

THE CHALLENGE

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November

Ministry & Fellowship Opportunities

- 3 Revival 6 pm
- 6 Men's Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,
Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm
- 10 Revival 6 pm
- 11 Veterans Day
- 13 Men's Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,
Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm
- 17 Revival 6 pm, Shoe Boxes Due
- 20 Men's Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,
Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm
Poinsettia Order Due
- 24 Revival 6 pm, Project JFK \$ Due
- 27 No Services
- 28-29 Thanksgiving – Office Closed
- 26 Youth Christmas Party
- 29 Men's Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,
Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm
- 30 Decorate Church for Christmas 10 am

Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine
before men that they may
see your good deeds and
praise your Father
in heaven.



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:



Carolyn and I want to thank you as a church for the expressions of love shown to us in October. You will never know how much we appreciated each word, card, or gift. We consider ourselves blessed by God to be able to serve our Lord alongside you here at Lynn Garden Baptist Church.

With each passing day, it’s becoming more difficult to stay focused on what is right and true. The Bible says, *“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever*

things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue, and if there is anything praiseworthy, meditate on these things.” (Philippians 4:8).

We’ve all heard the phrase “Garbage in, garbage out” – it’s a statement that originated in reference to computer input and output, but Paul is using that same principle here in reference to our minds. Our minds are bombarded with lies every single day. Advertisements and social media tell you that if you don’t think, dress, look, or act a certain way, you don’t matter. This world is full of lies. The only way to counter those lies is to fill your mind with the truth. Jesus said that when you know the truth, it will set you free. The only way to know the truth is to be in God’s Word, the Bible, every day, even if it’s just for a few minutes. If you think you can’t do that, just consider how much time you spend every day on your phone, or how much time you spend on social media or watching TV. Not everything you see, hear or read is true. We need to train our minds to think biblically. “Godliness in, godliness out.” You’ve got to get into the Bible every day, because God will always speak truth. You can trust what He says about you and the promises He’s made for you in His Word because God always keeps His promises.

What happens when you keep your mind on the right things? God makes you a promise, *“.....and the God of peace shall be with you.”* (Philippians 4:9). The focus of that promise is God Himself. Yes, God will give you peace, but He will be with you as you put godly thinking into practice. We may not have any control over things we see and hear in the world on a daily basis, but we can choose what to fill our minds with on our own time. The music we listen to, the social media sites we visit on a daily basis, the movies and TV shows we choose to watch – are they things that will help our thoughts have the characteristics Paul talks about in Philippians 4:8? If not, we truly need to reevaluate what we’re feeding our minds.

I hope you 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



Student Ministry

Wednesday



Luke 10:27-28

JAM 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Free Meal,

*Worship and Bible Study
Preschool – College*

Sunday



Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Children's Church 11:15 am

Sunday Nights

@ 5:30 pm

Free Meal



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



Branchez
College Ministry
at Lynn Garden Baptist
John 15:5

JOIN US
Every Wednesday night at
5:30 pm

Free dinner, Worship and Bible Study!

A MESSAGE FROM ANDY:



"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."
Romans 12:2

Church Family - I am so excited about our Sunday Revival Nights in November! Revival has been a big theme in student ministry this year. Our middle and high school students participated in a Bible study called "Revival Generation" during the first half of 2024 leading up to FUGE in July as the theme for FUGE this year was "Revival Generation."

Paul wrote in Romans 12:2 that we, as followers of Christ, need to turn away from being conformed to the broken ways of this world. I can't read these words and not think about all the temptations our children, youth, and college-age students face each day. We talk a lot about how our nation needs revival, but what we need to realize is that revival must start with us as Christians.

One of my favorite quotes about revival comes from Anne Graham Lotz:

"Revival begins when you draw a circle around yourself and make sure everything in that circle is right with God."

My prayer for each of us in November is that we each draw that circle around ourselves and critically examine our lives for areas in which we need to get right with God! May He give each of us the discernment and courage to surrender, and may we each allow God to do a mighty work in our lives!

Together!

Andy



VAN MINISTRY

NEED A RIDE

SUNDAY MORNING?

CALL OUR DRIVERS THE DAY BEFORE YOU WANT TO COME:

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

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.



