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The Disciple

April 28, 2020

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As our country is going to slowly reopen, our church staff has already been in discussion on what that will look like for Fern Creek Baptist Church. We are planning carefully because we do not want to endanger anyone. The pandemic has not passed; however, we should not operate in fear, but live by faith. Please pray for our staff and other leaders to have godly wisdom in all of these decisions before our church returns completely to the building. At this point, we will continue having our Drive-In Morning Worship Services and we assure you that those are very safe for those who follow the guidelines.

We are offering the opportunity for those who would like to pray inside the building on the National Day of Prayer to do so. This year's National Day of Prayer is on May 7. On April 17, 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States. President Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer. The National Prayer Committee was formed in the United States in 1972. Our Prayer Vigil will focus on praying for our country, as well as the whole world. We will share more details of our Prayer Vigil closer to time. Please continue to pray and take heed to what God tells us in II Chronicles 7:14 which says, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

The Community Prayer Meeting for Revival and Spiritual Awakening will

be rescheduled for a later date. We will keep you posted on that.

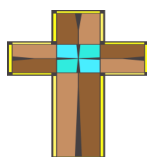
We continue to plan ways to reach our community and serve our church family during this time. Please feel free to call any staff member, deacon, or Sunday School teacher. We are happy to minister in any way possible. Coming soon will be "Taco Soup Tuesday" on May 12. We will give details later. Please continue to minister to one another and pray for each other.

Thank you for continuing to give your tithes and offerings to God's church! What a blessing it is to give!! The Apostle Paul challenged the Corinthians to "excel in the grace of giving" (II Corinthians 8:7). Let's join together in doing just that in order to glorify God and advance the gospel of Jesus Christ. Please remember to tithe your stimulus checks. That's the best way to thank God for that unexpected money. And most of all, let's continue to join the Apostle Paul in thanking God for the indescribable gift of Jesus Christ (II Corinthians 9:15).

Thank you very much for what you are doing to help during this difficult time. Thanks so much to all of you who are leading in worship, either behind the scenes or out front. Thanks to all who are helping with the various ministries. Thanks to those of you who are praying! 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!"



**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**



*Reaching Up...
Reaching In...
Reaching Out...*



APRIL 19, 2020

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,728.00
Budget Received	\$ 11,733.70
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 330,752.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 314,703.55
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	
Weekly Total	\$ 128.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 5,018.27

Annie Armstrong \$745.00
Fred Tucker \$ 45.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020

10:00 a.m. Virtual WMU Meeting

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

10:45 a.m. Drive-In Worship Service

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020

8:00 a.m. Monday Messages

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020

2:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020

MOTHER'S DAY

10:45 a.m. Drive-In Worship Service

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020

8:00 a.m. Monday Messages

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020

4:30 p.m. Taco Soup Tuesday

WEEK OF MAY 3

DEACON OF THE WEEK

George Popham 419-8939

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Gary Kistner 419-5505

WEEK OF MAY 10

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Jim Sallee 239-7083

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK


Alex Gibbs 270-847-8227

Please pray for members / attendees in the hospital / rehab as of April 24, 2020:

- Jack Briscoe - Audubon - Room 5215
- Margaret Ann Durham - Seneca Place - Room G-12
- Gloria Freeman - Baptist Health - Room 436 North
- Junie Routt - Essex Nursing and Rehabilitation Center - Room 102A
- George Stapleton (Gayle Stapleton's husband) - Signature Healthcare of Cherokee Park
- Rita Stevens - Jefferson Place - Room 103



Thank You Notes have been placed on the bulletin board from John & Kathy Fraley, Lewana Sams, Dudley & Pat Reaves, Ron, Jeryl, & Ava Presley, Dollie Dixon, Emmy Anderson, Jean Brookshire, Babs Eilers, Fred & Dolores Rhea, and Newt & Glenda Coddington.



With Deepest Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to:

- Donnie and Carolyn Carwile at the death of Donnie's mother, Frances Carwile (Aunt of Ann and the late Rich Abney).
- John and Donna Rouse at the death of Donna's father, Charlie Woodson. (John is the man who often interprets for the deaf for our congregation.)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 - Zack Pickering | 11 - Sam Pickering | 23 - Donna Hayes |
| 3 - Shain Calvert | Geoffrey Young | Jeremiah Kearns |
| Jesse Capps | 13 - Becky Frizzell | Davidetta Konneh |
| Billy Record | Karen Love | Betty Meyer |
| Brian Spaulding | 15 - Gregory Stockman | Nicole Seraphine |
| 4 - Loren Been | 16 - Scotty Anderson | 24 - Jennifer Wrin |
| David Hudgins | Angie Gilpin | 26 - Lesley Hass |
| 5 - Jackie Routt | 18 - Scott Been | George Kleber |
| 7 - Brandon Colvin | Cara Martinez | 28 - Bruce Allen |
| Holland Kendall | 19 - Susan Gray | Hannah Miller |
| 8 - Pat Newton | Steve Marion | 29 - Harrison French |
| 9 - Alex Gibbs | Neil Rivers | Mary Price |
| 10 - Amanda Fox | Sydney Smith | 30 - Katrina Binda |
| Bud Purnell | 21 - Steve Hale | 31 - Dutch Kendall |
| Samantha Stone | Jaxon Popham | |

