

Fern Creek Baptist Church

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STAFF

Rev. Linda Barnes Popham
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Terri Bosemer
CDC Director, ext. 108

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Organist

Karen Love
Pianist

Donna Grimes
Interim Office Coordinator, ext. 100

Jodie Towles
Bookkeeper, ext. 102

Sherese Caldwell
Cassie Schitter
Directors of Facilities, ext. 104

**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Reaching Up...
Reaching In...
Reaching Out...

The Disciple

LINDA'S LINES

January 17, 2022

Thank you very much for the recent Pastor Appreciation gift of the month-long sabbatical opportunity and the generous love offering, as well. The last sabbatical I took was in the winter of 2013 and I remember clearly how wonderful that experience of renewal was. Thank you so much for your love and care. What a difficult two years we have all had, but God has been faithful and we know that He will continue to show His faithfulness!

The church's Personnel Policy says this about sabbaticals: *A full-time minister will be eligible for a sabbatical leave for three weeks every third year. A minister must have completed five years of service to be eligible. A sabbatical leave is understood to be a time of release from normal duties in order that a minister may devote time to renewal and study. The time this sabbatical will be taken is at the discretion of the minister upon approval from the personnel committee and pastor and announcement in the business meeting. The minister on sabbatical leave shall be responsible for the costs of the sabbatical, unless the congregation chooses to contribute to such costs.*

George and I will leave on January 18 for a few days of vacation in Gatlinburg, Tennessee and Cashiers, North Carolina with my nephew Daniel and his family and then with George's sisters. At the writing of this article, we are still trying to figure out the sabbatical that will follow. We will be gone a total of five weeks.

Those who will be preaching during morning worship in my absence are:

- January 23 and 30 – Rev. Ray Hayes, Recently Retired Pastor of Maple Grove Baptist Church
- February 6 – Rev. Rusty Ellison, Former Pastor of Cedar Creek Baptist Church and Walnut Street Baptist Church / Current Vice-President for Development for Crossings Ministries
- February 13 and 30 – Rev. Steve Skaggs will preach one of these weeks, as Rev. Gene Wright leads in worship; the other week is to be determined as of the writing of this article.

My other responsibilities will be covered by staff and other volunteers. I am so very grateful to those of you who are fulfilling these responsibilities.

If pastoral emergencies arise during this time, please contact the church office or any of the following who will always know our whereabouts and know where to direct you: Susan Hudgins, Personnel Chairperson (773-6473); Danny Hass, Deacon Chairman (836-9735); Jodie Towles, Bookkeeper (727-7190), or Donna Grimes, Interim Office Coordinator (386-1391). Pastors George Payocong, Steve Skaggs, and Ray Hayes are all available for emergencies and pastoral care needs.

During this time of absence, George and I covet your prayers; we will definitely be covering you with our prayers. I am excited about renewed vision for our church's future ministry that I believe God will give during this time of stillness. May we together continue to be His light in this dark world!

The entire staff is so grateful for the Christmas bonuses you gave us! We all consider it a joy and a privilege to serve with you!

I hope more of you will make the commitment to be on a GROW Team. GROW Teams meet on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. The Tuesday and Wednesday Teams will not meet while I am away, but will resume in March.

Please join me in anticipation of a glorious Lord's Day for FCBC this Sunday! And as always, continue to pray, "Lord, Send a Great Revival!"

FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

SEEKING: Fern Creek Baptist Church is seeking **part-time and/or full-time Ministerial Staff in the following areas: Music, Youth, Children, or Education.** According to the applicant's gifts and skills, two of these areas could be combined for a **full-time position.** Applicants must exemplify a growing relationship with God, spiritual maturity, responsible authority, fervent evangelism, sound theology, and effective communication skills with all age groups. Applicants should have experience and education in ministry. Anyone seeking the music position must be an excellent musician, worship leader, and educator. Send resumes to: Fern Creek Baptist Church, Attention: Personnel Committee, 5920 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY 40291, or email to linda@ferncreekbaptist.org. Resumes will be received through February 21, 2022. Questions? Call 239-0316 ext. 103 (Linda Barnes Popham, Pastor).

