

The Link

CHURCH EVENTS

March 3

DIVE Youth Guy/Girl Day

March 4

Church-wide Breakfast

DIVE Youth Dessert Auction

March 5

Church Council Meeting

March 6

Music Committee

March 7

New Member Recognition

March 9-10

WM Girls Night Out

March 11

Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 12

JOY Fellowship

Deacons Meet

March 15

WMU Meeting

March 16

Women's Ministry Banquet

March 18

Rev. Wayne Lee – Baltimore

Acts 1:8 Fundraiser

March 23

DIVE Youth Winter Jam

March 24

RA/GA Garden City 500

Hotdog Lunch

March 28

Special Wednesday Night Dinner

& Pogram

March 31

Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast

WEDNESDAY SUPPER MENUS

Week 1 – Fried chicken, green beans, potato salad, rolls

Week 2 – 1 or 2 hotdogs with chili, baked beans, coleslaw

Week 3 – Baked spaghetti, garden salad, Texas toast

Week 4 – Ham, sweet potato casserole, green beans, deviled eggs, rolls,

From the Pastor . . .

I do not know about you, but I am tired of the cold weather and all the sickness that is going around. March is one of my favorite months (maybe because I was born in March). It is also the month that we will prepare for Easter.

This Easter April 1st, we are having two identical services. The first one will be at 9:30 am and the second will follow at 11 am. Again, they are identical services that will feature special music that does not lean contemporary or traditional. The services will be blended just like we have each Sunday morning.

You might ask, "Why two services?" Easter Sunday is generally the time where we have the largest crowd on our campus. We hope to free up seats in the second service by giving the opportunity for people to worship at 9:30. We are going to advertise in our community through social media, personal invitations, etc.

Will you please invite your neighbors? People tend to be more willing to come to a worship gathering at Christmas and Easter. Let us capitalize on this!

The Wednesday night before Easter, we are planning a special dinner, and a special service to focus on the crucifixion and to prepare our hearts for Easter Sunday.

Take note of some of the other important events coming up in the month of March. The Lord is doing some great things in our church. I am excited for our future.

Serving Him,
Jordan



To get to church on time Sunday, March 11, set you clock ahead one hour Saturday night before you go to bed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

by: Tim Hutto, Sunday School Director

Numbers are often used as a measurement of how well we are doing. For Sunday School I think of them as those whom we are sharing the gospel.

Regardless of a lot of folks being sick recently, January & February 2018 compared well to 2017: In 2017, for the same period we averaged 177 in SS and for 2018 we averaged 178.

I cannot describe the way I have felt about the death of Billy Graham. In John 8:12 Jesus told us "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Billy Graham followed that example and his light will continue to shine for generations. This verse is a challenge for me. Our Sunday School classes should be lights of the world.

Have a blessed day.

Season of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering start March 4.

ON MISSION HERE & NOW!

JOY FELLOWSHIP

Monday, March 12 at noon in the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish luncheon; fried chicken provided. Please bring \$2 to help with the cost of the chicken.

Program theme is "**Go Ye Therefore**". Members of the Missions Committee will tell how Garden City Baptist Church is taking the Great Commission forward.

Every one 55 and better invited

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF PRAYER March 26 starting at 8 a.m. until Tuesday, March 27 at 8 a.m.

Find a twenty-minute period that's dedicated to spending time with God. Sign-up sheet in the side hall.

From the Media Messenger. . .

Max Lucado attended [Abilene Christian University](#) where he received an undergraduate degree in [Mass Communication](#). He wanted to become a lawyer, but has said that a required Bible course at the university and a mission trip made him change his mind, deciding instead to become a missionary. However, this required that Lucado get a graduate degree in Biblical Studies and have at least two years experience ministering to a church. Lucado graduated from Abilene Christian University with a master's degree in Bible and Biblical Studies.

