



THE CHALLENGE

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August Ministry & Fellowship Opportunities

- 1 Kennedy Teachers Luncheon and Prayer walk
- 3 Student Led Sunday am, Sunday Sundae 6 pm
- 3 Deacon Nominations
- 3 Deacon 4:30 pm,
- 4 First Day of School - city
- 6 Men's Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm, Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm
- 6 JAM Back to School Bash
- 13 Men's Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm, Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm
- 15-17 Student Camp Bays Mountain Retreat
- 17 No pm activities for Children and Youth
- 17 Mission Dignity Emphases
- 20 Men's Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm, Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm
- 22 JOY Gardeners at Riverfront 11:30 am
- 27 Men's Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm, Bible Study & Business mtg 6 pm, Choir 7 pm
- 31 Lord's Supper, 5th Sunday Singing



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:



nervous about. Change is not always easy or welcome, is it?

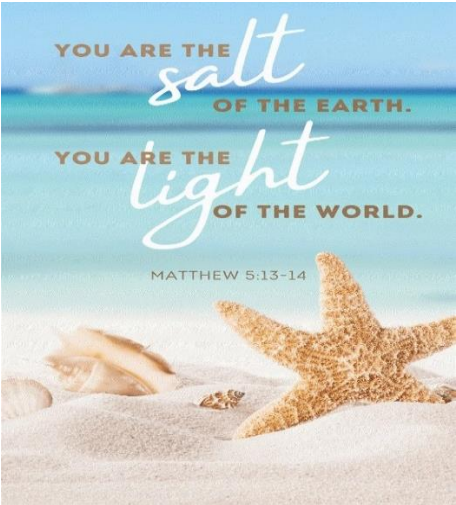
The longer you live, the more you know that the only thing constant in this life is change. Whether our changes seem hard or make us happy, change teaches us that life is fragile, uncertain and temporary. Nothing lasts forever. With all the changes, there is one thing that cannot change - God. *“For I, the LORD, do not change ...”* (Malachi 3:6a).

Change is inevitable. It’s unavoidable. It pushes us out of our comfort zone. It forces us to adjust to circumstances we may or may not have been ready for. I’ve heard it said that life is ten percent what happens to you and ninety percent how you respond to it. It’s okay to be nervous about new things, but don’t forget - no matter what life brings your way, God is with you throughout every change to lead and guide you. *“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”* (Isaiah 41:10) Our God has a plan and purpose for each and every one of us.

No matter how ready or reluctant we are to embrace change, one thing is for certain, God is with you every step of the way. So let the changes come. We will not walk in fear, but in faith! We will trust God with all the changes, and know that He is more than able to help us and that He even has plans to bless us.

I hope you have a great week. I pray that all of our students, teachers, and support personnel in our schools have a great and safe school year. 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





VAN MINISTRY

Help Needed:

Van Assistant for Sunday Mornings

We have children eager to come to church, but we need a second adult to ride along in the van to ensure their safety and make pickup possible. If you're available to help one or more Sundays a month, please let us know.

Please contact the church office at 423-246-2562 or email us at lynngardenbaptist@gmail.com if you're interested or have questions. We will also have a form in the bulletin you can respond to then drop it in the offering plate.

Your support could make a big difference in a child's life!

PROJECT JFK TEACHERS LUNCHEON AND PRAYER WALK Friday, August 1st

We will serve lunch to the teachers of our sister school, JF Kennedy Elementary and have a prayer walk for the upcoming year. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office and let us know what you want to bring. We will also need volunteers to help serve the food and prayer walk for the teachers and students. As always thank you for supporting **PROJECT JFK!**

*Food to church by 11 am
Prayer walk will be at 11:30 am*

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:



But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

- Acts 1:8

A new school year begins this month! The new year is a time of both excitement and anxiety for teachers and students. New classes, new grade level, new school, new school supplies...there are all kinds of "new" this time of year. I'm always grateful that the One who makes all things new is with us as we start a new school year!