SEEKING: Fern Creek Baptist Church is seeking a **full-time Office Coordinator / Secretary for Fern Creek Baptist Church.** Applicant must be a spiritually mature Christian and active church member, have strong computer skills, and preferably have church office experience. The applicant must be highly skilled in Word, Publisher, Excel, PowerPoint, Website Management, and Church Software Programs. Send resumes to: Fern Creek Baptist Church, Attention: Personnel Committee, 5920 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY 40291, or email to linda@ferncreekbaptist.org. Resumes will be received through February 21, 2022. Questions? Call 239-0316 ext. 103 (Linda Barnes Popham, Pastor).



FEBRUARY

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| 2 - Linda Popham | 12 - Lydia Ayers |
| 3 - Andy Stewart | Patti Catman |
| Tina Taylor | Shayla Kelley |
| 4 - Ralph Beard | Larry Segrest |
| Tim Hill | 13 - Jodi Muhich |
| Guy Pigman | 14 - Tracy Bruce |
| Gordon Thompson | Karen Houston |
| 5 - Rich Adams | 17 - Camera Squires |
| 6 - Dave Clem | 18 - Brenda McDowell |
| Sharon Peavler | Martha Middleton |
| 7 - Jane Adams | Jan Miller |
| Don Carter | Zachary Morrison |
| Erin Gill | 20 - Lori Sharp |
| Pam Reid | 22 - Cheryl Lucas |
| 8 - Terry Schult | 23 - Shirley Decker |
| 11 - Jessica Couch | 24 - Mary Lee Jeck |
| Matt Gilkison | 25 - Brenda Kiper |
| Lyndsey Popham | Jimmy Seraphine |
| Betty Tyler | 26 - Steve Renn |
| | Vicki Swain |
| | 27 - Kari Haller |
| | Saundra Segrest |
| | 28 - Tiffany Goldsberry |
| | 29 - Babs Eilers |
| | Jeremy Kemp |

Thank you notes have been placed on the bulletin board from:

- Sherese Caldwell
- Cassie Schitter
- Sunrise Children's Services



Dear Church Family,

The annual FCBC budget was presented and approved for a 2% increase for 2021-2022. At the end of November, we had only received 85% of our projected giving. When we presented the budget, we said if everyone increased their giving by 2%, we would meet our budgeted goals. If you have not done this, or if you have fallen behind in your giving, this is a reminder that we need everyone's participation to meet these goals. 2 percent may not seem like much (\$2.00 on each \$100.00 given), but if the entire church increases their giving by this percentage, together we can make a difference. We appreciate each of you and all you do for your Church. Blessings to all for a prosperous 2022.

In Christ,
Your Stewardship Committee

JANUARY 9, 2022

ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL 80
MORNING WORSHIP 91



OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,968.00
Budget Received	\$ 7,696.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 189,392.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 176,457.89

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 190.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 5,561.30
Lottie Moon	\$ 1,360.00
Honduras	\$ 40.00
SON	\$ 130.00

JANUARY

PENCILS / PENCIL CASES / PENS



In an effort to plan for the next school supply giveaway, we are collecting pencils, pencil cases, and pens during the month of January. Please place them in the bin in the collection area between the CLC and the Common Area.

MONDAY MESSAGES

Tune in on Mondays at 8:00 a.m. for a Monday Morning Devotional Message. You may access these messages by going to our website and clicking the red Worship Livestream button.

CHILDREN'S VALENTINE'S PARTY

Grades 1 - 5

Friday, February 4, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
in Christian Life Center

Come and bring a friend for "Minute to Win It"
Games, Snacks, Crafts, and More ♥



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022

CDC Closed

6:30 p.m. Gym Rented

7:00 p.m. GROW (O Team)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022

9:30 a.m. Sisterhood - Fern Creek Cracker Barrel

6:30 p.m. Gym Rented

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship

Children's Choirs

LIGHT (Grades 6-12)

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022

10:00 a.m. Women on Mission (Sewing Group)