After graduation, Lucado became an associate minister at Central Church of Christ in Florida. After two years in Miami, the now newlywed Lucado and his wife, Denalyn, moved to Brazil to become full-time missionaries. In 1987, Lucado's father died from [Lou Gehrig's disease](#). After five years in Brazil, he brought his family back to the United States to be closer to his mother.

In 1988, he was hired as a [minister](#) to Oak Hills Church of Christ in [San Antonio, Texas](#). He stopped taking a salary from the church in 1990 because he was already established as a successful author. There were changes in ideology in the Oak Hills Church of Christ. The "Church of Christ" affiliation was dropped from its name in 2003 and the church simply called itself, "Oak Hills Church." In 2007 Lucado stepped down and has resumed a limited role of writing and preaching.

Max Lucado is famous for his quotes. These are a few:

"The Bible is the story of two gardens: Eden and Gethsemane. In the first, Adam took a fall. In the second, Jesus took a stand. In the first, God sought Adam. In the second, Jesus sought God. In Eden, Adam hid from God. In Gethsemane, Jesus emerged from the tomb. In Eden, Satan led Adam to a tree that led to his death. From Gethsemane, Jesus went to a tree that led to our life."

"The difference between mercy and grace? Mercy gave the prodigal son a second chance. Grace gave him a feast."



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WIDOW'S MINISTRY

Monthly luncheon will celebrate the birthday of Pat Hample **Sunday, March 11** at Olive Garden. Meet down front after the worship service to carpool. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Pat Hample at 843-748-0163 or 704-460-4056. As always we give God all the glory. and praise for all He is doing through this ministry.



Please start collecting/saving things for the **WM Upscale Yard Sale**. No clothing, but shoes, bags and accessories are good. Remember, someone junk can be someone else's treasure.

OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays from 4-6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Facilitators: Tish Walker & Mike Reese. You can start at any time. Deuteronomy and Joshua are next.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY The study of *Hebrews* continues through March and early April. The next Bible Study is David Jeremiah's Heaven starting **April 12**.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS We had some great soups for our soup tasting on Tuesday February 20th. There were 2 different kinds of Corn Chowder and we also had a pot of homemade Chili. Thank you to all the ladies that participated in Circle for February. There's no Circle in March but the Women's Ministry will be having a **GIRLS NIGHT OUT on March 9 & 10th Friday and Saturday** in the Fellowship Hall. And you don't have to spend the night. Dinner & breakfast provided, games, movie, crafts, fun, and fellowship. **Sign-up sheet in the side hall on WM bulletin board.** Look for flyers on the bulletin board for more information. **GOSPEL BODY** is going well. We lift up each other in prayer before we start exercising and have a great time of fellowship while we are walking. So I hope you can join us sometime. And the best part is, it is FREE. Sisters In Christ, Yvonne Marcum

ANNUAL WOMEN'S MINISTRY BANQUET

"Once Upon an Apron"

Date & Time: March 16 at 6:30

Place: Fellowship Hall

Food: BBQ Chicken or Spareribs

Special Entertainment: Bree Marsh (Former Miss South Carolina) & Helen Walker (Myrtle Mae)

Cost: Ladies - \$12 & girls age 12 and under - \$6

Tickets are available in the side hall each Sunday and from the office. **Wear an apron!**

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING: 100% OF YOUR GIFTS GO TOWARD SUPPORTING MISSIONARIES WHO SERVE IN COMPASSION MINISTRIES AND CHURCH PLANTING. BECAUSE YOU GIVE . . .

\$10 – a missionary can purchase gospel tracts to engage his community in Toronto.

\$20 – a North American missionary is able to buy lunch and build a relationship with her Muslim neighbor.

\$50 – a Send City missionary has bus fare for a month to travel in an unreached area of his city.

\$150 – a church plant's community group is resourced with Bibles, books and other discipleship materials in Oregon.

\$400 – a GenSend student missionary is able to spend time mentoring underprivileged children in the inner city.

