

THE CHALLENGE

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February

Ministry & Fellowship Opportunities

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Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning Worship 11 am,
Deacon's Meeting 5 pm, Student Activities 5:15
pm, Evening Worship 6 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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Souper Bowl Sunday Collection Deadline,
Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning Worship 11 am,
Directory Pictures 12:20 pm – 5:20 pm, Student
Activities 5:15 pm, Evening Worship 6 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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Valentine's Day

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Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning Worship 11 am,
Directory Pictures 12:20 pm – 5:20 pm, Student
Activities 5:15 pm, Evening Worship 6 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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Youth – Winter Jam in Knoxville

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Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning Worship 11 am,
Student Activities 5:15 pm, Evening Worship 6 pm

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

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Joy Gardeners Fisherman's Dock 11:30 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:



So who are you when nobody is watching? Do you do the right thing? No matter what the circumstances?

I read a news report recently about a fishing trip that 14-year-old Connor Halsa enjoyed with his grandfather in northern Minnesota. On this fishing trip, Connor made quite a catch. He reeled in a wallet, which contained \$2,000 cash! Eventually, Connor and his grandfather were able to track down the wallet's owner, Jim Denney of Iowa. Jim came to retrieve the wallet and was impressed that Connor turned down his offer of reward money. Jim gave Connor a custom fishing cooler and took the family to

dinner as a thank you. I love what Connor said when asked why he was honest and returned the cash: “We didn’t really work hard for the money. He did, so it was his money.” Don’t you love stories of integrity like that?

The word “integrity” is derived from the same root word as integer, meaning whole. It implies the wholeness of a person. A lot of people think of their life like a pie, and the different parts of their life are the pieces of the pie. This slice of the pie is my work life. This slice is my spiritual life. This one is my family life. That one is my social life. Then over here is my secret life —the things nobody else knows about. If you segment your life like that, you lack integrity, because your life is not a whole.

The world judges a person's integrity from what it sees in their outward behavior. God judges integrity from what He sees in a person's heart. In other words, man measures integrity from the outside, and God measures integrity from the inside. A person of integrity has nothing to hide and nothing to fear. Billy Graham once said: "Integrity is the glue that holds our way of life together. We must constantly strive to keep our integrity intact. When wealth is lost, nothing is lost. When health is lost, something is lost. When character is lost, all is lost." Proverbs 10:9 (NIV) “Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.” We’re interested in image, but God is interested in integrity. We’re interested in reputation, but God is interested in integrity. Reputation is what everybody thinks you are. Integrity is what you really are. Reputation is what you are in public. Integrity is what you are when no one is around except you and God. Integrity is not something we have, but something we are. It shows itself in what we do and say. Integrity is authenticity. Being a person of integrity is important because people are watching us. “The Lord detests people with crooked hearts, but he delights in those with integrity.” (Proverbs 11:20 NLT)

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



VAN MINISTRY

NEED A RIDE SUNDAY MORNING?

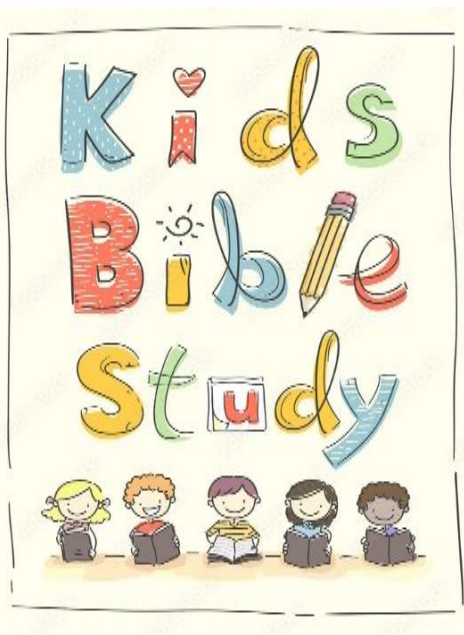
CALL OUR DRIVERS THE DAY
BEFORE YOU WANT TO COME:

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.

2	Louis Trivette 429-7537
9	Joe Collier 276-2154
16	Roy Chapman 782-0246
23	Louis Trivette 429-7537



Come worship with us!
Every Wednesday night
Dinner starts at 5:30 pm



Hey Guys...

Join us on Wednesday Nights as we
continue our study of the Old Testament!
We are in the book of Genesis and
we would love our Elementary
students to join us!!
5:30 every Wednesday!
-Mrs. Debbie and Mrs. Melinda

A MESSAGE FROM ANDY:



"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

• John 13:34-35

February is often recognized as the month of love because of Valentine's Day! As Christians, we should be quick to share Jesus' love with others and to emulate His great love for us. We have to caution ourselves, however, to make sure that our definition of love aligns with Jesus' definition of love. In His love for people, Jesus never affirmed sin. He loves us, and because of His great love for us, He wants us to turn away from sin.

