

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:



How do you celebrate July 4th? For a lot of us, it's about family get-togethers, good food fixed on the grill, fireworks, and flying the American flag. We have this great holiday as a nation in remembrance of July 4, 1776, when the 13 American colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, declaring our independence from Great Britain. Our independence did not come easily; only after several difficult years of war would it finally be won. Nor were our first years as a nation free from problems and controversies (as is still true). But our forefathers were determined to

establish a free and democratic system of government, and the Declaration of Independence (together with our Constitution and the Bill of Rights) became the foundation for this. They have stood the test of time, and on July 4th we give thanks for the wisdom and faith and courage of those leaders.

In addition to reflecting on the past, it is important to look forward and determine how we can positively influence this nation. As Christians, we ought to believe in the power of prayer and acknowledge that our country is in desperate need of a revival. However, this revival will not start in the government, in schools or even in churches – this revival must start in our own hearts and homes. Billy Graham once said that, “The secret strength of a nation is found in the faith that abides in the hearts and homes of the country.” Pray that this great nation of ours would experience a revival and return to the Christian values this nation was founded upon. 2 Chronicles 7:14 says, “If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

Although it is not a religious holiday like Christmas or Easter, for many Americans July 4th is a time to reflect on God’s goodness to us as a nation. The freedoms we enjoy as Americans pale in comparison to the freedom we have as Christians, purchased by Christ’s death on the cross. God’s Word in Romans 8:1-2 reminds us, “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.”

While we look with gratitude to the past on this July 4th, may we also look in faith to the future, and commit it and our lives to God and His will. The words of the Psalmist are still true: “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord” (Psalm 33:12).

I hope you have a great week. I hope to see you and your family in church this coming Sunday. Don’t forget to let your light shine for Jesus!

Pastor Rick

July Ministry & Fellowship Opportunities

- 2 Men’s Bible Study 8 am, No JAM, Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm
- 4 Office Closed for Independence Day
- 6 Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning Worship 11 am, Student Activities 5:15 pm, Roger & Earline Lane 6 pm
- 9 Men’s Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm, Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm
- 11 Fantastic Friday – Pool Time 11:30 am
- 13 Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning Worship 11 am, Student Activities 5:15 pm, Church Family Block Party 6 pm
- 13-20 Bless the Garden Outreach Event
- 16 Men’s Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm, Bible Study 6 pm, No Choir
- 20 JAM - Lynn Garden Block Party
- 20 Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning Worship 11 am, Student Activities 5:15 pm -Dairy Queen Outreach , Evening Worship 6 pm
- 23 Men’s Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm, Bible Study 6 pm. Business mtg, Choir 7 pm
- 24 Joy Gardeners, Bush’s Bean Café, Dandridge TN
- 25 Fantastic Friday – Surprise Event
- 27 Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning Worship 11 am, Student Activities 5:15 pm, Church Council 5 pm
- 30 Evening Worship 6 pm
- 30 Men’s Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm, Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm





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.

6 Joe Collier 276-2154
13 Roy Chapman 782-0246
20 Louis Trivette 429-7537
27 Joe Collier 276-2154



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

A MESSAGE FROM ANDY:



Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world." ~John 4:42

Our youth and leaders are heading to FUGE Camp at Milligan University June 30th through July 4th! I'm so excited for a week of worship, studying God's Word, and serving in missions at a community center in Elizabethton!

The Bible Study focus for FUGE 2025 is "Into The Light: Owning Your Faith." Our faith in Jesus is not a borrowed faith. Rather, it is a faith that we own upon coming to the saving knowledge of Christ and accepting Him as our Savior. We are more invested when we own something rather than rent, borrow, or lease something, and that includes our faith. It is personal!

Our walk of faith as a Christian is one where we grow: in the knowledge of God's Word, in relationship with Him as we spend time with Him in prayer and worship, and in living out our faith in the world to shine God's Light in the dark places. Our youth will be learning about the source of their faith, the spark of their faith, the fuel of their faith, and how to make their faith shine over the course of our week at FUGE Camp!

Church Family...Please be praying for our youth and leaders during our week at FUGE Camp, and thanks to everyone who has sponsored a youth to attend, supported a fundraiser, or contributed in any way to this life-changing week!

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 & 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 – 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



**Please, Pray for our Youth
6/30 - 7/4 Youth Fuge @ Milligan**



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.