6:30 p.m. Gym Rented

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Daniel Plan Class

6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training

Mission Friends

Girls in Action & Royal Ambassadors

Acteens & Challengers

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022

6:30 p.m. Gym Rented

7:00 p.m. GROW (W Team)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022

6:30 p.m. Gym Rented

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship

Children's Choirs

LIGHT (Grades 6-12)

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022

6:30 p.m. Gym Rented

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

12:15 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks

1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Daniel Plan Class

6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training

Mission Friends

Girls in Action & Royal Ambassadors

Acteens & Challengers

MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022

6:30 p.m. Gym Rented

7:00 p.m. GROW (All Teams)



GOSPEL TO EVERY HOME

Mark your calendars now as we go out into our community and share the good news of the gospel. We need your help on **Saturday, February 26, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** Please meet in the Christian Life Center and get with a team of folks who will guide you in this endeavor.



GIVE BLOOD...HELP SAVE LIVES.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, February 7

2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor keyword: **fbclouky** or call 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767).
Questions? Contact Norma Routt.

Men Anchored in



Faith, Prayer, Service

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 5, 7:57 a.m.

Our guest speaker will be **Dr. Terry Wilder.**

Call the Church Office

(239-0316) to make a reservation.

RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF JANUARY 23

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Carolyn Simpson 558-8065

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

David Magruder 592-7306

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Joy Warren & TBA

EXTENDED SESSION

Donna Grimes & Jeannie Kern

TECH TEAM

Director – Jon Heinrich
Streamer – Chris Towles
Sound – Phil Shewmaker
AV – Sam Frizzell

EVENING SERVICES

Sunday - Lisa Payne
Wednesday - Lisa Payne

WEEK OF JANUARY 30

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Chris Towles 468-7369

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Nate Blansette 533-8565

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Joy Warren & TBA

EXTENDED SESSION

Donna Grimes & Jeannie Kern

TECH TEAM

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Streamer – Jacob Heinrich
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EVENING SERVICES

Sunday - Sam Frizzell
Wednesday - Sam Frizzell

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“JOURNEY BACK TO BETHLEHEM”

Thanks to all who made this event successful! Thanks to those who made it happen and those who attended. Several of you asked who the different people were in the cast of “Journey Back to Bethlehem”. They were as follows:

Scene 1 – The Prophecy: Prophet-Troy Young

Scene 2A – The Annunciation: Gabriel-Jaylen Kelley; Mary-Jayla Grigsby

Scene 2B – The Visit to Joseph: Gabriel-Richard Yates; Joseph-Jimmy Seraphine

Scene 3 – The Field: Shepherds-Donna Grimes, Connor Payne, Melissa Logsdon-Young, Stephen Sorg; Angels-Adrienne Dukes, George Payocong III (in the sky), Emma Towles

Scene 4 – The Manger: Joseph and Mary-Taylor and Aylua Hass; Shepherds-David Carter, J.T. Fletcher, Lisa Payne

Scene 5 – The House: Joseph and Mary-Danny and Lesley Hass; Wise Men: Sam Frizzell, Steve Sorg, Rob Streader

Scene 6 – The Cross: Jesus-Bill Montgomery; Roman Soldier-Kevin Blansette

Scene 7 – Heaven: Jesus-Joseph Montgomery; Heavenly Beings-Renee Bryant, Michele Crider, Izabella Farmer, Jodie Towles

Also, there were many “behind the scenes” folks to whom we extend our thanks:

Director: Steve Skaggs; Sound/Lights: Alex Gibbs, Phil Shewmaker, Chris Towles; Set/Logistics: Adam and Sarah Jenkins; Props: Renee Bryant, Steve Sorg, Donna Grimes; Set-Up: Adam Jenkins, Jimmy Seraphine, Steve and Stephen Sorg, Chris Towles; Costumes: Renee Bryant, Lesley Hass, Karen Love; Security: Nate and Holly Blansette; Trustee: Alex Gibbs; Parking Supervisor: Joe Murphy; Parking Lot Attendants: Terri Bosemer, Susan Hudgins, Sharon Kelley, Linda Popham, Nancy Shewmaker; Music: Adult Choir, Joellen Johnston, Karen Love.



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