November Sunday Morning Ministries



Deacon of the Week:

3 Roy Chapman
10 Paul Bowman
17 Louis Trivette
24 Allen Rhoton

Greeters:

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

Audio:

3 Michael Strickler
10 Michael Bush
17 Michael Strickler
24 Michael Bush

Power Point:

3 Michael Bush
10 TBA
17 Michael Bush
24 TBA

Video:

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

Nursery Workers:

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

Transportation:

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

Children's Worship:

3 & 10 Renae Fletcher, Anne Rogers
17 & 24 Roy & Christine Chapman

Tellers:

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

Ushers:

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

Outside Morning Security:

3 Glen Rogers
10 Joe Smith
17 Joe Collier
24 Tony Tittsworth



CARE HOUSE

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, December 1, 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!
Deacon's Meeting, Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 5 pm

September 2024 FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

Budget Need: \$275,850.00
Budget Received: \$231,924.70
Amount Under Need: \$43,925.30

YTD Budget Received: \$231,924.70
YTD Budget Expenses: \$256,298.73
Receipts Under Expenses \$24,374.03

YTD Designated Given: **\$54,958.48**



Join us for our 2024 Fall Revival!
Each Sunday in November at 6 pm

Nov.3

Guest speaker, Rev. Jeff Strong
Jeff is the pastor of
Sullivan Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN

Nov.10

Guest speaker, Rev. Jon Rogers
Jon is the pastor of
Ridgeview Baptist Church, Church Hill, TN

Nov.17

Guest speaker, Rev. David Smith
David is the pastor of
Orebank Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN

Nov. 24

Guest speaker, Rev. Raile Childress
Raile is the pastor of
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Hartford, TN

Special music each service!!



We will once again, provide thanksgiving food baskets for our sister school, John F. Kennedy Elementary.

If you would like to donate funds to help purchase the food, please use a special offering envelope and designate the gift as “Project JFK – Thanksgiving.” Donations can be dropped in offering boxes next to office or in vestibule. By November 24th please.

DECORATE
the Church
Join us
Saturday, November 30th
at 10 am as we
get the church ready to
celebrate Christmas!



Beginning Sunday, December 1st, and during the Christmas season our Sanctuary will be decorated with beautiful poinsettias. If you would like to place a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, you may do so by turning in this form and your money to the church office or placing the form and money in a special offering envelope with “Poinsettia” written on the outside, then drop it in a offering box. The cost of each flower is \$10.00. You may pick up your flower any time after the 22nd of December. *Orders will be taken only until Wednesday, Nov. 20th.*

Given by _____

of Plants _____ \$ _____

In Memory of _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

In Honor of _____



During the Christmas Season we love giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering! This year’s goal is \$5,000. It has been our church’s tradition to achieve each year’s goal through personal, sacrificial giving along with other creative ways, including the Lottie Moon Post Office!

HOW IT WORKS:
Please bring any Christmas Cards that you would like for other church members to receive, and drop them off in the Lottie Moon Post Office boxes that will be located throughout the church. If you use the post office, we ask that you give your postage to Lottie Moon instead of buying stamps. All donations given to the Post Office will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Each week you will be able to come and check the Lottie Moon Mailbox to see if there is any Christmas mail for you! Please remember:

- Be sure to only bring cards for people who are currently attending and coming to services in person and our homebound members (We will deliver only homebound Christmas cards when we deliver their baskets). You can choose those people from a **list of everyone with a mailbox, which will be available outside the church office in the middle of November.** You can pick up a list of members outside the church offices on the table at that time.
- The mailboxes are located outside the fellowship hall. You will be able to access the Lottie Moon Post Office anytime, as well as on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. The Lottie Moon Post Office will be set up to give and receive Christmas Cards starting on November 27th through December 31st.



We are inviting everyone to fill your own shoebox this year. You can pick up a box in the church office. If you would rather purchase items, we will use them to help fill or make more boxes. Please drop items off in the collection area located behind the choir loft.

Please bring all shoeboxes to the church by Sunday, November 17.

Boys	Girls	For all boxes
Yo-Yos	Dolls	Washcloths and Bar of Soap (Ivory)
Whistles	Hair Accessories	Pens, Pencils & Containers
Toy Cars Or Trucks	Little Purses	Crayons
Stuffed Toys	Stuffed Toys	Combs
Socks	Socks	Small Notebooks
Soccer Ball Deflated W/Pump	Jump Ropes	Toothbrush
Whistles	Jewelry	Small Coloring Books
Toy Cars Or Trucks	Puzzles	
Soccer Ball Deflated W/Pump	Sunglasses	
Puzzles	Puzzles	
Flashlights & Batteries	Bandanas	
Fishing Lures, Hooks, Etc.	Sewing Kits	
Tape Measures	Fabric	
Screwdrivers	Cooking Utensils	
Small Hammers	Measuring Spoons	
Hats	Measuring Cups	
Flashlights & Batteries	Mixing Spoons	

