

THE CHALLENGE

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No pm Events

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MARCH

Ministry & Fellowship Opportunities

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Men's Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,
Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm

3-10

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

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Daylights Savings Time Starts

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Men's Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,
Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm

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Men's Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,
Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm

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JOY Gardeners to Full Belly (Lynn
Garden Restaurant) 11:30 am

24

Palm Sunday

27

Men's Bible Study 8 am,
No Prayer Meeting or Choir

28

Maundy Thursday 6 pm

29

Good Friday

25 - 29

School Spring Breaks

29

Good Friday, Office Closed

31

Easter Sunday,
Sunrise Service 7:00 am, Light Breakfast,
Morning Worship 11 am



Here is our
Vision in a Nutshell!

“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:



March Madness is here again! If you are a fan of NCAA basketball as I am, then you understand why I love this time of year. I want to share a couple of spiritual lessons we can learn from this tournament: First, life is unpredictable – I remember hearing last year that the NCAA said there has never been a verified perfect March Madness bracket. Likewise, no one can predict what will happen in our own lives. The Bible reminds us of that truth in James 4:13-15 “Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money. Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” You and I may not know what the future holds, but we know Who holds the future.

Second, there is hope when life seems hopeless – Nearly every year, the NCAA tournament features some dramatic upsets when a Cinderella team with little chance of winning a game can rise to the challenge and defeat a stronger, more prominent team. God’s Word is filled with account after account of underdogs emerging victorious with God’s help: David defeating the giant Goliath & Gideon and his 300 unarmed men defeating an army of thousands of well-fortified Midianite soldiers, are two that come to mind. But the greatest account in God’s Word of a time when things looked hopeless was when Jesus was crucified on the cross. It was from that cross that He spoke His final word, “It is finished” and then He died. His body was taken off the cross and buried. Satan thought he had won the victory, but three days later, on that first glorious Easter Sunday, the Son of God stepped out of the tomb. Death was conquered! Satan was defeated! Jesus is alive! The greatest comeback in history! In fact, in the November 12, 2001 edition of Sports Illustrated, they ran an article entitled, “Bouncing Back Big-Time”, listing Jesus Christ’s resurrection from the dead as number 1 on their list of the top 10 biggest comebacks of all time.

Paul said it perfectly concerning our comeback, “O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?”

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

You see, Christ’s comeback is our comeback, and His power is our power! Our hope is alive because our hope is alive in Christ! So share your comeback story with someone this week!

I hope to see you in church this coming Sunday. Don’t forget - let your light shine for Jesus!

Pastor Rick



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

Sunday Nights @ 5:30 pm

- Free Meal
- Worship
- Bible Study

"Authentic Love"



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

A MESSAGE FROM ANDY:



"But one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.'"

•Revelation 5:5

Have you ever heard the expression, "If March comes in like a lion, it'll go out like a lamb?" or "If March comes in like a lamb, it'll go out like a lion?" It refers to the pattern of weather where, if the weather is pleasant at the beginning of March, it won't be at the end of March, and vice versa.

There is a controversy regarding the origin of this expression. Some say it has to do with the transition from winter to spring that occurs in March. Others say it's related to the constellations. My favorite theory is the one that calls for a Biblical origin for this saying: Jesus came into the world as the sacrificial lamb to pay our sin debt once and for all through His blood shed on Calvary, and He is coming back in victory as The Lion of Judah!

As we prepare to celebrate Easter at the end of March, I'm reminded of these lyrics from "LION" by Elevation Worship:

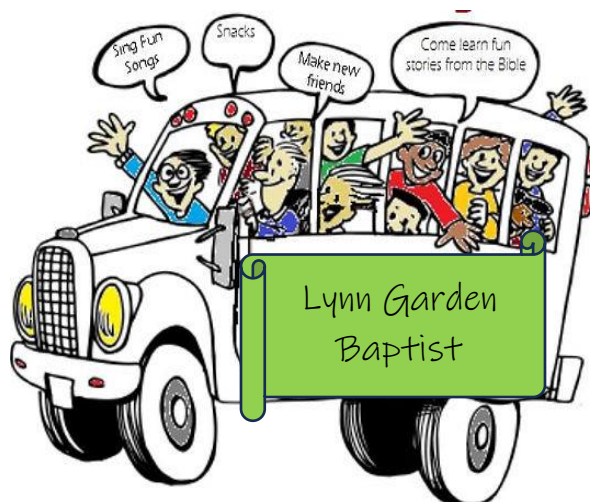
*"Pride of Zion, prophets spoke,
Our Messiah flesh and bone.
You alone are worthy to open up the scroll,
Like a lamb, You suffered, but the Lion has arose!"*

*"Hail, hail Lion of Judah
Let the Lion roar!"*

Our Savior, Jesus Christ, lived a perfect sinless life while teaching us what life is all about, died a horrible death on the cross and shed His blood for our sins, arose in victory from the grave conquering death, is seated today at the right hand of The Father, and **HE IS COMING AGAIN!**

Hail, hail Lion of Judah...let the Lion ROAR!

