THE CHALLENGE

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November Calendar

Weekly Events

Sunday
Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship 11 am and 6 pm

Wednesday
Men's Bible Study 8 am
JAM Meal 5:30 pm
Bible Study/Prayer Meeting 6 pm
JAM Student Activities 6 pm
Choir 7 pm

Fellowship and Ministry Opportunities

11/1	Daylight Savings Time Ends
11/7	Brotherhood Breakfast 9 am
11/8	Recognize Veterans
11/11	Veterans Day
11/14	Fellowship Hall reserved
11/15	Shoebox Collection
11/24	Project JFK Thanksgiving Meal Distribution
11/25	No Evening Activities
11/26	Thanksgiving, Office Closed
11/28	Decorate Church for Christmas 10 am, Project JFK Angel Tree goes up
11/29	Advent Begins, Lord's Supper
11/29-12/6	Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal $5,000.00

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:

I pray that as we begin the month of November and our time of revival, that it can truly be for each of us "A Time of Thanksgiving and Revival." God's Word reminds us in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." The challenge to live with an attitude of thankfulness is for all of us. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we can always find a reason to say, "Thank you" to the One who gives us our next breath. It's important to remember that we aren't being asked to give thanks for all circumstances – but to find ways to be grateful in the midst of them.

During World War II, Corrie ten Boom and her sister Betsie were arrested for hiding Jewish people in their home. The sisters were placed in a Nazi concentration camp. Their barracks were infested with fleas. Corrie complained that she could not live in such terrible conditions. Pointing to 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Betsie suggested they list things to be thankful for - The sisters gave thanks that they were together. They gave thanks that their Bible was not confiscated. They gave thanks for the people in that cramped barracks. Because Betsie recalled that morning's Scripture reading in 1 Thessalonians, she said they needed to thank God for everything about their current situation—including the fleas. Corrie objected, finding it impossible to be grateful for fleas, but Betsie insisted. Later, they discovered the true purpose of the fleas: the guards and SS officers refused to step foot inside their barracks because of the fleas. Because the guards stayed away, the sisters were able to read the Bible and pray with the other ladies in the barracks.

We're all familiar with the hymn, "Count your blessings." Yet, how often do we stop and actually count our blessings? In today's world, where complaining and arguing have become a way of life, we as Christians need to be different. Ingratitude is a sin, just as surely as is lying or stealing or immorality or any other sin condemned by the Bible. One of the Bible's indictments against rebellious humanity is that "…although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him…" (Romans 1:21, NIV).

An ungrateful heart is a heart that is cold toward God and indifferent to His mercy and love. It is a heart that has forgotten how dependent we are on God for everything. When did you last thank God for your spouse, your children, your job, a place to live, your health, or for living in America? Attitude is always a choice. We may not be able to control circumstances, but we can control how you react to those circumstances. On this side of heaven, life won't always be easy, but we have a God that loves us and will never leave us no matter what life throws our way. In good times, we can be thankful for the blessings. Our family, good friends, good health, and having and enjoying the basic necessities of life should be celebrated. However, in the moments of troubles and trials, suffering, and grief, we can still be thankful. We can be thankful we worship a good God that loves us, will never leave us, and can meet us right where we are. 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

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

Transportation:

1	Joe Collier 423-276-2154 Jennifer Taylor, 2nd Adult
8	Roy Chapman 423-782-0246 Sherry Stallard, 2nd Adult
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22	Roy Chapman 423-782-0246 Sherry Stallard, 2nd Adult
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Our Children's Ministry has grown and we have varied areas to fill…

CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADERS

We are looking for individuals to help lead Children's church on a rotation during worship service. **What you'll do:**

- Ask for prayer requests & pray
- Introduce topic
- Use jump drive to play Bible Story
- Lead children to craft room
- Hand out prepared craft

Please let Debbie Gilbert, Children's Coordinator, know or call the church office at 423-246-2562 if you would be willing to help.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Sunday School Teachers are needed if we are going to continue having Sunday School in that area. Pray please

We are also in need of additional Sunday morning worship volunteers to help with the nursery **What you'll do:**

- Report the nursery by 10:50 am
- Interact with children from birth to 3 years old during the morning worship service
- Change diapers if needed, pass out snacks (provided)

If you are interested in serving in either of these roles, please see Caroline Gilbert, Nursery Coordinator or call the church office.

STUDENT MINISTRIES!

@ LYNN GARDEN BAPTIST

JAM Jesus and Me

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Sunday Mornings @ 9:45 am

- Elementary Sunday School –
  Debbie Strickler, Dolores Osborne & Vicki Wallen
- Middle School, High School and Young Adults Sunday School

Wednesday Evenings @ 5:30 pm

- Meal @ 5:30 in J.A.M. Fellowship Hall 2nd Floor
- Elementary School Bible Study – Debbie Gilbert & Sandra McAmis
- Middle School Bible Study – Carolinne Gilbert & Kevin Odom
- High School &Young Adults Bible Study – Melinda Henard & Kayla Bishop

Our Holston Valley Baptist Association will be going on a mission trip to Guatemala in March, 2027. The following is the projected costs:

- Medical Clinic - $3600 total
  - $450 per day per doctor
  - Total is 2 doctors for 4 days
  - Can minister to 250 patients
- Food Bags - $1200 total
  - 30 bags at $40 each
  - This is for their Golden Ladies Ministry
- Spanish Bibles - $2500 total
  - 250 bibles for Medical Clinic
- Bathroom Construction - $1800 total
  - 1 male & 1 female for Santa Marta

If you would like to be a part of the team that goes, please contact Rev. Mark Roberts, our Associational Missionary, for more information.