This year, we're going to ask our students here at church to look upon the 2025-2026 school year as a "9 Month Mission Trip." Jesus tells us in The Great Commission to be witnesses for him even "to the end of the earth." I completely believe Jesus has each of us where He wants us for a purpose, and that purpose is to share Him with boldness and clarity. Our schools give us a unique opportunity as Christian students and teachers to share The Gospel emboldened by the power of The Holy Spirit!

There are three actions involved in this 9 Month Mission Trip: prayer, care, and share. We'll have a focus each month to pray for, to care for, and to share The Gospel. During the month of August, we'll ask God to reveal to us friends to pray for this school year, use stickers as a ministry tool to reach out to friends, and encourage our youth to get plugged in to Christian groups at their school (FCA, Wyldlife, Prayer Warriors, First Priority, etc.)

I hope you'll join me in praying for our students as they embark on their 9 Month Mission Trip!

Excited to GLORIFY, GROW, GIVE, and GO in this new school year!
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

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.

August Sunday
Morning Ministries



Deacon of the Week:

- 3 Glen Rogers
- 10 Roy Chapman
- 17 Paul Bowman
- 24 Louis Trivette
- 31 Allen Rhoton

Outside Morning Security:

- 3 Freddie Puckett
- 10 Glen Rogers
- 17 Joe Smith
- 24 Joe Collier
- 31 Roy Chapman

Greeters:

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

Audio:

- 3 Michael Bush
- 10 Michael Strickler
- 17 Michael Bush
- 24 Michael Strickler
- 31 Michael Bush

Power Point:

- 3 TBA
- 10 Michael Bush
- 17 TBA
- 24 Michael Bush
- 31 TBA

Video:

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

Nursery Workers:

- 3 Anissa Barrett, Caroline Gilbert
- 10 Kim Trivette, Christine Chapman
- 17 Aliceson Collins, Nancy Byrd
- 24 Melissa Bush, Michelle Dingus
- 31 Anissa Barrett, Caroline Gilbert

Transportation:

- 3 Roy Chapman 423-782-0246
- 10 Louis Trivette 423-429-7537
- 17 Joe Collier 423-276-2154
- 24 Roy Chapman 423-782-0246
- 31 Louis Trivette 423-429-7537

Children's Worship:

- 3 Caroline Gilbert, Debbie Gilbert
- 10 Catherine Gilbert, TBA
- 17 Caroline Gilbert, Conner Collins
- 24 Doug Clark, Dolores Osborne
- 31 Children stay in Sanctuary

Tellers:

- 3 Rhoton, Trent, Marshall
- 10 Rhoton, Lawson
- 17 Rhoton, Tittsworth, Vicars
- 24 Rhoton, Trent, Marshall
- 31 Rhoton, Lawson

Ushers:

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



Brotherhood
Happenings

Men's Bible Study

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

Deacon Meeting, August 3, 4:30 pm



Mission: Dignity®

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Friday, August 22, 2025

Riverfront Seafood

1777 Netherland Inn Road

Kingsport, TN 37660

Meet at restaurant at 11:30 am

Sign up on the bulletin board outside offices

Donate on
August 17, 2025

Mission to provide Dignity to retirement-
aged Southern Baptist ministers,
workers and their widows.

Dobyns-Bennett Football Meal
September 26, 2025

Our church is sponsoring the pre-game meal
for the DB football team and Andy will be
speaking to the team during the meal.

Any Donations toward the meal is appreciated.





Nursery Volunteers Needed!

We are so thankful to see our nursery growing! On Sunday mornings, we now care for 5 to 6 infants and toddlers each week. With this joyful increase, we are in need of additional volunteers to help provide a safe, nurturing, and fun environment for our little ones.

If you enjoy caring for children and can commit to serving once a month, we would love to have you join our nursery team. Training and support will be provided!

Please contact the church office at 423-246-2562 or email us at lynngardenbaptist@gmail.com if you're interested or have questions. We will also have a form in the bulletin Sunday.

Thank you for helping us care for the youngest members of our church family!



Back to School BASH!

August 6th
At 5:30 pm



NEW CHOIR MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!
REHEARSAL ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 7 PM