YARD TEAMS

Please help us by signing up for one of the seven different yard work teams. Each team works every seven weeks. You may join a team by calling Joy in the church office or by emailing Joy (joy@ferncreekbaptist.org) or Linda (linda@ferncreekbaptist.org) as soon as possible. The teams have already been working for several weeks. The Trustees serve as Yard Work Team Captains. Thanks for your help!



MONDAY MESSAGES



We will be launching devotional / inspirational messages on Monday mornings at 8:00 a.m. throughout the month of May. If you are a late sleeper during these days, you may tune in later in the day. You may access these messages by going to our website (www.ferncreekbaptist.org) and clicking the red Worship Livestream button (just like you do for our worship services). We pray that these messages will be helpful for you.

CDC HAPPENINGS

Terri Bosemer - CDC Director

This time of year the Child Development Center would be preparing for our Pre K Graduation ceremony. Of course, that's not the case this year. My heart has been so burdened by this, knowing that these precious little ones are moving on to kindergarten, which is a very special milestone in their lives, and we won't be able to recognize that. God is good and He will make a way to celebrate. So to all our preschool families and church members we will celebrate in some way! We will be planning and working out the date and details. Once we have decided how we will go forth with this event we will be contacting our CDC families. To my church family I am asking you to pray that God will give me the vision to make this day very special for these children. May God bless you all and continue to keep us safe!

Music Notes

Steve Skaggs - Interim Minister of Music

It is still Easter!

I love celebrating Easter. From my earliest memories it meant the wearing of pastel colors for us kids while ladies attended church adorned with festive Easter bonnets. Mt. Tabor Baptist, my home church, would always be filled with people and the positive energy of singing and preaching the Good News--Jesus Is Alive!

It can go without saying that Easter 2020 has been different due to conditions that may be unprecedented in modern history. But, thanks to advances in modern technology, we were able to gather through the various means of the internet to celebrate the resurrection. While it was not the same it was still a blessing! We all celebrated God's love and the promise of eternal life through the raising of Jesus from the dead. Perhaps you joined in singing the following words wherever you were:

*Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign,
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ a rose!*

Robert Lowry, a Baptist preacher, would often be so inspired by the events at his church on each Sunday that he would sit down at his pump organ at the end of the day and write a hymn. It was Easter 1874 when, inspired by the words of Luke 24:6, "He is not here, but is risen," he wrote both the text and music for this beloved resurrection hymn.

"Low in the Grave He Lay" is not one of those hymns we sing a lot outside of Easter Sunday. Yet its message is true for any Sunday and, in fact, for any and every day. Jesus promised, "Because I live, you also will live" [John 14:19b, NIV]. The Apostle Paul put it this way in I Corinthians 15:56-57: "The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." [NIV]

*Death cannot keep his prey,
Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away,
Jesus, my Lord!*

It is still Easter!

PRAYER

VIGIL

IN OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 7, 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

You may choose to pray inside the building or from your cars in the upper parking lot. The Prayer Guides will be emailed closer to time. We will also have copies available at the church on that day. For those who choose to come inside, please enter the front door of the sanctuary. Hand sanitizer and gloves will be available. If you come inside, thank you for wearing your masks.

ATTENTION: GRADUATES

If you will be graduating from high school, college, or any other institution of higher learning, please call the church office (239-0316 ext. 100) or email Joy Stelly (joy@ferncreekbaptist.org) by Friday, May 15, and give us the name of your school, degree, etc. We will recognize graduates in a different way than normal this year. Graduates, please also send us a picture of yourself by email to Joy Stelly (joy@ferncreekbaptist.org) and Kayla Beeler (kaylambeeler@yahoo.com) by May 15.



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



MORE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ON SUNDAYS

In addition to our Livestream and Drive-In Worship, you may listen to the previous week's sermon on WJIE-FM Radio (88.5) at 1:00 p.m. Also, you may view the worship service on WBNA Television (LIGHT TV 21.3 / Spectrum 285) at 3:00 p.m.

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