

# 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:**



Autumn has always been one of my favorite seasons of the year - The warm days and cool nights..... sitting around the fire pit on a cool evening..... sweatshirts and flannel shirts..... football....the leaves changing from shades of green into beautiful colors of gold, yellow, orange, and red... Autumn is a season of change, a season of transition, a season of renewal. In God’s Word, we find three nuggets of wisdom to help us deal with this season of change:

### 1. Slow Down.

Psalm 46:10 says, “Be still and know that I am God!” Just as God created the natural seasons of spring, summer, fall, and winter, He also takes us through different seasons of life. The fall season invites us to pause and make sure our lives are in line with God’s will. Just as the trees clear their branches, we must clear our lives of distractions that have crept in, hindering our walk with the Lord.

### 2. Let Go.

1 Peter 5:7 (NLT) says, “Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you.” The falling leaves of Autumn serve as a visual representation of releasing our worries and cares to God. God’s Word encourages you and me to not worry about anything; instead, we are to pray about everything. Nothing is too big to pray about. And nothing is too small. And when we do give our worries and cares to God in prayer, here’s the promise God gives us, found in Philippians 4:7 (NLT) “Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.”

### 3. Embrace Change.

Isaiah 43:19 says, “Behold, I will do a new thing....” Autumn beautifully demonstrates to us that change is not just inevitable, but it can also be beautiful. Autumn is a beautiful season. Perhaps God has allowed changes in your life that you don’t yet understand, but be assured that He will guide you and help you navigate you through all those changes. Or maybe the question to ask in this season is, “What change is God calling me to make in my life?” Do you need to spend more time in prayer or reading your bible? Perhaps you need to change your schedule and build in more time for loved ones or friends. The beauty of autumn lies in its subtle reminder that change is an ongoing part of God’s design.

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

## October

### **Ministry & Fellowship Opportunities**

- 2 Men’s Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,  
Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm
- 5 Deacon Meeting 5pm
- 5 No Youth or Children PM Activities
- 7 Women’s Bible Study 6 pm
- 8 Men’s Bible Study 8 am, No JAM, Bible  
Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm
- 8 COA Community Outreach Meeting 7 pm
- 14 Women’s Bible Study
- 15 Men’s Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,  
Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm
- 19 Church Picnic at Camp Bay’s Mountain 4 pm
- 21 Women’s Bible Study
- 22 Men’s Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,  
Bible Study & Business mtg 6 pm,  
Choir 7 pm, Fields of Faith Youth 7 pm
- 23 Joy Gardeners
- 25 Trunk n’ Treat 4-6pm
- 26 Church Council Meeting 5 pm
- 28 Women’s Bible Study
- 29 Men’s Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,  
Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm

## COMING IN NOVEMBER 2025

## **REVIVAL**

*Theme:*

***“Renew & Restore”***

*“Create in me a clean heart.....  
renew a right spirit within me.....  
Restore unto me the joy of thy  
salvation....” (Psalm 51:10-12)*

\*\* Each Evening Service Begins At 6:00pm \*\*



## VAN MINISTRY

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

5	Roy Chapman 423-782-0246 Sherry Stallard, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Adult
12	Louis Trivette 423-429-7537 Jennifer Taylor, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Adult
19	Joe Collier 423-276-2154 Sherry Stallard, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Adult
26	Roy Chapman 423-782-0246 Jennifer Taylor, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Adult

## 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**

Hey Middle School,  
High School & Young Adults  
Check This Out...



**FIELDS  
OF FAITH**

Mark your calendars for  
Wednesday, October 22nd!

We'll be joining with youth from  
our area at Gate City High School  
for Fields of Faith Worship  
Wednesday from 7:00-9:00. We'll  
leave J.A.M. after dinner and  
return around 9:15.

## A MESSAGE FROM ANDY:



*"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I  
am there in the midst of them."  
Matthew 18:20*

Church family, now more than ever I am convicted that we,  
as the body of believers in Jesus Christ, need to come  
together in unity as His Church!

