



# 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:



Jesus said, “*You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*” (Matthew 5:13-16, NKJV).

Jesus uses two powerful word pictures to challenge us to make a difference in our world. He calls us to be salt and light. Salt was used as a preservative for fish and other meat. The salt slowed the process of decay. We live in a culture that is getting more and more rotten by the day and it’s our job to preserve a sense of morality. Salt stings, and for many people in our culture, we Christians are considered to be an irritating influence. But we must speak the truth in love and maintain our sense of moral saltiness or we will become like tasteless, useless salt.

Jesus also called us the light of the world. Salt speaks of our character, and light speaks of our testimony. Salt works from the outside in and it disappears in the process. But light works from the inside out and it must be visible to be effective. We live in a culture that is not only getting more and more rotten; it’s getting darker and darker. We can’t hide our testimony under a bowl; we must let our light shine. As the song says, “This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine!” Imagine it’s a dark, starless night and you are alone out on the sea in a small boat. You are scared and confused. Then suddenly you see the light of a small lighthouse in the distance, so you start making your way toward the light. You realize that someone cares enough to offer to help you find your way to safety. Before long, you find yourself safely within the harbor, because the lighthouse was there for you.

Think about an example we see in nature – the sun and moon. The moon has no light of its own. The source of its light is the sun, which it reflects, causing it to appear to have light. In the same way, we have no light apart from Christ. We can, however, reflect Him and shine in the darkness of the world. Let’s make a difference, one small act of love at a time, and let our lives reflect the goodness of God in a way that brings glory to Him. Your life, your actions, and your love have the power to point people to Jesus. And that’s a purpose worth living for.

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

## May Ministry & Fellowship Opportunities

- 1 National Day of Prayer
- 4 Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning  
Worship 11 am, Student Activities  
5:15 pm, Evening Worship 6 pm
- 6 Women’s Bible Study 5:30 pm
- 7 Men’s Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,  
Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm
- 11 Mother’s Day, no pm service
- 11 Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning  
Worship 11 am, No Evening  
Activities
- 13 Women’s Bible Study 5:30 pm
- 14 Men’s Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,  
Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm
- 18 Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning  
Worship 11 am, Student Activities  
5:15 pm, Evening Worship 6 pm
- 18 VBS Informational Meeting 5 pm
- 20 Women’s Bible Study 5:30 pm
- 21 Men’s Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,  
Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm
- 22 Last Day of School for Kingsport City
- 23 DB Graduation 8 pm
- 25 Graduate Breakfast and Recognition
- 25 Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning  
Worship 11 am, Student Activities  
5:15 pm, Evening Worship 6 pm
- 26 Memorial Day, Office Closed
- 27 Women’s Bible Study 5:30 pm
- 28 Men’s Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,  
Bible Study 6 pm, Business Meeting,  
Choir 7pm
- 29 Joy Gardeners Bays Mountain  
Shelter #9 at 11:30 am





## 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.

4	Joe Collier 276-2154
11	Roy Chapman 782-0246
18	Louis Trivette 429-7537
25	Joe Collier 276-2154

## A MESSAGE FROM ANDY:



*"Let your eyes look straight ahead,  
And your eyelids look right before you.  
Ponder the path of your feet,  
And let all your ways be established."  
Proverbs 4:25-26*

The end of another school year arrives this month, and with it the promise of summer! So many youth groups take a break during the summer, but for us, it is a busy and fun time for ministry. I'm looking forward to our summer activities: VBS, FUGE, an outreach event we're planning for July called "Bless The Garden," and more!

May is also the month we recognize graduates. It's always a bittersweet moment when one of our youth graduates high school, but I'm encouraged this year to know that our graduates can continue to be plugged in at Lynn Garden Baptist! Our BRANCHEZ Young Adult Bible Study on Wednesday nights during J.A.M. is growing, and we love having our young adults participate on Sunday nights with our Guys and Girls Bible Study groups.

If you know any young adults looking to get plugged into church, send them our way!

Excited to GLORIFY, GROW, GIVE, and GO as we head into summer!

