

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:



I’m looking forward to spring, aren’t you? February was a typical February I guess – ups and downs as far as temperatures & precipitation go; we had some snow, rain, and sunshine, a little bit of everything. Those ups and downs we’ve experienced in the weather remind me of life

. Life certainly has its ups and downs too doesn’t it? As I think about that fact of life, I’m reminded of Joshua 1:9 “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of a good courage. Do not tremble or be

dismayed for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” The first chapter of Joshua is about the transition of leadership to Joshua after Moses died. God told Joshua to “be strong and courageous” a total of three times in four verses. Why? It was probably because He knew Joshua was afraid — and understandably so. Moses was gone. Now God had raised up Joshua to lead the people of Israel, and Joshua hardly felt adequate for the task. It isn’t a bad thing to discover that we are weak. In fact, it is quite good. As Warren Wiersbe has said, “You can never be too small for God to use — only too big.” Surely, Joshua and the children of Israel felt fear and apprehension as they faced an uncertain future, but God reassuringly said, “.....I will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Joshua 1:5).

It’s natural to have fears, but it’s detrimental to our physical and spiritual health to live in a state of constant fear. Just as God encouraged His servants of old, we too can be strong and courageous because of the One who promises to always be with us.

There is an old story about a man with a very cheerful, happy countenance in spite of the fact that his life was filled with trouble and tragedy. Those in his community couldn’t understand it and one day someone asked him how he could be so cheerful. The old man replied, “I get it out of the Bible.”

“What do you mean, you get it out of the Bible?” the person asked. “Over and over in the Bible I see the words, ‘And it came to pass,’ but never do I find ‘And it came to stay.’ This keeps me moving,” the man said.

The promise that the all-powerful God is our only strength and stay is no less true today than it was in the days of Joshua. God has promised to be with us in every difficulty we face and every problem that comes our way.

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

March

Ministry & Fellowship Opportunities

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| 1 | Rhodon Anniversary Party 2 – 4 pm |
| 2-9 | Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
Week of Prayer |
| 2 | Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning
Worship 11 am, Student Activities
5:15 pm, Evening Worship 6 pm |
| 5 | Men’s Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,
Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm |
| 7 | Men’s Conference at Ridgecrest Church |
| 9 | Daylight Savings Time Starts |
| 9 | Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning
Worship 11 am, Student Activities
5:15 pm, Evening Worship 6 pm |
| 12 | Men’s Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,
Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm |
| 12 | Speak Life Conference @ Preaching
Christ Church, Leave at 6 pm - 8:45 pm |
| 16 | Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning
Worship 11 am, Student Activities
5:15 pm, Evening Worship 6 pm |
| 17-21 | Sullivan County Schools Spring Break |
| 19 | Men’s Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,
Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm |
| 23 | Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning
Worship 11 am, Student Activities
5:15 pm, Evening Worship 6 pm |
| 24-28 | Kingsport City Schools Spring Break |
| 26 | Men’s Bible Study 8 am, No JAM,
Bible Study 6 pm, Business
Meeting, Choir 7pm |
| 27 | Joy Gardeners |
| 30 | Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning
Worship 11 am, Student Activities
5:15 pm, Evening Worship 6 pm |
| 30 | Lord’s Supper, 5th Sunday Singing |



SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH



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

A MESSAGE FROM ANDY:



"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."
• John 10:10

This month, our students will gather together with other youth groups in Kingsport to worship and hear God's Word preached at the annual Speak Life Conference! I love when we can gather together as His Church in the spirit of unity to worship JESUS!

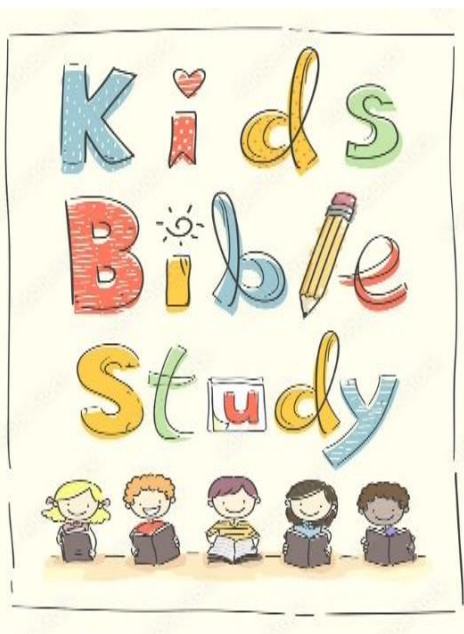
The theme for Speak Life this year is "Abundantly More." The theme makes me think of John 10:10 and how important this verse is for our students. John records Jesus speaking of how He is The Good Shepherd, wanting His followers to have not only life, but life more abundantly. How I wish our young people today would grasp on to this verse! Jesus not only wants to give them life though the Saving Grace that comes only through Him, but also go give them a life of purpose for Him. Everything in this broken world apart from Jesus seeks "to steal, and to kill, and to destroy." We see the work of this thief - satan - breaking so many lives, stealing joy, and destroying what God wants for His children. These attacks are intense on non-believers and even more intense on those who have accepted Christ as their Savior. The difference is that those who have Jesus have Who they need to withstand the attacks of the thief. My prayer for Speak Life this year is for God to make a mighty move among His people, both students and leaders!

