



# THE CHALLENGE

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## LYNN GARDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

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## September Ministry & Fellowship Opportunities

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| 1-7 | Week of Prayer for State Missions<br>Golden Offering Goal \$1,500.00    |
| 3   | Men's Bible Study 8 am,<br>JAM 5:30 pm, Bible Study 6 pm,<br>Choir 7 pm |
| 7   | Evening Singing Service 6 pm  |
| 10  | Men's Bible Study 8 am,<br>JAM 5:30 pm, Bible Study 6 pm,<br>Choir 7 pm |
| 10  | TBF Estate Planning Presentation  |
| 17  | Men's Bible Study 8 am,<br>JAM 5:30 pm, Bible Study 6 pm,<br>Choir 7 pm |
| 20  | Deacon Picnic   |
| 21  | Parking Lot Praise w/ Phillips &<br>Banks 6 pm,                         |
| 24  | Men's Bible Study 8 am,<br>JAM 5:30 pm, Bible Study 6 pm,<br>Choir 7 pm |
| 26  | Joy Gardeners / Farmers Daughter  |
| 26  | Youth - pre-game meal for the<br>Dobyns-Bennett football team           |
| 27  | Decorate for Homecoming   |
| 28  | Homecoming  |
| 28  | No Evening Services   |



FROM THE RISING OF THE  
SUN TO ITS SETTING,  
THE NAME OF THE LORD  
IS TO BE PRAISED.  
PSALM 113:3



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:



The prophet Elijah knew about fatigue and discouragement. In one of the most unbelievable experiences in Scripture, he faced off against 450 of Baal’s prophets at Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18). Fire fell from heaven, and the people watching fell face down, realizing that the God of Elijah was the one true God. This was a great spiritual victory! But soon after, Elijah was running for his life because the murderous King Ahab and Queen Jezebel were out to get him. He basically gets to the point where he sits down, and says to God, “Take away my life. I don’t want to live anymore.” Elijah is at a low point, he is discouraged, even reaching a point where he doesn’t even want to continue with life. I’m guessing that many people have been at a point like this somewhere along the road of life.

What I love about this story is that as Elijah’s running, discouraged, not really knowing what he was going to do, God meets him right where he was, and nourishes him. “Suddenly, an angel touched him. The angel told him, ‘Get up and eat.’ Then he looked, and there at his head was a loaf of bread baked over hot stones, and a jug of water. So he ate and drank and lay down again” (1 Kings 19:5b-6, CSB). God feeds and nourishes Elijah at this low point in his life. And then in the verses that follow, God reveals His glory in an all-together new way to Elijah, but it’s not in what we might call a spectacular way, like fire falling from heaven. Instead, it’s a still small voice, where God speaks to Elijah’s heart, and reminds him that he is not alone, that God is with him, and that God is committed to giving him everything he needs to stand up under the discouragement and loneliness that he feels.

I just want to encourage you, and remind you that God loves you. He wants to nourish and care for you, in every way your soul needs. You are not alone and He is committed to providing everything you need to be able to stand under the depths of discouragement.

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

If you would like a ride on Sunday morning, please call a bus driver by 5 pm on Saturday evening.

### Transportation:

7	Joe Collier 423-276-2154 2 <sup>nd</sup> person – Sherry Stallard
14	Roy Chapman 423-782-0246 2 <sup>nd</sup> person – Jennifer Taylor
21	Louis Trivette 423-429-7537 2 <sup>nd</sup> person – Sherry Stallard
28	Joe Collier 423-276-2154 2 <sup>nd</sup> person – Jennifer Taylor

## 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



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for our love gift in the death of our mom and Mamaw!

The food was wonderful; the phone calls cards etc. were all appreciated.

Rick, thank you much for such a lovely service.

We love all of you,  
David and Zenda Conerley

## A MESSAGE FROM ANDY:



*Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever!*

- Ephesians 3:20-21

Church Family - I can't come close to explaining how The Holy Spirit moved at our Camp Bays Mountain Retreat in August! I am still praising God for the four who were saved and the one who rededicated her life during that weekend, and I am in awe at how He is moving among our young people. I truly believe that God is raising them up as a "Revival Generation!"