July Sunday
Morning Ministries

Deacon of the Week:

- 6 Kenny Lawson
- 13 Doug Clark
- 20 Freddie Puckett
- 27 David Hammonds

Outside Morning Security:

- 6 Tony Tittsworth
- 13 David Hammonds
- 20 Allen Rhoton
- 27 Paul Bowman

Greeters:

- 6 Carolyn Meade, Lois Ann Southard
- 13 Kenny & Deborah Lawson
- 22 Freddie Puckett, David Murphy
- 27 Allen Rhoton, Frances Bates

Audio:

- 6 Michael Bush
- 13 Michael Strickler
- 20 Michael Bush
- 27 Michael Strickler

Power Point:

- 6 TBA
- 13 Michael Bush
- 20 TBA
- 27 Michael Bush

Video:

- 6 Doug Clark
- 13 Conner Collins
- 20 David Hammonds
- 27 Doug Clark

Nursery Workers:

- 6 Anissa Barrett, Caroline Gilbert
- 13 Kim Trivette, Christine Chapman
- 20 Aliceson Collins, Nancy Byrd
- 27 Melissa Bush, Michelle Dingus

Transportation:

- 6 Joe Collier 276-2154
- 13 Roy Chapman 782-0246
- 20 Louis Trivette 429-7537
- 27 Joe Collier 276-2154

Children's Worship:

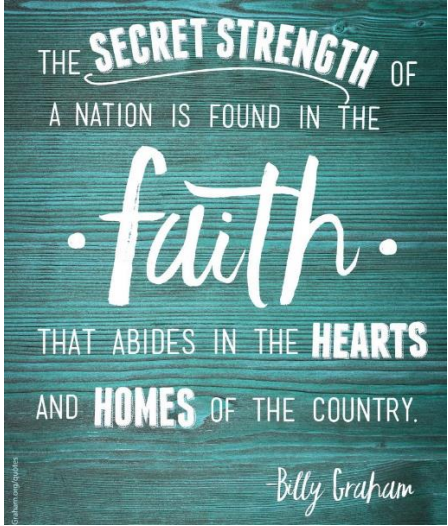
- 6&13 Debbie Gilbert, Linda Walters
- 20 Doug Clark, Dolores Osborne
- 27 Aliceson Collins, Vicki Wallen

Tellers:

- 6 Rhoton, Tittsworth, Vicars
- 13 Rhoton, Trent, Marshall
- 20 Rhoton, Lawson
- 27 Rhoton, Tittsworth, Vicars

Ushers:

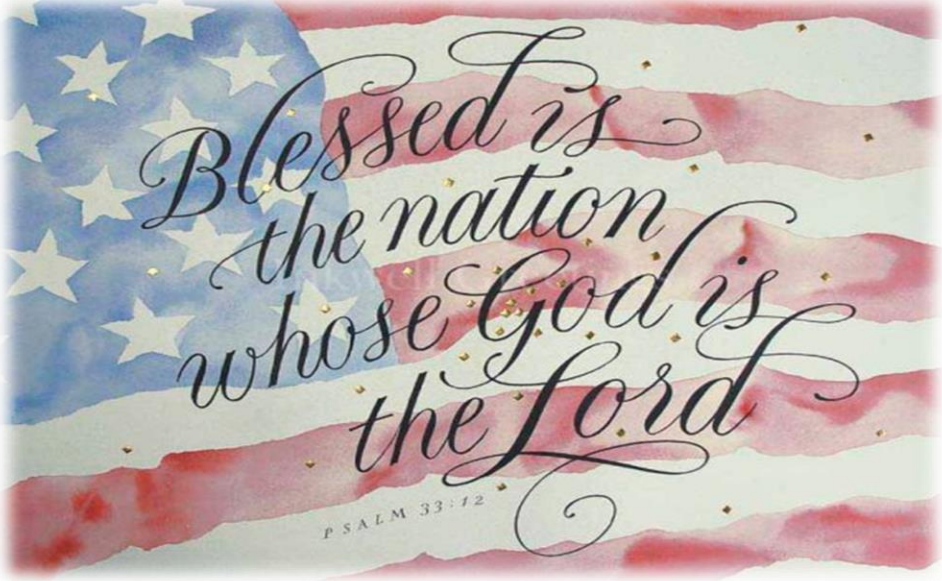
- 6 Kenny Lawson
- 13 Andy Walters
- 20 Gale Osborne
- 27 Kenny Lawson