Please keep our students close in your prayers!

Andy



**Speak Life Conference @
Preaching Christ Church,
Wednesday, March 12
Leave at 6 pm - 8:45 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



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 Odom
 - 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



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.

In February, we collected 545 soup cans to give to the Care House. Thank you to everyone that participated!!!!

March Sunday
Morning Ministries



Deacon of the Week:

- 2 Freddie Puckett
- 9 David Hammonds
- 16 Glen Rogers
- 23 Roy Chapman
- 30 Paul Boman

Outside Morning Security:

- 2 Allen Rhoton
- 9 Paul Bowman
- 16 Tony Tittsworth
- 23 Freddie Puckett
- 30 Glen Rogers

Greeters:

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

Audio:

- 2 Michael Bush
- 9 Michael Strickler
- 16 Michael Bush
- 23 Michael Strickler
- 30 Michael Bush

Power Point:

- 2 TBA
- 9 Michael Bush
- 16 TBA
- 23 Michael Bush
- 30 TBA

Video:

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

Nursery Workers:

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

Transportation:

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

Children's Worship:

- 2 Debbie Gilbert, Linda Walters
- 9 Doug Clark, Dolores Osborne
- 16 Aliceson Collins, Vicki Wallen
- 23 Caroline Gilbert, Conner Collins
- 30 Children Remain in Sanctuary

Tellers:

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

Ushers:

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



WEEK OF PRAYER
MARCH 2-9
OUR 2025 GOAL IS
\$1,500.00



WITH HEARTFELT
SYMPATHY & APPRECIATION

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the family of Dorothy McCurry. Dorothy served as our church secretary for 26 years, she was a familiar and trusted presence in the congregation, always bringing dedication and care to her work. She made such a difference with her leadership and love to all the lives she touched. Thank you, Dorothy, for giving to our Lord in so many ways.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

My Sweet Church Friends,

Thanks to everyone for the prayers, texts, visitation and cards sent to our family. Our church was Mom's life for many years, especially the 26 years she worked and served the Lord at Lynn Garden. Many thanks to the Food Committee for preparing and bringing a wonderful spread of food. The love and kindness shown is very much appreciated.

Love to all,
Janie Childress and all the McCurry Family

Brotherhood Happenings

Men's Bible Study

Every Wednesday morning at 8 am, In the fellowship hall. All men welcome!
Men's Conference at Ridgecrest Church. March 7, 2025
Deacon's Meeting, Sunday, April 6, 2025 at 5 pm

Our Current and Inactive Deacons!



Front Row

Randy Livesay, Glen Rogers, Doug Clark, Joe Smith, Paul Bowman, Mickey Bush, Wayne McCarty, Bill Thurman, Allen Rhoton, Kenny Lawson, David Hammonds,

Back Row

Roy Chapman, Louis Trivette, David Vicars, Joe Stallard, Gale Osborne, Tom Gilbert, Steve Byrd, Bill McNutt, Steve Fletcher, Andy Walters and Freddie Puckett
Not pictured: Larry Lyon and Michael Strickler

A Deacon is a volunteer that serves the church in numerous roles. They strive to fulfill the biblical qualifications found in Acts 6 and I Timothy 3:8-13. In addition, our church requires that a man be at least 25 years old, an active member of our church for at least one year, and be regular in his attendance and service to the church. Thank you to all our deacons for giving to the Lord and the people of our church.



MARCH 27, 2025 (THURSDAY)
THE BLACK OLIVE JONESBOROUGH

MEET AT 11:30 – VAN WILL LEAVE AT 10:45
125 E. JACKSON BLVD. JONESBOROUGH, TN 37659



MARCH 30TH AT 6:00 PM

5th Sunday Sing

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all the love and prayers during the loss of Kay. Continue to pray for me in the upcoming days.

Thank you all so much for all the wonderful food. We were totally amazed at so many variations of dishes, and so delicious. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. And thank you for your prayers!

Family of Kay Pierson, Juanita Pierson