Andy



## Student Ministry @ Lynn Garden Baptist

### Sunday Mornings @ 9:45 am

- Elementary Sunday School
  - Leaders: Debbie Strickler, Dolores Osborne and Vicki Wallen
    - Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Sanctuary Building
- Middle School, High School and Young Adults Sunday School
  - Andy Walters and Roy Chapman
    - Location: Youth Bible Study Room - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of Education Building. Youth Bible Study Room
  - Girls' Bible Study: Debbie Gilbert & Kristy Walters
    - 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of Education Building
- Middle School Bible Study
  - Leaders: Caroline Gilbert and Kevin Odom
  - Location: Youth Worship Room – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Education Building
- High School Bible Study
  - Leaders: Andy Walters and Roy Chapman
  - Location: Youth Bible Study Room – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Education Building
- Young Adults Bible Study
  - Leaders: Kristy Walters
  - J.A.M. Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Education Building



Join Us Every  
Wednesday Night 5:30 pm

## Children's Bible Study!



### 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

## Clothing Drive

Sizes Small - 3XL

May 1 - June 5

In need of clothes in  
good condition for  
middle school girls.



if you want to donate  
please contact  
Caroline Gilbert



## 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.



May Sunday  
Morning Ministries



Deacon of the Week:

4 Doug Clark  
11 Freddie Puckett  
18 David Hammonds  
25 Glen Rogers

Outside Morning Security:

4 David Hammonds  
11 Allen Rhoton  
18 Paul Bowman  
25 Freddie Puckett

Greeters:

4 Allen Rhoton, Frances Bates  
11 Carolyn Meade, Lois Ann

Southard

18 Kenny & Deborah Lawson  
25 Freddie Puckett, David Murphy

Audio:

4 Michael Strickler  
11 Michael Bush  
18 Michael Strickler  
25 Michael Bush

Power Point:

4 Michael Bush  
11 TBA  
18 Michael Bush  
25 TBA

Video:

4 Doug Clark  
11 Conner Collins  
18 David Hammonds  
25 David Hammonds

Nursery Workers:

4 Melissa Bush, Michelle Dingus  
11 Anissa Barrett, Caroline Gilbert  
18 Kim Trivette, Christine Chapman  
25 Aliceson Collins, Nancy Byrd

Transportation:

4 Joe Collier 276-2154  
11 Roy Chapman 782-0246  
18 Louis Trivette 429-7537  
25 Joe Collier 276-2154

Children's Worship:

4 Aliceson Collins & Vicki Wallen  
11 Doug Clark & Dolores Osborne  
18 & 25 Caroline Gilbert & Conner Collins

Tellers:

4 Rhoton, Tittsworth, Vicars  
11 Rhoton, Trent, Marshall  
18 Rhoton, Lawson  
25 Rhoton, Tittsworth, Vicars

Ushers:

4 Kenny Lawson  
11 Andy Walters  
18 Gale Osborne  
25 Kenny Lawson

# Brotherhood Happenings

## Men's Bible Study

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

Deacon's Meeting, Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 5 pm

# WMU Happenings

## Women's Bible Study

Every Tuesday beginning May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm, In the fellowship hall. All women welcome!

6-week Bible Study, Join Us!!!!



MAY 29, 2025 (THURSDAY)  
BAYS MOUNTAIN PARK SHELTER 9  
MEET AT 11:30  
PHIL'S DREAM PIT BBQ AND SIDES  
406 BAYS MOUNTAIN PARK ROAD



## Need a new Lynn Garden Baptist t-shirt?

We are selling Lynn Garden Baptist t-shirts as a fundraiser to provide scholarships for students to attend FUGE Camp!

T-shirts are \$20 and available in all sizes up to 5XL!  
[CLICK ON THIS LINK TO ORDER!]

(<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/lgbc2025>)

The fundraiser will close on Tuesday, May 20th.  
Shirts are expected to arrive at church by June 6th!

Thanks for supporting our youth at Lynn Garden Baptist!



# Vacation Bible School

June 16 – 20 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm

Volunteers sign up on bulletin board outside office!

Sunday, May 18, VBS Meeting 5 pm

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

WE HAVE CLASES FOR ALL AGES

## MOTHER'S DAY

The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Numbers 6:24-26





## Graduate Breakfast and Recognition May 25



**Avery Cole Bush**

Son of Michael Bush  
Grandson of Mickey and Gay Bush  
Great-grandson of Frances Bates  
Graduate of West Ridge High School



**Emma Grace Rhoton**

Daughter of Jason & Amanda Rhoton  
Granddaughter of Allen and Kay Rhoton  
Great-granddaughter of Frances Bates  
Graduate of Gate City High School



**Kasey Carter**

Son of Kevin & Joely Carter  
Grandson of Joe & Linda Smith  
Graduate of Dobyns Bennett High School



**Kayla Bishop**

Daughter of Marla Tittsworth  
Grand-daughter of Linda Tittsworth  
Graduate of Campbellsville University  
Masters of Education: School Counseling P-12



**Eseka Kipimo**

Son of Leora & Bailly Kipimo  
Graduate of  
Northeast Community College  
Associates Degree in Manufacturing



**Caleb Hall**

Son of Rachel Hall  
Graduate of University of Tennessee  
Master of Science in  
Communication and Information