- 21 Men’s Bible Study 8 am,
JAM 5:30 pm, Bible Study 6 pm,
Choir 7 pm
- 22 Joy Gardeners
- 28 Men’s Bible Study 8 am,
JAM 5:30 pm, Bible Study &
Business Mtg 6 pm, Choir 7 pm





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

Student Worship

5:30 pm – FREE Meal
6:00 pm – Worship
6:30 pm – Message by Andy Walters

Ages 4 – 1st Grade
Worship Time
Every Sunday Night

5:30 pm – Meal
6:00 pm – Worship
6:30 pm – Bible Study



Branchez College

Ministry

at Lynn Garden Baptist
John 15:5

An "Extension" of ROOTZ
Youth Ministry



MESSAGE FROM ANDY:



"Show me Your ways, O Lord;
Teach me Your paths."
• Psalm 25:4

June is Vacation Bible School month! I always look forward to welcoming so many kids, youth, and adults into our church during our week of VBS and showing them the love of Jesus so they can know Him and grow in relationship with Him!

Psalm 25:4 is our verse for VBS this year, and I truly believe this verse should be a prayer of our hearts each and every day in our walks as Christians. David cries out to God in this psalm to show him His ways and teach him His paths so that he can live out his life in a way that honors God and gives God all the glory for doing so.

David goes on to identify why he needs God to show him His ways and teach him His paths: troubles of his heart, affliction, distress, pain, and enemies. He knows that he needs God every step of the way in life, and I pray each one participating in Bible School - those serving and those participating - know and remember this fact and are encouraged to seek out God to guide them every step of the way in this journey, knowing that our destination is secure through Jesus Christ!

The week of Vacation Bible School often brings challenges: finding time to prepare for Bible Study, keeping to a different schedule, and honestly a lot of exhaustion! Please pray for all those who will be serving to make VBS 2023 happen, that each one will rely on God's strength and guidance through the week so that He will get the glory. I appreciate each one's willingness to serve at VBS as we continue to "Glorify, Grow, Give, and Go to Grow God's Garden Together!"

Please also pray for each child, youth, and adult who participates in VBS, that this would be the week that The Lord lays on their hearts the need for a Savior and that they would come to know Jesus as their Savior, or if they are saved, that they would grow closer to God and stronger in their witness for Jesus Christ!

Andy



CHANGE THE GAME!
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

June 4 – 8
6 pm to 8:30 pm
We Need Your Help!
Join us and enjoy sharing God's Word!



JAM FANTASTIC FRIDAYS

Summer Day Camp – Invite your friends and family!
Fridays, July 7, 14, 21 and 28 – For grades K- 6th

July 7, 2023
July 14, 2023
July 21, 2023
July 28, 2023

Bowling and Lunch!
Ridgefield Swimming Pool and Lunch!
Galaxy Pizza and Game Play!
Inflatable Water Play and Lunch!

June Sunday
Morning Ministries

Deacon of the Week:

4 Roy Chapman
11 Glen Rogers
18 Louis Trivette
25 Michael Strickler

Greeters:

4 Allen Rhoton, Frances Bates
11 Wilma Carico, Carolyn Meade,
Lois Ann Southard
18 Kenny and Deborah Lawson
25 Freddie Puckett

Audio:

4 Michael Strickler
11 Michael Bush
18 Michael Strickler
25 Michael Bush

Power Point:

4 Michael Bush
11 TBA
18 Michael Bush
25 TBA

Video:

4 Conner Collins
11 David Hammonds
18 Doug Clark
25 Conner Collins

DVD Distribution:

No delivery at this time.

Nursery Workers:

4 Catherine Gilbert, Michelle Dingus
11 Aliceson Collins, Nancy Byrd
18 Anissa Barrett, Caroline Gilbert
25 Kim Trivette, Christine Chapman

Transportation:

4 Louis Trivette 429-7537
11 Joe Collier 286-2154
18 Roy Chapman 782-0246
18 Louis Trivette 429-7537

Children's Worship:

4, 11 Debbie Gilbert, Linda Walters
18, 25 Doug Clark, Dolores Osborne

Tellers:

4 Rhoton, Vicars, Lawson
11 Rhoton, Marshall, Trent
18 Rhoton, Lawson, Vicars
25 Rhoton, Tittsworth, Sparks

Ushers:

4 Gale Osborne
11 Kenny Lawson
18 Andy Walters
25 Gale Osborne

Outside Morning Security:

4 Glen Rogers
11 Roy Chapman
18 Joe Collier
25 Louis Trivette



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.



Thank you
to everyone that gave!!!
Given: \$840.00



June 23, 2023 - Friday
Cook's Boathouse Restaurant
416 US-25 E Bean Station
(865) 935-0395

Van will leave at 10:30 - Meet at 11:30 – 52.2 miles / 57 min.

WMU Happenings

Mission Focus Meetings

...will be held at the same time the deacon meetings are held.
Join us, Sunday, July 2, 2023 at 5 pm, in the parlor.

WMU Garden Parties

...will be in the even months. Join us, Saturday, June 3, 2023 at 2 pm for

One Day Bible Study
All women welcome

Brotherhood Happenings

Men's Bible Study

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

Thank You!

Church Family,

Many thanks to each of you for your love and kindness shown to us during the passing of my father, Carl. For the many prayers, flowers, cards, memorial gifts, acts of kindness, the providing of a dinner for us when we returned home, we are so thankful and grateful to each of you! You will always have a special place in our heart. We love you!

Carolyn & Rick

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Recycle Your
Unwanted Glasses

The Couples class is collecting any unwanted glasses to share with the people of Africa. Please drop glasses in the box outside the church office, under the table! Deadline is June 14.



April
FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

In the May business meeting the April
Financial Report was presented and below is
a breif summary.

Budget Need: \$30,993.87
Budget Received: \$35,518.57
Amount Over Need: \$4,524.70

YTD Budget Received: \$110,091.10
YTD Budget Expenses: \$113,841.32
Receipts Under Expenses \$3,750.22

Designated Given: \$45,712.43



MESSAGE FROM KEVIN:



Most that know me, know that summer is my favorite season. I've always loved the longer days, the warmer weather and of course the beauty in everything blooming around me. In Matthew 12:27 – 28 Jesus says "Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much

more will He clothe you, O you of little faith?" Sometimes we can get so overwhelmed with everything going on in our lives and think "how can I go on" or "am I going to be able to make it?" But these verses remind us that with God through Christ Jesus we WILL be able to do what lies ahead of us. He will help us through and guide our path towards His will that He has set before us. "We have a heavenly Father above, with eyes full of mercy and a heart full of love. He really cares when your head is bowed low. Consider the lilies and then you will know."

Blessings in song,
Kevin

You are invited...



Join the Choir!