

The Disciple

April 14, 2020

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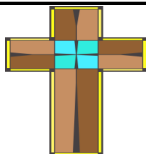
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**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**



Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

LINDA'S LINES

Psalm 85 has weighed heavily on my heart for several years. You have heard me preach from this chapter and quote one of the verses in our quarterly Committee Meetings for many years. I understand more and more why I am so drawn to this chapter. Psalm 85:4-7 says: "Restore us again, O God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us. Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger through all generations? Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your unfailing love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation." I urge you to stop right now and read the whole psalm. What is God saying to you?

Is COVID-19 another thing that God has allowed in order to bring our nation – our world back to Him? (He did not create COVID-19, but He obviously has reasons why He allowed this to happen.)

It is obvious from the psalmist that the people of Israel needed revival. (We need it, too!) The context of this psalm is during a period of national difficulty which is considered by the worshiping community to be the judgment of God upon their sin. The nature of the difficulty is not described; therefore, we do not even know the exact time period in which these words were written. The Israelites had sinned against God. God warned them repeatedly, but they refused to heed His warning, and stubbornly continued going against God.

The psalmist began asking a series of questions (verses 5-6) as he cried out to the Lord with a passionate, heartfelt prayer. He cried out for God's mercy, salvation, and revival. (Please pray for that today!!) He longed for the return of the presence of God. He cried out because he realized that he had sinned and his people had sinned and they all deserved the wrath of Almighty God. The people were asking God to make plain to the worshipers His unchanging love and give to them His deliverance. They recognized their sin and they

wanted God's restoration. What about you? What do you need to repent of in order to let revival start in you?

There are some pastors in our community who began a few months ago (before COVID-19 came to the United States) to pray for revival. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 16, 6:30 p.m., as several of the churches in our area gather to pray for revival and spiritual awakening. The plans are to meet in the auditorium of Fern Creek High School. Obviously, some of these plans may change. I will keep you posted.

On another note, the staff is putting together Care Bags for the youth of our church. These will be delivered beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20. If you are willing to help deliver these Care Bags, please email Joy (joy@ferncreekbaptist.org) or me (linda@ferncreekbaptist.org) and let us know if you can help.

Thank you for continuing to give your tithes and offerings to God's church! Because all of our mission trips are not able to be taken this year, that allowed us to have some available money in the North American / International Missions Fund. Those in charge of that fund have authorized the giving of \$1,000 to each of these organizations which are hurting: Baptist Medical and Dental Mission International (for COVID-19 relief), Louisville Regional Baptist Association (Ministers' Fund for those whose churches are not able to pay them), Kendall Optometry Ministry (COVID-19 relief), and the Fern Creek/Highview Ministries (Food Fund). Pray for these and the many other mission organizations with which we are affiliated.

Thank you all so much for what you are doing to help during this difficult time. We will have a celebration time eventually to adequately thank you all!! Please stay in touch with each other. Don't wait on people to call you, please call them. Thanks for continuing to pray: "Lord, Send a Great Revival!"



APRIL 5, 2020

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,728.00
Budget Received	\$ 14,042.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 311,296.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 296,801.85

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 170.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 4,835.19

Annie Armstrong \$715.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020

6:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee
Virtual Meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020

Jeff St. #2
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

10:45 a.m. Worship Service



WEEK OF APRIL 19
DEACON OF THE WEEK

Holland Kendall 640-2227

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Ben Hale 386-4129

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Phil Shewmaker

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

George Payocong

WEEK OF APRIL 26

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Mary Kleber 262-8756

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Joseph Montgomery 422-2208

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Jon Heinrich

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Jayla Grigsby

Please pray for members / attendees in the hospital / rehab as of April 9, 2020:

- Margaret Ann Durham - Seneca Place - Room G-12
- Junie Routt - Essex Nursing and Rehabilitation Center - Room 102A
- George Stapleton, Gayle Stapleton's husband - Baptist Health - Park Tower, Room 481
- Rita Stevens - Jefferson Place - Room 103



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday
April 14
6:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