Let's remember Jesus' response in His encounter with the woman caught in adultery found in the 8th Chapter of John: *"When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, 'Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said to her, 'Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.'"* To put it in common southern language, Jesus didn't say to the woman, "Oh, honey, it's okay." He told the woman, "Go and sin no more."

When I read God's Word, any time I see the word "go" I pay close attention. Because it means He wants us to respond, to do something. When we find ourselves falling into sin, we need to do as Jesus said, to repent and turn away from sin. And as we love others, we need to remind them as well to "go and sin no more." In loving people, we should never say that sin is okay, but we should help people be okay by leading them to Jesus!

Andy



Student Ministry @ Lynn Garden Baptist

Sunday Mornings @ 9:45 am

- Elementary Sunday School
 - Leaders: Debbie Strickler, Dolores Osborne and Vicki Wallen
 - Location: 2nd Floor of Sanctuary Building
- Middle School, High School and Young Adults Sunday School
 - Andy Walters and Roy Chapman
 - Location: Youth Bible Study Room - 3rd Floor of Education Building.

Sunday Evenings @ 5:15 pm

- Everyone Meets Together @ 5:15 pm in Fellowship Hall for Dinner!
- Elementary, Middle and High School and Young Adult Bible Study
 - Guys' Bible Study: Andy Walters
 - Location: 3rd Floor of Education Building. Youth Bible Study Room
 - Girls' Bible Study: Debbie Gilbert
 - Location: Parlor - Main Floor of the Sanctuary Building

Wednesday Evenings @ 5:30 pm

- Everyone Meets Together @ 5:30 in J.A.M. in Fellowship Hall for Dinner
- Elementary School Bible Study
 - Leaders: Debbie Gilbert and Melinda Henard
 - Location: Children's Church Room – 1st Floor of Education Building
- Middle School Bible Study
 - Leaders: Caroline Gilbert and Kevin Odum
 - Location: Youth Worship Room – 3rd Floor of the Education Building
- High School Bible Study
 - Leaders: Andy Walters and Roy Chapman
 - Location: Youth Bible Study Room – 3rd Floor of the Education Building
- Young Adults Bible Study
 - Leaders: Kristy Walters
 - J.A.M. Room – 2nd Floor of the Education Building

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your cards, phone calls gifts visits and most of all your prayers while I was at Wilcox Hall and NHC Healthcare! I especially appreciate those of you who prayed with me in person. This was such a blessing. I look forward to being back at church when I am able to be there. Please keep me in your prayers as I am having rehab at home! God bless each of you.

Love to all,
Vicki Wallen

February Sunday
Morning Ministries



Deacon of the Week:

2 Allen Rhoton
9 Randy Livesay
16 Kenny Lawson
23 Doug Clark

Outside Morning Security:

2 Joe Collier
9 Roy Chapman
16 Louis Trivette
23 David Hammonds

Greeters:

2 Freddie Puckett, David Murphy
9 Allen Rhoton, Frances Bates
16 Carolyn Meade, Lois Ann Southard
23 Kenny & Deborah Lawson

Audio:

2 Michael Bush
9 Michael Strickler
16 Michael Bush
23 Michael Strickler

Power Point:

2 TBA
9 Michael Bush
16 TBA
23 Michael Bush

Video:

2 David Hammonds
9 Doug Clark
16 Conner Collins
23 David Hammonds

Nursery Workers:

2 Aliceson Collins, Nancy Byrd
9 Debbie Gilbert, Michelle Dingus
16 Anissa Barrett, Caroline Gilbert
23 Kim Trivette, Christine Chapman

Transportation:

2 Louis Trivette 429-7537
9 Joe Collier 276-2154
16 Roy Chapman 782-0246
23 Louis Trivette 429-7537

Children's Worship:

2&9 Christine and Roy Chapman
16&23 Renae Fletcher, Ann Rogers

Tellers:

2 Rhoton, Lawson
9 Rhoton, Tittsworth, Vicars
16 Rhoton, Trent, Marshall
23 Rhoton, Lawson

Ushers:

2 Gale Osborne
9 Kenny Lawson
16 Andy Walters
23 Gale Osborne

Brotherhood Happenings

Men's Bible Study

Every Wednesday morning at 8 am, In the fellowship hall. All men welcome!
Deacon's Meeting, Sunday, February 2, 2025 at 5 pm



WE ARE COLLECTING CANS OF SOUP!

We will be collecting cans through February 9 for the Care House as a community outreach effort to help tackle hunger in Lynn Garden. Please bring cans of soup of all kinds. If each family brings 5 cans we could collect as many as 375!!

Calling all church members and attendees!



We are starting to gather pictures for our new church directory. If you have a picture of yourself or your family that you would like to be in the church directory, you can drop it off at the church office OR you can email the picture, along with your address and phone number, to the church at lynngardenbaptist@gmail.com.

If you would rather have your picture made, we have someone who will be taking pictures on Sunday, February 9, Sunday, February 16, or Sunday, (February 23, if needed), at no cost to you. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board outside the church office.

We want everyone who attends church, whether you are a member or not, to be a part of our new directory.

... and we want YOU to be in the directory!



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.