\$500 – a block party starts gospel conversations in a community in Maine.

\$1,100 – a church planter is able to attend a two-day orientation training at NAMB.

\$1,200 – a North American missionary can pay half a month's rent for a New York apartment.

\$2,000 – a new children's ministry can be resourced with curriculum and equipment in Colorado.

\$2,400 – a bivocational church planting missionary can receive a seminary scholarship.

\$2,500 – a church plant in California can rent a worship facility for a month.

SOUTH STRAND MOBILE MEALS

March 19-23 – Van 2 See Esther Holland or Phyllis Melton to volunteer or for information.

Two part-time volunteer van drivers are needed to drive one or more times a month. You will receive training. Call Nick Gennarelli, president at 843-251-5213

Varina's

Let's "Fall in LOVE" with our Music Ministry! We are recruiting members for all choirs and we look forward to seeing YOU at rehearsal! Please be in prayer as we promote serving our Lord through music. Throughout God's Word, music has played an important part in the worship of our Lord. We are looking forward to where He leads GCBC's Music Ministry. It's an exciting time to serve and worship Him!

Please continue to check our "SONG OF THE WEEK" on our church's website. You can connect by going to "Ministries" and clicking Music. You will find the song at the bottom of the page. Please listen to the song and sing along with the lyrics. We will then use the song in our worship the following Sunday.

JOYFUL PRAISE KIDS (Kindergarten-5th grade)

- Rehearsal is on Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.
- The children will sing on Sunday, March 4 during the 11 o'clock service.
- Joyful Praise Kids need an accompanist who can read music and be able to play correct rhythm. This is a volunteer position. Rehearsals are each Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. September through May. Please contact me for more information.

CHANCEL CHOIR (High School-Adults)

- Rehearsal is on Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- Recruiting, for new members, has begun! Invite your friends to join us each Wednesday night for rehearsal. Let's fill the Choir Loft each Sunday!
- We are thankful for these new members: Linda Faine, Anita LaVoie, and Dorothy Vinot.

PRAISE BAND

- Rehearsal is on Monday at 7:00 p.m. until approximately 8:00 p.m.
- Please be in the Sanctuary, for rehearsal, each Sunday morning by 9:00 a.m.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

- We meet once a month to review song selection, watch our recorded services, review performance levels of each team (choral/praise), and analyze the overall environment of services and events.

SOUTH STAND HELPING HAND

We are still excited about the new leadership at SSHH. With Alan Wight in the director position and Susan Alexander managing the pantry area, things are going very well.

We are looking for a board president from our member churches. It is a volunteer position. If anyone is interested please see Jo Anne Lee.

We really appreciate the support for the **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** with all the contributions on February 4--\$950. Thank you!



1 – Jan Pugliese
1 – Francesca Smith
2 – Percy Denton
2 – Donna Broome
3 – Cliff Marcum
4 – Dot Champion
5 – Ron Horton
8 – Angela Roddey
8 – Donna Fronduto
10 – Mason Parker
11 – Linda Griffin
11 – Michelle Jackson
12 – Pat Hample
14 – *Briley Arnold*
14 – Phyllis Gore
16 – Norris Short
16 – Jenny Wall Cox
16 – Helen Prevatte
17 – Mark Gore
17 – Tim Harrelson
17 – *Joan Chewing*
19 – Tony Culpepper
20 – Tom Barnes
21 – Kathy Burton
22 – Tommy Spotts
22 – Sheyanne Baker
24 – Katelynn Parker
22 – Linda Estep
24 – Dorothy Lane
25 – Bree Marsh
26 – Mary Lou Kirtland
27 – Charlotte Collins
27 – Jordan Gandy
27 – Evans Price

THE LADIES LUNCHEON

February's luncheon will be at Salt Water Creek on **Friday, March 23** at noon. **Come make new friends, all women invited.** You can go directly or you can meet at the church. Sign-up sheets are in the front foyer and side hall. Any questions please call Shirley at [843-748-0465](tel:843-748-0465) or e-mail at Shirloest@aol.com

Tuesday, April 10 we are going to the Culinary School We will leave the church by 11:15. The cost is \$20-tax and tip included. You must give me or Pat Carella your money in an envelope in advance. This was the only date I could get... so make note it is a Tuesday... not the usual Friday.

