

# THE CHALLENGE

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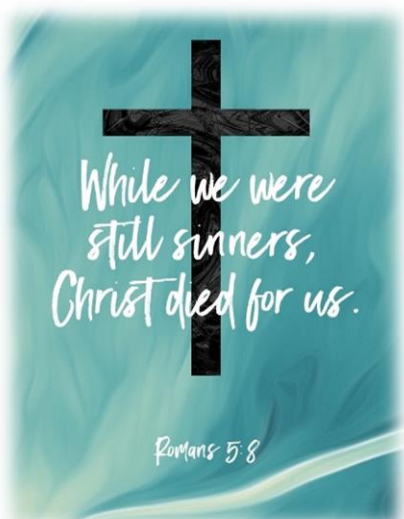
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## April

### Ministry & Fellowship Opportunities

- 2 Men's Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,  
Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm
- 6 Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning  
Worship 11 am, Student Activities  
5:15 pm, Evening Worship 6 pm
- 9 Men's Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,  
Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm
- 13 Palm Sunday, Sunday School 9:45 am,  
Morning Worship 11 am, Student  
Activities 5:15 pm, Evening Worship 6 pm
- 16 Men's Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm
- 17 Maundy Thursday Service 6 pm,  
Choir 7 pm
- 18 Good Friday – Office Closed,
- 20 Easter Sunday
- 20 Sunrise Service 7 am, Sunday School  
9:45 am, Morning Worship 11 am,  
No Evening Activities
- 23 Men's Bible Study 8 am, JAM 5:30 pm,  
Bible Study 6 pm, Choir 7 pm
- 24 Joy Gardeners to Randalls in Church  
Hill 11:30 am
- 26 Men's Breakfast 8 am
- 27 Baptist Men's Day, Sunday School  
9:45 am, Morning Worship 11 am,  
Student Activities 5:15 pm, Evening  
Worship 6 pm
- 27 Church Council 5 pm



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:



Have you ever seen a certain flower or tree that caused you to stop and simply say, “Wow!” That happened to me recently when Carolyn and I were visiting a couple. They showed us their “lifesaver cactus.” I had never seen anything like it! The flower looks just like a lifesaver laying on the plant.

Genesis 1–2 tells the story of God’s creation of the world. On the first day, God created light in the darkness. On the second, He created the sky. Dry land and plants were created on the third day. On the fourth day, God created the sun, the moon and the stars. Water and the birds of the sky were made on the fifth day, and on the sixth day, land animals and people were created. Genesis 1:31 tells us, “Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good....” All of creation points to the Creator. “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.” (Psalm 19:1-2). There’s something about seeing God’s creation that reminds us we are not accidents, and our God is an awesome God!

Getting caught up in the mundane moments of life can make it easy to overlook all of the beauty around us. But when we slow down enough to see and enjoy God’s creation, it’s hard not to be filled with awe and gratitude. Each sunrise, each flower, shrub, and tree seemingly coming to life in the Springtime, reminds us of the Creator’s love for us. God’s declaration that His creation is “very good” reminds us of the inherent worth of all He has made, including us.

Spring is an exciting time because it’s as if the earth is coming back to life. The earth seems to die during months of freezing temperatures and bone-chilling winds. However, we know the truth: the greenness and warmth will return, because springtime always follows the winter. Just as spring brings the renewal of nature, Easter brings spiritual renewal for all who believe in Jesus.

It is a time of hope, where we celebrate the resurrection of Christ, who offers us eternal life and forgiveness of our sins. Let’s celebrate this spring — this Easter — singing with grateful hearts, “He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today! “

I hope you are planning to join us in church this coming Sunday. Have a great week and let your light shine for Jesus this week!

Pastor Rick



## 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.

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



Join Us Every  
Wednesday Night 5:30 pm

## 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:



*Therefore, if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.*

• *Philippians 2:1-2*

Church family...God is blessing our J.A.M. Ministry in a mighty way! We've averaged around 30-40 students on Wednesday nights, and we've been having around 20-30 students on Sunday nights. I'm quick to tell myself, though, that our J.A.M. Ministry is not about numbers...it's all about JESUS! It is so encouraging to watch God

move in the lives of each individual student and to have the opportunity to share Jesus with them and to disciple them. And I'm so grateful for our leaders taking time to serve and make J.A.M. happen!

This month, as part of our Easter events at Lynn Garden Baptist, we are hosting a "J.A.M. Family Night" at the Kingsport Carousel! Our goal is to have a fun night of fellowship with our J.A.M. kids. We also hope to connect with their families and personally invite them to start coming to church with their child if they don't already. We will also have a special invitation for each family to join us on Easter Sunday.

This event will be on Wednesday, April 16th from 5:30 to 7:30. There are no other activities at church on this Wednesday evening, so I'd like to invite everyone to come join us at the carousel to meet and talk with our J.A.M. families about Lynn Garden Baptist!

Excited for Easter this month and to continue to Grow God's Garden Together!

Andy



## Student Ministry @ Lynn Garden Baptist

### Sunday Mornings @ 9:45 am

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



## CARE HOUSE

### 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.

**April Sunday  
Morning Ministries**



Deacon of the Week:

- 6 Louis Trivette
- 13 Allen Rhoton
- 20 Randy Livesay
- 27 Kenny Lawson

Outside Morning Security:

- 6 Joe Smith
- 13 Joe Collier
- 20 Roy Chapman
- 27 Louis Trivette

Greeters:

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

Audio:

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

Power Point:

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

Video:

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

Nursery Workers:

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

Transportation:

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

Children's Worship:

- 6&13 Christine & Roy Chapman
- 20&27 Debbie Gilbert, Linda Walters

Tellers:

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

Ushers:

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

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**Card Making Class**  
Thursday, April 10 @ 5:30 pm  
\$30.00

# Brotherhood Happenings

## Men's Bible Study

Every Wednesday morning at 8 am, In the fellowship hall. All men welcome!  
Deacon's Meeting, Sunday, April 6, 2025 at 5 pm



APRIL 24, 2025 (THURSDAY)  
**RANDALL'S RESTAURANT**  
(PRIVATE DINING ROOM)  
MEET AT 11:30 – VAN WILL LEAVE AT 11:00  
120 OLD UNION RD. CHURCH HILL, TN 37640



**Men's Breakfast**  
Saturday, April 26  
8:00 am

Prepared by men for everyone to enjoy



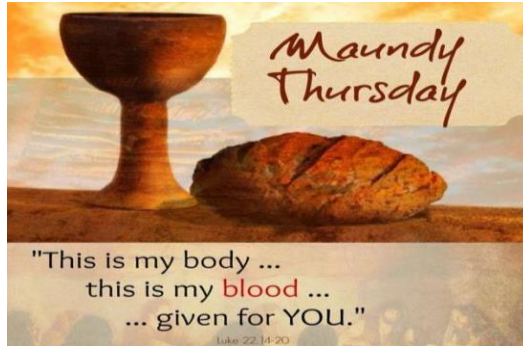
**APRIL 27 AT 5 PM**

*thank you*

To Our Church Family,

Allen & I would like to thank everyone who came out to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Thank you for all the cards, gifts, gift cards & gifts. We really appreciate it very much.

The Roton's



Maundy  
Thursday  
Service  
April 17 at 6 pm



**Easter Sunday**  
**April 20**

Easter Sunrise Service 7 am  
Lite Breakfast to Follow  
Easter Service 11 am