Over the past month, I have been blessed with opportunities  
to gather together with folks from other churches at the  
Who's Your One? Rally at Sullivan Baptist and at Upward  
Soccer Sunday at Ridgeview Baptist. People of all ages, from all walks of life, and  
representing several different churches gathered at these events to worship Jesus  
and hear his word powerfully preached. At each event, God led me to take a step  
back for a moment and take in what was happening...believers in JESUS gathered  
together worshipping our Savior. Just a glimpse of what Heaven will be like!

Looking forward, I'm so excited about the opportunities we have coming up to  
gather together with His Church. Our youth will be attending Fields of Faith with  
other youth groups this month, we have Revival Sunday Nights coming up in  
November, and Strength to Stand coming up in January. Just a reminder that His  
Church is not just a building we go to but who we are in Jesus Christ!

Let's continue to GLORIFY, GROW, GIVE, AND GO, here at Lynn Garden and with  
His Church!

Andy



**BRANCHEZ**  
YOUNG ADULT  
MINISTRY

## 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.

## October Sunday Morning Ministries



### Deacon of the Week:

5 David Hammonds  
12 Glen Rogers  
19 Roy Chapman  
26 Paul Bowman

### Outside Morning Security:

5 Freddie Puckett  
12 Tony Tittsworth  
19 Glen Rogers  
26 Joe Smith

### Greeters:

5 Ann Rogers, Janie Childress  
12 Kenny & Deborah Lawson  
19 Freddie Puckett  
26 Allen Rhoton & Frances Bates

### Audio:

5 Michael Strickler  
12 Michael Bush  
19 Michael Strickler  
26 Michael Bush

### Power Point:

5 Michael Bush  
12 TBA  
19 Michael Bush  
26 TBA

### Video:

5 Conner Collins  
12 David Hammonds  
19 Doug Clark  
26 Conner Collins

### Nursery Workers:

5 Caroline Gilbert, Jorja Skeens,  
Lakynn Skeen  
12 Aliceson Collins, Melissa Bush  
Nancy Byrd,  
19 Kim Trivette, Christine Chapman,  
Selena Torres  
26 Jorja Skeens, Michelle Dingus,  
Marissa Crouch

### Transportation:

5 Roy Chapman 423-782-0246  
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### Children's Worship:

5 Aliceson Collins, Vicki Wallen  
12 Doug Clark, Dolores Osborne  
19 Catherine Chase, Conner Collins  
26 Doug Clark, Dolore Osborne

### Tellers:

5 Rhoton, Trent, Marshall  
12 Rhoton, Lawson  
19 Rhoton, Tittsworth, Vicars  
26 Rhoton, Trent, Marshall

### Ushers:

5 Andy Walters  
12 Gale Osborne  
19 Kenny Lawson  
26 Andy Walters

## Brotherhood Happenings

### Men's Bible Study

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

## Upcoming Meetings

### October 5

Deacon Meeting at 5 pm

### October 8

COA Community Outreach Meeting 7 pm

### October 26

Church Council Meeting 5 pm

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

### Women in the Old Testament

October 7 – November 11 ~ 6pm – 7- pm ~ In the Fellowship Hall.

Calling all women to join us!



## October 19<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm at Camp Bays Mountain

(Old Sullivan Baptist Retreat Center)

Please bring your favorite,  
side dishes, desserts and drinks for sharing!  
Meats will be provided by our Deacons.

## October 23, 2025 (Thursday) MOUNTAIN VIEW RESTRAUNT

(Private Dining Room)

Meet At 11:30

Van Will Leave At 10:45

If Driving: 38 Min. – 33 Miles From Church  
3241 Highway 11 E. Limestone, TN 37681  
This Is Next Door To Troyers Amish Store  
And Aunt Ruth's Donuts



## Lynn Garden Baptist Church

### 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Trunk n' Treat

Saturday, October 25, 4 – 6 pm

Invite your family, friends and neighbors!