Brotherhood
Happenings

Men’s Bible Study

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



Roger & Earline Lane
Will be sharing about their recent trip to Malawi, on Sunday evening, July 6 at 6 pm



BUSH’S BEAN CAFE AND MUSEUM

3901 US-411 DANDRIDGE, TN 37725, JULY 24, 2025
MEET AT Café at 11 am. THE VAN WILL LEAVE the Church AT 09:30

WE NEED TO BE THERE FOR LUNCH AT 11:00, THEY HAVE ANOTHER GROUP COMING IN FOR LUNCH AT 12:00



Church Family,

Each act of kindness during the death of my mother was appreciated. The wonderful meal, thoughtful cards and Pastor Rick’s service all helped us through this hard time.

Love from the family of Jo Mogan,
Pat and Judy

Frances Bates's girls would like to thank each one you who attended the "surprise" 90th birthday reception we had for her. Mom truly appreciates and loves each of you very much, and she thanks you for all the cards and gifts!

God Bless You All!

CHURCH

FAMILY
BLOCK
PARTY

Sunday,
July 13 at 6 pm

Church Parking Lot
Bring your lawn chairs
Hot Dogs & Inflatable Water Slide



PARADE
July 18

Church will have a float!
More details to come

Bless The Garden 2025

We are planning some outreach events for the week of July 13th through July 20th to love on our Lynn Garden community and invite folks to join us at church! Let us know if you have ideas for the week!

Bless The Garden
A Week of Outreach and Love
to Our Lynn Garden Community
July 13th - July 20th

Lynn Garden
A Southern Baptist Church

Activities

Sunday, July 13th
Family Block Party

Wednesday, July 16th
Lynn Garden Block Party

Friday, July 18th
Fun Fest Parade

Sunday, July 20th
Dairy Queen Outreach

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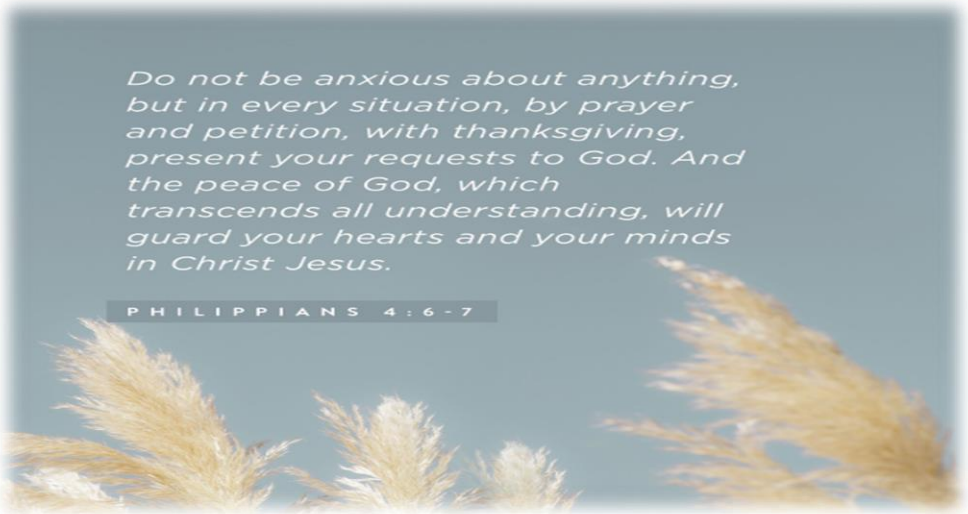
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Lynn Garden Baptist
COLOSSIANS 2:7
ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN JESUS

Church
Council
Meeting

Church council is made up of the pastor, worship minister, minister of students, church ministry assistances, Sunday school director, Women’s Missionary Union director, Brotherhood director, and chairman of deacons. Group leaders with an activity they’d like to present are welcome to attend the meeting.

Our church council’s primary function is to review and schedule ministry & fellowship opportunities for the church calendar.

Sunday, July 27 at 5pm in the Parlor.



Middle School
GUYS
LOCK-IN

(Rising 6th - 9th Graders)
July 19 - 20
More details to come!
See Andy