Church family, I'm excited to celebrate our **RISEN SAVIOR** this month with you as we Glorify, Grow, Give, and Go, all for HIM!



NEED A RIDE SUNDAY MORNING?

CALL OUR DRIVERS THE DAY
BEFORE YOU WANT TO COME:

3 Louis Trivette 429-7537
10 Joe Collier 276-2154
17 Roy Chapman 282-0246
24 Louis Trivette 429-7537
31 Joe Collier 276-2154

The Bus is for people of all ages. If you would like a ride on a Sunday morning, please call the driver by 5 pm on Saturday. We would love for you to join us and this ministry is for you.



Branches
College Ministry
at Lynn Garden Baptist
John 15:5

**NEW
ADDRESS!**

JOSEPH COX
3320 Bridges St. Apt 1
Morehead City, NC 28857



Deacon of the Week:

- 3 Roy Chapman
- 10 Paul Bowman
- 17 Gale Osborne
- 24 Allen Rhoton
- 31 Steve Fletcher

Greeters:

- 3 Freddie Puckett, David Murphy
- 10 Allen Rhoton, Frances Bates
- 17 Wilma Carico, Carolyn Meade, Lois Ann Southard
- 24 Kenny and Deborah Lawson
- 31 Freddie Puckett, David Murphy

Audio:

- 3 Michael Bush
- 10 Michael Strickler
- 17 Michael Bush
- 24 Michael Strickler
- 31 Michael Bush

Power Point:

- 3 TBA
- 10 Michael Bush
- 17 TBA
- 24 Michael Bush
- 31 TBA

Video:

- 3 David Hammonds
- 10 Doug Clark
- 17 Conner Collins
- 24 David Hammonds
- 31 Doug Clark

Nursery Workers:

- 3 Debbie Gilbert, Michelle Dingus
- 10 Aliceson Collins, Nancy Byrd
- 17 Anissa Barrett, Caroline Gilbert
- 24 Kim Trivette, Christine Chapman
- 31 Debbie Gilbert, Michelle Dingus

Transportation:

- 3 Louis Trivette 429-7537
- 10 Joe Collier 276-2154
- 17 Roy Chapman 782-0246
- 24 Louis Trivette 429-7537
- 31 Joe Collier 276-2154

Children's Worship:

- 3 Doug Clark, Dolores Osborne
- 10 Roy & Christine Chapman
- 17 Renae Fletcher / Ann Rogers
- 24 Renae Fletcher / Ann Rogers
- 31 Children stay in Sanctuary

Tellers:

- 3 Rhoton, Lawson, Sparkes
- 10 Rhoton, Vicars, Tittsworth
- 17 Rhoton, Trent, Lawson
- 24 Rhoton, Marshall, Vicars
- 31 Rhoton, Sparks, Tittsworth

Ushers:

- 3 Gale Osborne
- 10 Kenny Lawson
- 17 Andy Walters
- 24 Gale Osborne
- 31 Kenny Lawson

Outside Morning Security:

- 3 Allen Rhoton
- 10 Kenny Lawson
- 17 Freddie Puckett
- 24 Glen Rogers
- 31 Tony Tittsworth



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

WMU Happenings

Mission Focus Meetings

...will be held at the same time the deacon meetings are held.
Join us, Sunday, April 6, 2024 at 5 pm, in the parlor.

Brotherhood Happenings

Men's Bible Study

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

Thank You!

Dear Lynn Garden Baptist Church,

Thank you for the lovely cards, flowers, kind words and prayers. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.

By the family of Nina Jennings



just older youth

THURSDAY MARCH 21, 2024

MEET AT 11:30

Full Belly

1105 LYNN GARDEN DR.

Please sign-up on the bulletin board
outside the church office.

January 2024

FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

Budget Need:	\$30,650.00
Budget Received:	\$22,351.15
Amount Under Need:	\$8,298.85
YTD Budget Received:	\$22,351.15
YTD Budget Expenses:	\$28,016.49
Receipts Under Expenses	\$5,665.34
YTD Designated Given:	\$6,375.00



**Annie Armstrong
(1850-1938)**

Annie was born in Baltimore at a time when there was little opportunity for women. Yet, her devotion to Christ led her to a life of service and leadership. She organized women to pray, to give and to meet the needs around them. She challenged pastors and churches to action and rallied vital support for missionaries. Ultimately, Annie was recognized as a national Southern Baptist trailblazer for her visionary leadership that still inspires millions today.



OUR 2024 GOAL
\$2,500.00



Morning Worship 11 am



Evening Service 6 pm



March 31

7:00 am

Light Breakfast



Morning Easter Worship 11 am