



A mother

*who loves her God and lives her faith
is a blessing to her children.*

*All thy children shall be taught of the LORD;
and great shall be the peace of thy children.*

ISAIAH 54:13



The Link

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GARDEN CITY
BAPTIST CHURCH

May Events

- 5/2 Brandon Lake Concert
- 5/3 Fill the Truck
- 5/8 Seaside Elementary
Appreciation Lunch
- 5/9 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- 5/10 Mother's Day
- 5/11 Joy Fellowship
- 5/15 Men's Fishing Trip
- 5/18-22 Kentucky Mission Trip
- 5/20 Last Wed. Night Supper
- 5/25 Memorial Day (Office Closed)
- 5/26 Crafters' Corner
- New Directions**
- 5/29 Prep Meal at Church
- 5/30 Serve Meal at Shelter
- 5/31 5th Sunday Benevolence

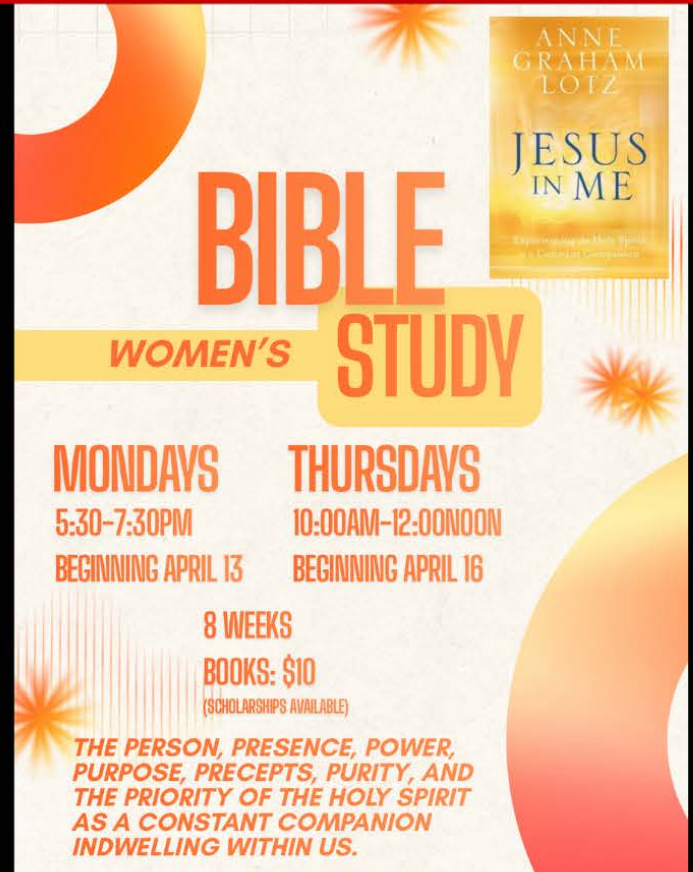
GET INVOLVED-

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
BREAKFAST
SATURDAY
5/9**

JOY

FELLOWSHIP

**Monday, May 11
Noon**



BIBLE STUDY
WOMEN'S

ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ
JESUS IN ME
Experiencing His Spirit
as a Constant Companion

MONDAYS 5:30-7:30PM
BEGINNING APRIL 13

THURSDAYS 10:00AM-12:00NOON
BEGINNING APRIL 16

8 WEEKS
BOOKS: \$10
(SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE)

THE PERSON, PRESENCE, POWER, PURPOSE, PRECEPTS, PURITY, AND THE PRIORITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AS A CONSTANT COMPANION INDWELLING WITHIN US.



CRAFTERS' CORNER
TUESDAY,
MAY 26
10:00AM

JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL TO MAKE A FLIP-FLOP OR SUMMER WREATH!



June 18
6:00 PM

Scoops of Fun Await!

Ladies' **ICE CREAM Social**

Stay tuned for announcements from Women's Ministry for additional details!

GET INVOLVED-



GARDEN CITY BAPTIST CHURCH
COMING THIS SUMMER!

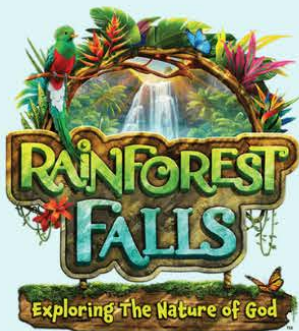
SPORTS CAMP:
DANCE AND BASKETBALL
JUNE 15-18

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
(VBS)
JULY 21-24

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.GARDENCITYBAPTISTCHURCH.COM



WAYS TO SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S VBS:



- PRAY CONTINUOUSLY
- VOLUNTEER
- DONATE

AMAZON WISHLIST:



We are currently collecting green (all shades) rectangle plastic tablecloths. Our Amazon wishlist can be accessed by scanning the QR code above or visiting the church's Facebook page. To volunteer for VBS, see Ashley Lanier or Terry Hawes.

CHILDREN

thank you

**THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT,
MANY CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES ENJOYED A
WONDERFUL EASTER
CELEBRATION! THANK YOU TO
ALL WHO DONATED AND
VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME.**



Pictured: Elijah Reese, grandson of Mike and Melissa.



Pictured Above: TeamKID learning about the domino effect of sharing Jesus with others.