- 1 - Bettye Anderson
Michael Middleton
- 3 - Paula May
Linda Robinson
- 6 - Lisa Payne
- 7 - Joe Catman
Bill Green
- 8 - Margaret Clater
Robert Miles
- 9 - Brittney Catman
Jessica Catman
Tony Lanham
Keith Peavler
- 11 - Renee Bryant
Becky Griffin
- 13 - Donnie Blake
Shawnita Hinkston

- 14 - Derek Anderson
Marilyn Calvert
Sarah Packer
- 15 - Sierra Fruchtenicht
- 16 - Paige Bosemer
Christopher Stelly
Judie Walker
- 18 - George Kemp
- 19 - Ben Hale
- 21 - Amanda Fenwick
Jon Heinrich
Zack Mazat
Melanie Morris
Angel Strausburg
- 24 - Joseph Schult
- 25 - Debbie Fenwick
- 26 - Lynne Bell

- 27 - Josh McCune
Tarin Norris
- 28 - Robin Berry
Kimberly Gregory
- 29 - Cheri Cunningham
Darrell Satterly



FERN CREEK / HIGHVIEW UNITED MINISTRIES NEEDS

The ministry is needing the following: Toiletries, cleaning products, canned meats, soups, canned fruit, and canned beans. They are also in need of paper grocery bags. Please place your donations in the bin in the collection area between the Common Area and the CLC.



CDC HAPPENINGS

How I long to have our little preschool students here, to hear their laughter and chatty voices in the CDC hallway! Last week, we would have had our parade celebrating Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The children march around the sanctuary waving their homemade palm branches shouting, Hosanna! This has always been one of their favorite activities during Holy week. Children are so resilient and they get excited over the smallest things. I am sure that the care packages and drive-thru Easter egg hunt has made their day. I have received several phone calls and emails from parents expressing their appreciation and how excited the children were to get them. A big thank you to all of you who delivered the care packages!

On another note, while the preschool remains closed, I will still be here Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Please feel free to call (502)239-8952 or email terri@ferncreekbaptsit.org if you need anything.

I would like to wish all of our preschool and church families a very blessed Easter!

Jesus said, "I Am Alive Forevermore." Revelation 1:18



WAYS TO GIVE

There are three ways to give to Fern Creek Baptist Church:

- 1) Sunday's offering with your envelopes.
- 2) Through your bank online service.
- 3) Online via our website.

What's accepted:

- ACH - your bank account number & routing number
- Debit Cards
- Credit Cards

Music Notes

Steve Skaggs - Interim Minister of Music

"Because He lives I can face tomorrow," wrote husband and wife gospel songwriting team Bill and Gloria Gaither. This song/hymn has found great acceptance across various denominations and is a favorite at Easter. Folks love the first stanza which contains the line, "He lived and died to buy my pardon," and the third stanza speaks of the victory we can have over death through Jesus Christ.

But what about that second verse? What does holding a new-born baby have to do with Easter? Well, here's the story.

In the late 1960's, the Gaithers were at the top of the gospel songwriting field. Everyone recorded and used their songs and together they were writing songs at a fast pace as they experienced a great deal of inspiration.

But, as Gloria was expecting their third child, they were struggling through a period tension. Bill had been weakened physically with a bout of mononucleosis and Gloria was worried about bringing another child into a world whose culture and values were changing fast. "Time" magazine had published an issue with the cover asking, "Is God Dead?". There was racial

tension, growing drug use, war, the nuclear threat, and numerous other issues that seemed to be tearing the world apart and pulling people away from God.

But, on one New Year's Eve, Gloria was filled with peace and assurance that God was still in control. Leaving all things in His hands, the future would be just fine for this new child.

After the baby was born Gloria remembered how the Holy Spirit had calmed and reassured her during that time of agony and fear. She gave thanks by writing that famous, but often omitted, second verse.

*How sweet to hold a new-born baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives."*

We're facing uncertain days now due to a world-wide pandemic. But if we stop and think about it each epoch is filled with uncertainty when viewed from the human perspective. Only by trusting the promises of God can we know that "life is worth the living just because He lives."