Partnership with Christian Liberty Church

“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.” – Matthew 5:14

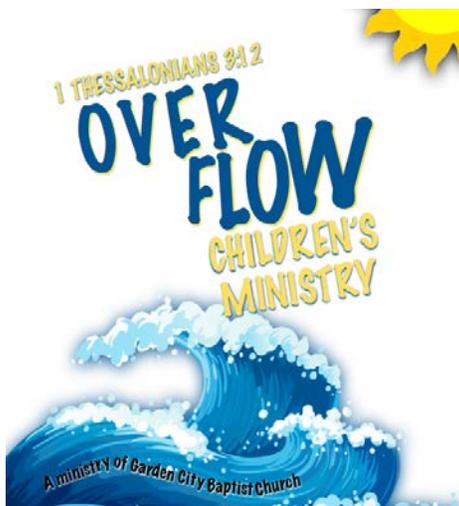
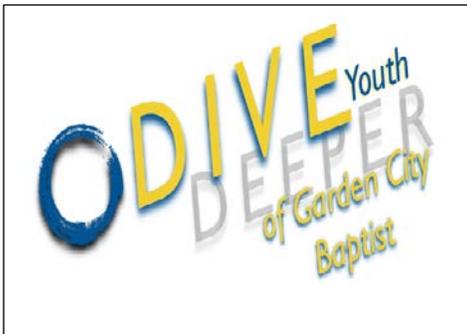
Since it was founded almost four years ago, Christian Liberty Church in West Baltimore has been a beacon of light in a community of spiritual darkness. Pastor Wayne Lee and his wife Pascha, both native to the city, believe that there is power in the gospel for the salvation of everyone who believes. The church, sponsored by the North American Mission Board, meets weekly in Frederick Douglas High School. Shortly after its launch, the church found itself in thick of the riots that erupted in 2015.



We at Garden City Baptist strive to follow the model given in Acts 1:8, taking the gospel to “Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” As we continue to serve and minister in the Garden City area, we look to expand our focus both nationally and internationally. In a sense, we have adopted Baltimore as our “Samaria.”

Pastor Wayne has been invited to preach at Garden City Baptist on Sunday, March 18. You will find that his passion to take the gospel to the city is contagious and his vision for the church is compelling. He doesn’t believe in “giving just a handout, but a hand-up.” A soup and sandwich donation lunch will follow the service, where he will share more about Christian Liberty Church. Donations for lunch will go toward the Acts 1:8 mission fund.

As we develop a partnership with Christian Liberty Church, we intend to stay in routine contact, pray faithfully, encourage the pastor, and send teams to assist in the ministry. We are planning a short trip in May for the church’s fourth anniversary.



NEXT GENERATION MINISTRY

March is here! We've got many opportunities for our children and youth this month to continue growing in Christ as they participate in our church family. While February was busy (Father Daughter Dance, Ski trip, Fun Warehouse) March serves as a month where we are able to *somewhat* rest event-wise as we gear up for the summer! Which, yes, as the warm weather has reminded us, will be hear before we know it. The ball has begun rolling on VBS plans and summer camp plans and as God moves, we simply try to keep up.

Our youth will be hosting their first fundraiser for our highly-anticipated Charleston mission trip on Sunday, March 4th, and if you're on a diet...we apologize! We'll be facilitating a dessert auction beginning at 8:45am on the main hallway. Stop by before Sunday school, after Sunday school, and even shortly after the morning worship service to bid on the delicious desserts made by our youth and youth parents!

All money raised will benefit our youth going to Charleston in June.