TeamKID
Kids
In
Discipleship



Pictured Left:
TeamKID often
has special
activities to bring
to life our Bible
lessons and
special holidays.

Youth



Our Spring and Fall Youth Bike Outings are always a fan favorite as we get out, enjoy God's Creation, and get some good exercise while doing it.



On weeks when we do not have Summer Camps, Hope and I will be taking the Youth on weekly activities and hangouts. If you don't receive the text and emails reach out so you'll know what we are doing each week!

YOUTH EVENTS/OUTINGS

- May 2nd: Brandon Lake Concert: Leaving at 3:15pm
- June 7th: Start of Summer Party
- No Youth on: May 3rd, May 10th

Missions

New Directions - Hope starts here

Friday, May 29 we prepare a meal in the church kitchen from 1-3:30pm to feed at the men's shelter
Saturday, May 30 from 5:30-8pm. Sign-up in the side hall.

Food items needed for the meal are posted on a board in the side hall and front foyer.
Also, needed are socks and hygiene items for the homeless: sealed toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotions, soap, deodorant, dental picks, etc.

Kentucky Missions Update

Donald and Steffanie Hawks, missionaries at ECCO House, partner with Meridzo Ministries to bring hope and support to one of the poorest areas of the Appalachian region.

A team from our church will be spending a week at ECCO House (Eolia Christian Community Outreach) this month (May 18 - 22). We hope to help stock their food pantry with donations from our church members. While there, our team will feed and encourage the ladies at the Northport Lodge transition house, visit nursing home residents, and sort clothes for the ECCO House thrift store. Please keep this team in prayer.

Anyone interested in joining the team, contact Trish Sheehan at 980-322-1901

There's a basket in the side hall to collect food items. The last day to donate is Sunday, May 17.

News from Gifu, Japan

Ethan and Michele have been serving in Gifu (a city in central Japan with a population of over 400,000) since 2014. They desire for whole families to come to Christ. To this end, they have worked to become part of their local community and are continuing to build long-lasting, authentic relationships in order to share the gospel with their Japanese friends and neighbors.

After serving alongside and learning from a Japanese pastor for nine years, God has led the Fishers to plant a church in their neighborhood. They aim to love, teach, train, and strengthen the small population of Japanese Christians.

Ethan and Michele have three sons. Their oldest, Benjamin, began home schooling for junior high, after attending Japanese public elementary school. Nathan and Aiden are currently attending their local Japanese elementary school.

The Japanese are the second largest unreached people group in the world. Unreached means that there is not an indigenous community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize the people group without outside assistance.

Seaside Elementary School Teacher Appreciation Lunch - Friday, May 8

Meal prepared by Tish Walker & Trish Sheehan. Desserts are needed. Sign-up in the side hall and list your dessert. Please have here by early morning.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Let's do that again!

I have had several people to ask, **“When can we have a Choir sing again in the service?”** Since there is interest and I always enjoy hearing a great choir, I am going to attempt to put together a Choir song for the month of June. **Be on the lookout for upcoming opportunities to use your gifts and join in with the choir.** I will choose a song and share a practice time with everyone, and we will have another exciting song ready for a service to be determined in June.

I continue to be excited about the ministry of Garden City Baptist. What a joy it is to lead worship here every Sunday. You are such a blessing to me.

Keep praising Him all the day long!!!!

MEDIA MINISTRY

Bachelor's Bargain by Catherine Palmer

When Ruel Chouteau returns home after his supposed death, he shocks everyone. They are even more surprised when he mockingly proposes to a common housemaid as proof that no woman in her right mind would marry him. Anne Webster is not your ordinary woman and when she gets shot in the leg and it appears that she will surely die, she accepts his proposal. Her father is in prison and needs a lawyer and her sisters are in dire need of help. In Anne's mind, a marriage would make Ruel obligated to help her family when she dies. After a marriage on Anne's deathbed she surprisingly makes a full recovery.

Ruel and Anne have their own agenda. She needs his money to help her family and he needs her lacemaking skills to increase the family fortune. In order for this marriage of convenience to survive the town gossip, they must play the role of the happy couple. He's handsome and arrogant, she's smart and obstinate.

Widows' Birthday Lunch

Sunday 5/24 following
worship

California Dreaming
Honor of Joan Brewer
& Betty Jordan

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Dagwood's Deli
Friday 5/15 at 11:45am
Sign-up in the front foyer
or side hall.

BIRTHDAYS

01 – Karen Siracusa
02 – Susan Peavey
02 – Pat Carella
02 – Linda Platts
03 – Joan Brewer
03 – Joe Peterman
04 – Arthur Langlo, Sr.
05 – Melita Wishard
06 – Michael Lachance
06 – Trish Sheehan
07 – Mary King
10 – Mason Riker
11 – Tiffany Elvir Clark
14 – Tim Alexander
14 – Bob Gray
14 – Don Ellis
17 – Chris Devlin
17 – Claudia Pozzi
18 – Betty Jordan
18 – Judy Mason
19 – Bill Peterman
20 – Teresa McWhirt
20 – Lewis Simmons
24 – Vickie Duggin
29 – Sandy Spickler
31 – Doug Clark
31 – Ashley Lanier
31 – Josie Lanier



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