

THE CHALLENGE

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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:

MAY

Ministry & Fellowship Opportunities

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National Day of Prayer

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Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall Reserved

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Women’s Bible Study 6:00 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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Men’s Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,

Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm

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Mother’s Day Morning Service 11 am,

No pm Service

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Women’s Bible Study 6:00 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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Men’s Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,

Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm

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Fellowship Hall Reserved

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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 11:30 am

Picnic at Bays Mountain Shelter #9

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Graduate Breakfast and Recognition

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Memorial Day Office Closed

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Men’s Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,

Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm



Toward the end of 1941, as World War II was raging in Europe, the Japanese ambassador was sent to Washington D.C. apparently seeking peace; however back in Japan, the emperor was planning the attack on Pearl Harbor. The Japanese empire sent their ambassador to D.C. as a distraction, so the sudden attack on Pearl Harbor took the United States completely by surprise. Distraction is a common tactic in warfare.

The definition of “distraction” is something that draws you apart, pulls in a different direction, diverts. The devil is constantly trying to distract us, because when we’re distracted, we’re vulnerable. 1 Peter 5:8 says, “Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion waiting for someone to devour.” The devil will design things to draw and pull us in any direction that leads us away from the plan of God. Sometimes these distractions can be “good things,” but they just aren’t the things God has planned for us.

This was true for Martha. Luke 10:40 says she was “distracted with much serving.” When she complained about her sister Mary’s lack of help (apparently due to her devotion to Christ and His teaching), Jesus told her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her” (vv.41-42). Martha’s distractions were well-intentioned, but she was missing the opportunity to listen to Jesus and enjoy His presence. Hobbies, friends, television, social media, technology, and much more can easily become a distraction in our spiritual lives. Are there any things in life—even good things—that are distracting you from following Jesus?

Return, as Jesus told Martha, to what “is needed.” I hope to see you and your family in church this coming Lord’s Day!

Pastor Rick



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"

Ages 4 – 1st Grade
Worship Time
Every Sunday Night

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

Branches
College Ministry
at Lynn Garden Baptist
John 15:5

A MESSAGE FROM ANDY:



"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

•2 Timothy 3:16-17

You may have never heard the word "hermeneutics," or you might be like me and may have heard the word but not know its meaning. Simply put, hermeneutics deals with interpreting a text, and in the case of the seminary course I'm currently working on, interpreting The Bible and answering the question: "How do you read The Bible well?"

Here are a couple of key principles I've learned so far in this course:

1. It is essential that we view The Bible as one BIG, TRUE story from beginning to end, from Genesis to Revelation, and every bit of that story points to Jesus!

Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:17-18:

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled."

If you need confirmation, just look at all the Old Testament prophecies concerning Jesus that were fulfilled! All scripture, every single bit in all 66 books of the Old Testament and New Testament, is "breathed out by God" (2 Tim. 3:16) and necessary for completion of God's Divine Plan!

2. When reading God's Word, keep these 5 questions in front of you as you study to help you understand scripture:

1. What does this text teach me about God?
2. What does this text teach me about fallen humanity?
3. How does this text point to Christ?
4. What does God want me to know?
5. What does God want me to do?

The word "grow" is a core part of our church's vision, and we should seek to grow in His Word every single day until He returns or calls us home!

Andy



**NEED A RIDE
SUNDAY
MORNING?**

CALL OUR DRIVERS THE DAY BEFORE YOU WANT TO COME:

- 5 Louis Trivette 429-7537
- 12 Joe Collier 276-2154
- 19 Roy Chapman 782-0246
- 26 Louis Trivette 429-7537

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.



May Sunday
Morning Ministries

Deacon of the Week:

- 5 Roy Chapman
- 12 Paul Bowman
- 19 Gale Osborne
- 26 Allen Rhoton

Greeters:

- 5 Allen Rhoton, Frances Bates
- 12 Wilma Carico, Carolyn Meade
Lois Ann Southard
- 19 Kenny and Deborah Lawson
- 26 Freddie Puckett, David Murphy

Audio:

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

Power Point:

- 5 Michael Bush
- 12 TBA
- 19 Michael Bush
- 26 TBA

Video:

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

Nursery Workers:

- 5 Aliceson Collins, Nancy Byrd
- 12 Anissa Barrett, Caroline Gilbert
- 19 Kim Trivette, Christine Chapman
- 26 Debbie Gilbert, Michael Dingus

Transportation:

- 5 Louis Trivette 429-7537
- 12 Joe Collier 276-2154
- 19 Roy Chapman 782-0246
- 26 Louis Trivette 429-7537

Children's Worship:

- 5 Roy and Christine Chapman
- 12 Debbie Gilbert, Linda Walters
- 19&26 Renae Fletcher, Ann Rogers

Tellers:

- 5 Rhoton, Trent, Vicars
- 12 Rhoton, Lawson, Sparks
- 19 Rhoton, Marshall, Tittsworth
- 26 Rhoton, Vicars, Trent

Ushers:

- 5 Gale Osborne
- 12 Kenny Lawson
- 19 Andy Walters
- 26 Gale Osborne

Outside Morning Security:

- 5 Davie Hammonds
- 12 Allen Rhoton
- 19 Kenny Lawson
- 26 Freddie Puckett



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, June 2, 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!




Our Joy Ministry is a group of senior adults (singles or couples) who gather on a regular basis to enjoy their God given life through Christian fellowship!



Picnic

THURSDAY MAY 23, 2024
VAN WILL LEAVE AT 11:00,
MEET AT 11:30
PHIL'S DREAM PIT BBQ AND
SIDES. At BAYS MOUNTAIN
PARK SHELTER # 9



March 2024

FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

Budget Need:	\$91,950.00
Budget Received:	\$76,437.17
Amount Under Need:	\$15,512.43
YTD Budget Received:	\$76,437.17
YTD Budget Expenses:	\$82,781.16
Receipts Under Expenses	\$6,343.99
YTD Designated Given:	\$17,862.02

Food Ministry Teams

The food ministry teams are an excellent way to serve others, share the love of the Lord Jesus, and make a difference in someone's life. The purpose is simply to help someone in need by providing a ready-made meal. In times of need, it is an incredible blessing to see a friendly face and receive a meal. When a friend is in need, everyone wonders, "What can I do to help?" One answer is to provide a meal!

Our food ministry volunteer in teams that rotate in preparing and sometimes serving a meal following the funeral/burial of a loved one. Each team will have a team leader. Team leaders will contact you when there is a need. You will be asked to prepare or bring an item for the meals. If willing to serve please sign up on the tear off portion of the bulletin.

