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**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

The Disciple

LINDA'S LINES

August 30, 2021

Romans 12:12 says, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." How timely are those words from the Apostle Paul as we find ourselves in the midst of increasing numbers of Covid cases, natural disasters, political tension, and devastating scenes that we view each day from Afghanistan, Haiti, and Middle Tennessee. God is faithful. We must hold on to the hope we have in Him. We must be patient as it appears that God is going to allow this pandemic to continue for longer than most of us expected. And we must pray, pray, and pray! We must trust even when we are not sure exactly what to pray. God will never leave us or forsake us. He will see us through. He will hold us together. He will give us hope. Please encourage each other with kindness and love. Please remember the words of I Thessalonians 5:11 as we live together in this world as God's children: "*Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*"

Please remember as we gather for worship and other activities to respect the space of others. Mask wearing is encouraged when you are in close proximity to others. Also, please choose to participate in worship online if you are ill or not feeling well. We certainly want to spread love to each other, but not germs. Thanks for doing your part to keep everyone safe!

Wednesday Family Nights have been great times of fellowship and fun. Thanks to all the volunteers who have made these evenings a success. Thanks to those of you who are participating. Thanks for making our guests feel welcome. If you have not yet attended, we hope you will come to the next one.

The Family Fun Night on September 8 will have a missions focus. We will have a great time in this intergenerational setting of learning about missions and praying for missions. We will enjoy a BBQ pork sandwich dinner, participate in mission activities, and end the evening with S'mores. On this evening we will be collecting snack items for the Baptist Campus Ministry at the University of Louisville. Suggested items are: individual bags of chips, small packs of trail mix, Slim Jims, 8 oz. sodas (Sprite, Ginger-Ale), Jolly Ranchers, snack size cookies, etc. Thank you for helping Campus Minister Brian Hinton and the BCM share the gospel as they share snacks with the college students. Please bring your items when you come to Family Fun Night.

I urge more of you to join us in sharing the gospel by participating in the Gospel to Every Home visits. For a Christian there should be nothing more enjoyable than talking about Jesus Christ. Please join us on August 30, September 20, and September 27, 6:30 p.m., as we go out into our community. We have now completed 31% of the visits. Will you help? You will truly be blessed by being a blessing! We are especially thankful for Melissa Logsdon-Young! She has done an excellent job in leading this endeavor. Thanks to all who are participating!!

We are in need for more ushers/greeters for Sunday mornings and evenings, Wednesday evenings, funerals, and other occasions. If you can help, please contact Deborah Lawrence or call the church office. There are still several areas of service available for volunteers. Please contact Sharon Thompson, Nominating Committee chairperson, if you are willing to serve in any capacity. Please contact me if you are willing to volunteer as a Nursery or Children's Church worker.

Please continue to pray for God's kingdom to come on earth! **Continue to pray, "Lord, awaken Your people and send a great revival!"**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Retreat
- 6:30 p.m. Gospel to Every Home Visits

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021

- 12:30 p.m. No Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

- 6:30 p.m. Family Fun Night
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission (sewing group)
- 6:30 p.m. Nominating Committee

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- 1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2021

Labor Day (Church office closed)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

- 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Support Committees
- 6:45 p.m. All Committees
- 7:00 p.m. Admin/Ministry Committees
- 8:00 p.m. Church Council

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

- 6:30 p.m. Family Fun Night
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

- 9:00 a.m. Men/Women's Mission Breakfast

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- 1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. Missions Service / Business Mtg.



Congratulations to Alex & Jamie Gibbs at the birth of Kaiya Byrd Gibbs who was born on August 21 (7.75 lbs., 20 inches). The proud grandparents are Ron & Karen Houston.

FALL CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER REGISTRATION

Our fall Child Development Center classes are filling up quickly. We will again offer two, three, and four-year-old classes. It is important to reserve your child's spot NOW for the upcoming school year. Please see Terri Bosemer for an enrollment form. Please make sure to fill out the form (front and back) and return to the office. Each application must include a \$100 non-refundable reservation fee in order for the application to be processed. No reservation will be made before the fee has been received. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call Terri at 239-8952 or email terri@ferncreekbaptist.org.

PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB AS OF AUGUST 25:

- Donna Monroe - Nazareth Home (Clifton Campus) Room 618
- Danny Hass - University Hospital - Room 527



Our Sympathy Is Extended To:



- Pastor George and Illyn Payocong and family at the death of Illyn's father, Emilio Rodriguez;
- Charles and Pam Walton at the death of their son-in-law, Randy Henderson, of Florida;
- Scot and Detra Anderson and family at the death of Detra's grandmother, Ethel Spurlock;
- Scott, Kimberly, and Tyler Gregory at the death of Kimberly's mother, Betty Jo Lyons;
- Former members, Derrick and Kimberly Robinson and family, at the death of their son, DJ Robinson;
- Former members, Charles and Kristen Johnson at the death of Kristen's sister, Linda Thomas.

RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Michele Crider 724-9627

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Nate Blansette 533-8565

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Joy Warren & TBA

EXTENDED SESSION

Donna Grimes and Jeannie Kern

TECH TEAM

Director – Jon Heinrich
 Streamer – Jacob Heinrich
 Sound – Phil Shewmaker
 AV – Chris Towles
 No P.M. Service
 Wednesday - Sam Frizzell

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Becky Frizzell 876-1563

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Alex Gibbs 270-847-8227

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EXTENDED SESSION

Donna Grimes and Jeannie Kern

TECH TEAM

Director – Jon Heinrich
 Streamer – Chris Towles
 Sound – Phil Shewmaker
 AV – Sam Frizzell
 P.M.– C. Towles & S. Frizzell
 Wednesday - Lisa Payne

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

Join us for these Family Fun Nights for the next two Wednesdays at **6:30 p.m.** in the Christian Life Center. The special features for each night are as follows:

- **September 1** – Pizza, Popcorn Bar, Inflatables, and Games
- **September 8** – BBQ, Games, Mission Activities, and S'mores (See Linda's Lines for more details about this evening.)



These Family Fun Nights will be held instead of Wednesday Worship, LIGHT, and Wonderful Wednesday. The normal activities will resume on **September 15**.

You're invited to the Men & Women's

**MISSION
BREAKFAST**

**Fern Creek Baptist Church
Saturday, September 11, at 9:00 AM
in the Christian Life Center.**

co-sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union
and the Men's Breakfast Committee
with co-speakers Nik and Ruth Ripkin

Lots of food!

Good fellowship!

Great inspiration!

Call the Church Office (239-0316)
by September 8 for reservations.



SEPTEMBER

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| 1- Paul May | 14-Ann Hopkins |
| 2- Jesse Douglass | Adam Leary |
| 3- Holly Ballback | Jacqueline Miles |
| Ellery Bickers | 15-Mary Redmond |
| Samantha Owens | Leon Taylor |
| Debbie Ryan | 16-Nancy Calebs |
| 5- Kenny Callahan | Haley Stevens |
| Jeremy Lucas | 17-J. T. Fletcher |
| James Martin | Rhonda Woodson |
| 6- Amber Barger | 18-Donna Monroe |
| Adrienne Dukes | Kelsey Reid |
| 7- Danny Hass | 20-Donna Grimes |
| Billie Walker | Judy Hughes |
| 8- Eric Miller | Bill Spires |
| Morgan Robinson | 22-Doris Powers |
| 9- Kaiden Dour | 23-Jenny Green |
| 10-Lucas Anderson | Hydiatu Konneh |
| Miranda Dumm | Jane Skaggs |
| Matti Greenfield | 24-Chris Berry |
| Cory Ware | Robert Tunget |
| 11-Izabella Farmer | 25-Dorothy Curtis |
| Geraldine Grigsby | Ava Presley |
| Steve Hopkins | Jordan White |
| Sadie Russell | 29-Linda Simpson |
| 13-Dusty May | |
| Nona Reid | |

MUSIC NOTES

**Steve Skaggs
Interim Minister of Music**



First Time Out

*Fill the earth with music,
Sound aloud His praise,
Give to all your witness:
"Jesus Christ will save!"
Psalms and hymns and heart-songs
In you richly dwell,
Centered on the Savior
Christ who does things well.*

R. G. Huff, a music minister originally from Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, did pretty good for his first try. Huff says that "Fill the Earth with Music" represents his very first attempt at hymn writing. It was judged as the winner in the first hymn search sponsored by the Southern Baptist Church Music conference in 1989! The hymn was subsequently included in The Baptist Hymnal (1991, hymn #614). The hymn search committee had specified that hymns submitted should make strong missionary statements concerning the sharing of the Good News through the ministry of music.

Have you ever had success doing something your first time out? Unfortunately, many folks would rather not try something new than risk failure. Huff obviously had the gifts and the preparation to write a good hymn. He was educated at Carson Newman College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. His hymn was inspired by, and based on, scripture (Colossians 3:16 and Ephesians 5:19). But still, he had to be willing to risk being rejected in order to win the contest.

Are you and I willing to risk rejection in taking the Gospel message to Fern Creek? Fern Creek Baptist is great at filling the sanctuary with beautiful singing each time we meet. But God is calling us to go beyond the walls of the church to fill the earth with the music and message of His love and forgiveness. Like R. G. Huff, let us be willing to step out with the Good News. Who knows, you may also find glorious success on your first time out!

*Raise the cross of Jesus,
Lift it high above,
That the world may find there
Christ, the Lord of love.*

QUARTERLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 7

Meet in the Sanctuary.

- 6:00 p.m. – Support Committees
- 6:45 p.m. – All Committees meet together
- 7:00 p.m. – Administrative & Ministry Committees
- 8:00 p.m. – Church Council



GROW

September 13, 7:00 p.m. in the GROW Room

Join us as we reach out to our community with the good news of Jesus Christ and follow up with the summer guests. The individual teams will begin meeting in October.



THE GOSPEL TO EVERY HOME VISITS

**Monday, August 30, September 20 & 27
6:30 p.m.**

YARD WORK TEAMS

- **Team Two** (Joseph Montgomery's Team) is in charge of the yard work: September 2-4.
- **Team Three** (Nate Blansette's Team) is in charge of the yard work: September 9-11.
- **Team Four** (Alex Gibbs' Team) is in charge of the yard work : September 16-18.



Thanks for your help! If others are willing to join a team, please call the church office.

AUGUST 22, 2021



OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,731.00
Budget Received	\$ 8,174.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 496,281.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 458,812.09

ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL -	77
MORNING WORSHIP -	98

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 85.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 34.44



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