If you would like to financially support the trip with any amount, please do so by placing your financial gift in a Special Offering envelope & designate "2027 Guatemala Mission Trip."

November Sunday Morning Ministries

Deacon of the Week:
1 Roger Lane
8 Gale Osborne
15 Steve Byrd
22 Louis Trivette
29 Randy Livesay

Outside Morning Security:
1 David Hammonds
8 Randy Livesay
15 Paul Bowman
22 Freddie Puckett
29 Tony Tittsworth

Greeters:
1 Carolyn Meade, Louis Southard
8 Ann Rogers, Janie Childress
15 Kenny & Deborah Lawson
22 Freddie Puckett, Allen Rhoton
29 Carolyn Meade, Louis Southard

Audio:
1 Michael Bush
8 Michael Strickler
15 Michael Bush
22 Michael Strickler
29 Michael Bush

Power Point:
1 TBA
8 Michael Bush
15 TBA
22 Michael Bush
29 TBA

Video:
1 Dour Clark
8 Conner Collins
15 David Hammonds
22 Doug Clark
29 Conner Collins

Nursery Workers:
1 Kim Trivette, Caroline Gilbert, Melissa Bush
8 Aliceson Collins, Nancy Byrd, Marissa Crouch
15 Caroline Gilbert, Dana Montalvo, Zane Montalvo
22 Annisa Barrett, Caroline Gilbert, Isaias Montalvo
29 Kim Trivette, Caroline Gilbert, Melissa Bush

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Children's Worship:
1, 8 Debbie Gilbert, Linda Walters
15, 22 Renae Fletcher, Ann Rogers

Tellers:
1 Rhoton, Vicars, Tittsworth
8 Rhoton, Trent, Lawson
15 Rhoton, Marshall, Vicars
22 Rhoton, Tittsworth, Trent
29 Rhoton, Lawson, Vicars

Ushers,
1 Gale Osborne
8 Kenny Lawson
15 Gale Osborne
22 Kenny Lawson
29 Gale Osborne

If you cannot fulfill your Sunday morning ministry duties, please contact someone to fill your ministry needs. Thank you and thank you for sharing your gifts

Brotherhood Happenings

CALLING ALL MEN – YOU ARE INVITED!

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday mornings at 8 am,
In the fellowship hall

MEN'S Breakfast

Brotherhood Sponsored

Saturday, November 7 at 9 am

Everyone Welcome! (Ladies that means you!)

Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office.

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. Cost is $10.00 per box. Please use a special offering envelope marked "Shoebox." **Do Not put money in box.**

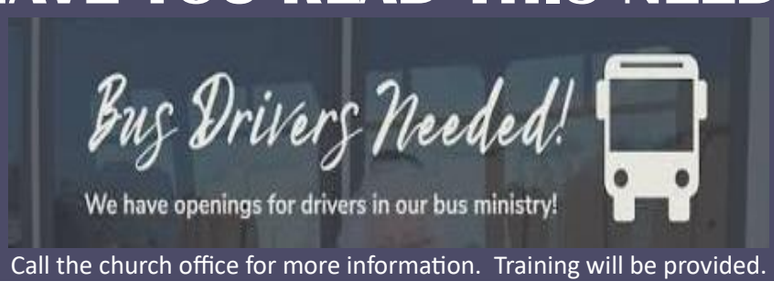
Please bring all shoeboxes to the church by Sunday, November 15.

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

HAVE YOU READ THIS NEED?



Call the church office for more information. Training will be provided.

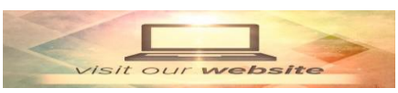
Project JFK Happenings

We will once again, provide thanksgiving food baskets for our sister school, John F. Kennedy Elementary.

If you would like to donate funds to help purchase the food, please use a special offering envelope and designate the gift as "Project JFK – Thanksgiving." Donations can be dropped in offering boxes next to office or in vestibule.

This year we are sponsoring John F. Kennedy Elementary children for Angel Tree gifts. During the end of November, a tree will be placed in the sanctuary with children's sizes and toy request.

If you would like to sponsor a Project JFK Angel, just choose an angel and write your name on the list beside the tree, on the line that's number matches your angel's number.



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WHY?

- Find out what is going on at the church.
- Find out how to become a church member.
- How to become a Christian.
- Give your tithe online and make that simple.
- If you can't make a Sunday service, you can watvch it online.
- There are pictures of our church dating back to the 1940's. A must see.
- *Find out what ministries we have at Lynn Garden Baptist and where you can fit in!*

A Time of Thanksgiving and Revival"

***** EACH SERVICE BEGINS AT 6:00 PM *****

Nov.1
Guest speaker: Rev. Mark Roberts
Associational Missionary, Holston Valley Baptist Association

Nov. 8
Guest speaker: Rev. Keith Osborne
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Rogersville, TN

Nov. 15
Guest speaker: Rev. Jeff Strong
Pastor, Sullivan Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN

Nov.22
Guest speaker: Rev. Jon Rogers
Pastor, Ridgeview Baptist Church, Church Hill, TN

Nov. 29
Guest speaker: Rev. Dustin Jessee
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Church Hill, TN

Poinsettias For Loved Ones!

Beginning Sunday, November 29, and during the Christmas season our Sanctuary will be decorated with beautiful poinsettias. If you would like to place a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone, you may do so by turning in this form and your money to the church office or placing the form and money in a special offering envelope with "Poinsettia" written on the outside, then drop it in a offering box. The cost of each flower is $12.00. You may pick up your flower any time after the 20th of December. Orders will be taken only until Wednesday, Nov. 25th.

Given by _____ *# of Plants*_____ *$*_____

In Memory of _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

In Honor of _____