### HOW CAN YOU BE A PART?

- Purchase candy
  - Show up on the parking lot and park your car in the line-up - 3 pm.  
You can even decorate your car for fun! Don't forget to bring lots of candy.
  - Pass out candy to the kids that will parade the line of cars.
- OR
- **WE NEED HELP WITH PARKING**  
– will you assist to make this event work smoothly?

### WANT TO HELP WITH THE PLANNING? – WE NEED YOU!

- Join us at the COA planning meeting, October 8 at 7 pm

## Church Mailbox Updates

During the month of October, please let the church office know if you do not have a church mailbox or if a change is needed to the name on your mailbox label. During the first week of November, the church mailboxes will be emptied and all requested changes (additions and changes) will be made to the mailboxes at one time. The mailboxes are located near the entrance to the fellowship hall.





# UETHDA Energy Assistance Program!

New Start Date November 1, 2025



We are all feeling the high cost of energy (electricity, coal, gas, kerosene) and it feels like it keeps increasing. Energy Assistance Program 423-246-6180. Name of Program: LIHEAP.

The Upper East Tennessee Human Development Agency has announced that applications for the 2025-26 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program will open later than usual. The program will begin taking applications on Nov. 1 due to changes at the Tennessee Housing Development Agency, a release stated. 423-246-6180.

The federally funded program helps low-income households pay their utility bills, with payments sent directly to utility providers. Nationwide, LIHEAP assists about 6.7 million households each year.

UETHDA said no applications will be distributed or accepted before Nov. 1 and asked for the community's patience during the statewide transition. More information about the program can be found at [helpingneighbors.com](http://helpingneighbors.com).

**If you need assistance accessing or filling out an application, feel free to contact**  
**Mia Zager**  
**281-961-8505**  
**or**  
**Annisa Barrett**  
**423-360-0969.**



**October is a special time to reflect on the incredible dedication, leadership, and sacrifice that our pastor brings to our church community. As we celebrate Pastor Appreciation Month, we want to express our deepest gratitude for the way our pastor has faithfully served us. Through their wisdom, guidance, and unwavering commitment to the Word of God, they have touched our lives in countless ways.**

**We honor you for your hard work, your compassion, and your constant support, not just as a spiritual leader, but as a friend and guide in our journey of faith. Your prayers, your encouragement, and your tireless efforts do not go unnoticed. You lead by example, showing us what it means to live with integrity, humility, and love.**

**Thank you for your vision, your resilience, and the love you pour into this congregation. We are blessed to have you leading us, and we celebrate you this month and always. May God continue to bless you and your family as you continue to serve and lead us in His name.**

*Thank you for all you do  
Pastor Rick and Carolyn!!*



We are inviting everyone to fill your own shoebox again this year. You can pick up a box in the church office. If you would rather purchase items, we will use them to help fill or make more boxes. Please drop items off in the collection area located behind the choir loft.

**Please bring all shoeboxes to the church by Sunday, November 17.**

## Boys

Yo-Yos  
Whistles  
Toy Cars Or Trucks  
Stuffed Toys  
Socks  
Whistles  
Toy Cars Or Trucks  
Sunglasses  
Puzzles  
Flashlights & Batteries  
Fishing Lures, Hooks, Etc.  
Tape Measures  
Screwdrivers  
Small Hammers  
Hats  
Flashlights & Batteries

## Girls

Dolls  
Hair Accessories  
Little Purses  
Stuffed Toys  
Socks  
Jewelry  
Puzzles  
Measuring Cups  
Mixing Spoons  
Bandanas  
Sewing Kits  
Fabric  
Cooking Utensils  
Measuring Spoons

## For all boxes

Washcloths and Bar of Soap (Ivory)  
Pens, Pencils & Containers  
Crayons  
Combs  
Small Notebooks  
Small Coloring Books  
Toothbrush