Your prayers for OCM and DIVE are always coveted!

Looking to get involved? We've got spots available helping with our kids and are always looking for adults to get involved with and invest in our youth. See Tim if you're interested in helping out!

Timothy
Minister to the Next Generation

MISSION UPDATE FROM EASTERN KENTUCKY – Eric & Sissy Rutherford

EPHESIANS 4:1 says, *“I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,”* With the recent passing of the Reverend Billy Graham I was reminded of the verse above. Simply put, God wants us to live a life worthy of the calling He has given all of us as His ambassadors. God’s word also tells us that we all fall short, but because of our relationship with Jesus we are called His; and are given a mission to point others to Him; and to serve them in His name and His love. It is our hope as we look forward to a new season of ministry here in eastern Kentucky that our service will honor Him in such a way that lives will be changed; and, some day when we are gone from this life, God will say we lived a life worthy of His calling on it.

Local schools were closed this week following security threats inspired by events in the national news. (No one was hurt. Two people were arrested.) We have seen similar violence affecting churches nationwide. Sissy and I are members of the Tri-City Ministerial Association, an interdenominational group of local church leaders and missionaries. Next week we will host a Church Safety and Security Seminar for all local churches and law enforcement personnel. Our speaker will be Vernon Magness, one of my Christian Motorcyclist Association brothers (pictured far right next to me at a bike blessing we did last year in Harlan). Vern is a retired homicide detective who has organized a security team and plan at his church near Louisville.



In recent weeks there has been serious flooding in the area due to heavy rains. Sissy, who serves on city council, and I were called out one night to close Main Street here in Lynch because it flooded. Another branch of our ministry, the Stables at Creekside Glen, also suffered tens of thousands of dollars in flood water damage to the office and classroom buildings; roads; and fences requiring a major renovation and clean-up effort. Sissy and I helped on our day off as did dozens of locals and mission team members throughout the week.



Drew Baldwin is the director of our equestrian ministry. They have an internship program and host several Bible-based horse camps and rodeos each year. Our leadership is working with a company who will be physically raising the affected buildings to avoid similar damage in the future. Meridzo Center ministries almost never solicits donations, but we are making known the need and the financial impact. Donations can be mailed to Meridzo Ministries P.O. Box 425 Lynch, KY 40855.

Drew is also the Pastor of Eolia Baptist Church where I have had the honor of preaching a number of times when he is out. On a lighter note, Sissy and I are hoping to join a group from Eolia Baptist on a borrowed ATV for an off-road event this Saturday. The group will ride four wheelers and side-by-sides up into the mountains and the church will provide food and fellowship. It will be a nice break for those who have been working hard to get things ready for the coming year. Thank you all for your continued love, prayers, and support. In His love and service. Eric & Sissy



Women's Ministry Banquet "Once Upon an Apron"

Sunday, March 16

6:30 pm

Tickets are available in the church office.

Soup and Sandwich Lunch

Sunday, March 18

Everybody is welcome and encouraged to join us for lunch following the church service. Pastor Wayne Lee from Baltimore will be sharing about the ministry of Christian Liberty Church. Donations for lunch will go toward the Acts 1:8 missions fund.



GARDEN CITY 500

March 24th

10:00 am – hotdog lunch

Cheer the RAs and GAs on as they race their wooden cars.

Saturday, 3/31

9:00 am

**Pancake Breakfast, Fun Activities,
Gospel Story, and the Egg Hunt**

The children of GCBC, their families, friends, and the Overflow Children's Ministry volunteers are welcome to join us for this incredible morning.

Rain or Shine



STARTING
new
HERE  **POINT**

Sunday, April 15

3:00-5:45 pm

Starting Point is a class for prospective members to learn more about taking their next steps. Anyone interested in joining the church, or learning more about Garden City Baptist, is encouraged to contact the church office. (843) 651-3663, joanne@gardencitybaptistchurch.com