Over the course of the weekend at Camp Bays Mountain, we did a deep-dive study into Paul's letter to the Ephesians with a focus on how we are "So Much More" in God than we often realize. Ephesians 3:20 reminds us that we have God's mighty power at work within us through The Holy Spirit, and that He wants to do more in us and through us than we can possibly ask for or even imagine - all for His Glory! As we studied through Ephesians, we were reminded that:

- God's got you.
- God delights in you.
- God empowers you.
- You are an essential part of God's plan.
- You are not alone.
- Your life has tremendous potential.

I'm excited to share more with you about our weekend at Camp Bays Mountain on September 7th this month!

Andy



## Student Ministry @ Lynn Garden Baptist

### Sunday Mornings @ 9:45 am

- Elementary Sunday School
  - Leaders: Debbie Strickler, Dolores Osborne, Vicki Wallen and Nancy Byrd
  - 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

## 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.



Deacon of the Week:

7 Randy Livesay  
14 Kenny Lawson  
21 Doug Clark  
28 Freddie Puckett

Outside Morning Security:

7 Louis Trivette  
14 David Hammonds  
21 Allen Rhoton  
28 Paul Bowman

Greeters:

7 Kenny & Deborah Lawson  
14 Freddie Puckett  
21 Allen Rhoton & Frances Bates  
28 Carolyn Meade,  
Lois Ann Southard

Audio:

7 Michael Strickler  
14 Michael Bush  
21 Michael Strickler  
28 Michael Bush

Power Point:

7 Michael Bush  
14 TBA  
21 Michael Bush  
28 TBA

Video:

7 Doug Clark  
14 Conner Collins  
21 David Hammonds  
28 Doug Clark

Nursery Workers:

7 Kim Trivette, Christine Chapman,  
Selena Torres  
14 Aliceson Collins, Melissa Bush  
Nancy Byrd,  
21 Jorja Skeens, Michelle Dingus,  
Lakynn Skeen  
28 Anissa Barrett, Caroline Gilbert,  
TBA

Transportation:

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28 Joe Collier 423-276-2154

Children's Worship:

7&14 Renae Fletcher & Ann Rogers  
21&28 Christine & Roy Chapman

Tellers:

7 Rhoton, Tittsworth, Vicars  
14 Rhoton, Trent, Marshall  
21 Rhoton, Lawson  
28 Rhoton, Tittsworth, Vicars

Ushers:

7 Kenny Lawson  
14 Andy Walters  
21 Gale Osborne  
28 Kenny Lawson

# FAITH BASED ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP

Tod Tanner, with the  
Tennessee Baptist Foundation (TBF),  
an institution of the Tennessee Baptist Convention,  
is coming to our church on

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 6:00 pm

We will be meeting in the fellowship hall.

**In the Faith Based Estate Planning workshop,  
he will cover:**

- What faith-based estate planning is
- The difference between wills and trusts
- What the bible teaches us about stewardship
- How you can plan for the future

**What you will learn from the workshop:**

- Know how to reduce or eliminate taxes on your estate
- Have a list of planning tools offered by the TBF
- Understand which legal documents you need to fill out



**The Farmers Daughter**

FRIDAY - September 26, 2025 Meet at 11:30

The van will leave at 10:15

THE FARMERS DAUGHTER

7700 ERWIN HWY. CHUCKEY, TN 37641

423 257-4650

57 MINUTES / 42.8 MILES FROM CHURCH

THEY ONLY ACCEPT CHECKS AND CASH

## Brotherhood Happenings

### Men's Bible Study

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



2025 Goal \$1,500.00

**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.



Project JFK

**Thank you for JF Kennedy Elementary**

Dear Lynn Garden Baptist Church,

Thank you for the lovely lunch for our staff. WE look  
forward to this each year! Our teachers and families were  
thrilled with the school supplies. It definitely helps to get us  
off on the right foot!

The faculty and staff of  
JF Kennedy Elementary School



**Thank You, Church Family**

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to our church family for your unwavering support of the JAM Ministry. Because of your generosity, encouragement, and prayers, our students had the incredible opportunity to attend the Back-to-School Retreat at Camp Bay's Mountain.

This experience was more than just a getaway—it was a time of spiritual growth, connection, and renewal for each of them. Your investment in the lives of these young people is making a lasting impact, and we are truly blessed to be part of such a loving and faithful community.

Thank you for making this journey possible!

With heartfelt appreciation,  
**The JAM Ministry Team**



**“Parking Lot Praise”**

**Sunday, September 21**  
**6 pm**

**Bring your lawn chairs for an evening of southern gospel music!**  
**We will have a baked potato food truck**  
**if you would like to have dinner while you listen.**