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

The Disciple

LINDA'S LINES **December 6, 2021**

Thanks to all who shared devotionals in this year's Advent/Christmas Devotional Book. If you have not yet picked up your book(s) from church, we now have more available. Please share these books with others. These devotional books provide a great way to share the gospel. They were scanned to you earlier; however, if you did not receive the email, please call the church office and Donna will send the book to you via email. Please share the book with others by email, as well. If you have not yet received a calendar for this church year, please pick one up at the Welcome Center at the sanctuary foyer or come by the church office. Please call the church office if you want one mailed to your home.

This past weekend, our Deacons, Women on Mission, and other servants delivered fruit baskets to our homebound and or/sick members, as well as our members who are age 85 and older. If you are 85 or older and did not receive a basket, please call the church office. Thanks to those who participated in this ministry!

Please remember that we will have our annual Service of Comfort and Hope on **December 12, 6:00 p.m.** Through God's Word, beautiful music, and the lighting of candles, we will remember those who have gone before us. Please pray for those who are grieving among us. Gather around them in person as we worship together during this service of encouragement. Romans 12:15 reminds us to *"rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn"*. Let us claim the promise in Psalm 30:5b which says, *"Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning."*

Many of you have asked that we repeat last year's "Journey to Bethlehem". With added elements the Drive-Thru Christmas Event, under the direction of Steve Skaggs and a faithful team of leaders, will return on **Sunday, December 19**, beginning at **6:00 p.m.** This year's event is "Journey Back to Bethlehem". We hope you will all do just that! On that evening, please enter the parking lot on the south side (gas station side) any time between **6:00 and 8:00 p.m.** and instructions will be given to you. As you drive through you will see the prophecy, birth, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus depicted in several outdoor scenes. Please tell your neighbors and friends about the event. Thanks to all who are making this gospel endeavor a possibility!!

Please continue to pray for our Personnel Committee as they search to fill vacant staff positions. We are so grateful for Steve Skaggs and Donna Grimes who are serving faithfully in these interim capacities. They are a blessing to all of us! We are, also, grateful for those who are graciously substituting in the office (Jodie Towles, Karen Love, and Sandra Segrest) on the days Donna is off. We are, also, grateful for those who come up during the week and help in various capacities, like folding bulletins, etc.

If you are willing to serve on a GROW Team, please let me know. We really need more to help us reach out to others with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Teams meet on Monday evenings, the first Tuesday morning of each month, and the first Wednesday evening of each month. Please join me in great anticipation of a glorious Lord's Day this Sunday! And as always, continue to pray, "Lord, Send a Great Revival!"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021

- 6:30 p.m. Gym Rented
- 7:00 p.m. GROW (G Team)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. GROW (G2 Team)
- 6:45 p.m. All Committees Meet
- 7:00 p.m. Administrative & Ministry Committees
- 8:00 p.m. Church Council

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021

- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
Children's Choirs
LIGHT (Grades 6-12)
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021

- 11:30 a.m. "Young at Heart" Christmas Party

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021

- 6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021

- 4:30 p.m. Beeler and Hass Wedding

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:30 p.m. Adult I & II Christmas Luncheon
- 1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. Service of Comfort and Hope

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021

- 2:00 p.m. "Circle of Hope" at FCBC
- 6:30 p.m. Gym Rented
- 7:00 p.m. GROW (R Team)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021

- 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. CDC Christmas Program (Fours)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021

- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
Children's Choirs
LIGHT (Grades 6-12)
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission (Sewing Group)
- 10:30 a.m. CDC Christmas Program (Twos/Threes)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. FC/HUM Concert - Believers Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021

- 6:00 p.m. Drive-Thru Christmas Rehearsal

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- 1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. "Journey Back to Bethlehem"
Drive-Thru Christmas

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021

- CDC Closed
- 6:30 p.m. Gym Rented
- 7:00 p.m. GROW (O & W Teams)

PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB AS OF DECEMBER 1:



- Kristina McGovern – Jewish (downtown)
- Al Thompson - Jefferson Place - Room 111

MUSIC NOTES



Steve Skaggs, Interim Minister of Music

"HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE" – THE WORDS OF ADVENT

Some of you may be old enough to remember the Groucho Marx television show, "You Bet Your Life." The show centered around Groucho interviewing a couple of "contestants" (everyday people chosen from all walks of life) in a fun way that would always bring a lot of laughs for the audience. As the couple entered the stage with Groucho, he would instruct them with his unique voice: "Say the secret word and win a hundred dollars. It's a common word; one you use every day." Indeed, the words were common such as, hand, voice, and clock.

The words of the four weeks of Advent, the season leading up to Christmas, are also common words. But even though they are common and short in spelling, they are significant. Our world now and always has been in need of hope, peace, joy, and love. All of these words point to the Christ, the Messiah or "Anointed One." He was and is the hope, peace, joy, and love of God the Father!

As you are daily reading your Advent devotional; will you also share the Good News of God's Son this season? One way to do so is to distribute our Advent devotional booklet to your family, friends, and neighbors—even to folks you may not know. The booklet focuses on the words of Advent and it shares God's plan of redeeming love through the birth of Christ.

God's hope, peace, joy, and love are no secret. Finding the significance of these words in God's Word is worth more than a hundred dollars. It's priceless!

The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14b

And all this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel—which means, "God with us." Matthew 1:22-23



ATTENDANCE SUNDAY SCHOOL

92
MORNING WORSHIP
115

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,968.00
Budget Received	\$ 11,803.84
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 129,584.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 108,307.89

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 47.50
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 4,568.73
Sunrise Children's Services	\$ 1,148.00
Lottie Moon	\$905.00
Honduras	\$40.00
SON	\$130.00



Our sympathy is extended to:
Valerie Johnson and family at
the death of her great-nephew.

**SERVICE OF COMFORT
AND HOPE**

**Sunday, December 12
6:00 p.m.**

We will hear God's Word,
pray, sing, and remember.



"CIRCLE OF HOPE"

**December 13
2:00 p.m.**

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RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF DECEMBER 12

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Danny Hass 836-9735

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Nate Blansette 533-8565

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Joy Warren & TBA

EXTENDED SESSION

Donna Grimes & Jeannie Kern

TECH TEAM

Director – Alex Gibbs

Streamer – Chris Towles

Sound – Phil Shewmaker

AV – Sam Frizzell

SERVICE OF COMFORT & HOPE

Sound – Sam Frizzell

AV – Chris Towles

Wednesday (Dec. 15) - Sam Frizzell

WEEK OF DECEMBER 19

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Holland Kendall 640-2227

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Alex Gibbs 270-847-8227

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Joy Warren & TBA

EXTENDED SESSION

Donna Grimes & Jeannie Kern

TECH TEAM

Director – Jon Heinrich

Streamer – Jacob Heinrich

Sound – Sam Frizzell

AV – Chris Towles

JOURNEY BACK TO BETHLEHEM

Entire Team

Wednesday (Dec. 22) - No Service

COLLECTIONS FOR ISAIAH HOUSE

Isaiah House is a non-profit Christian treatment center helping people break free from the grip of addiction. (See Joe Curry's devotional for the ways this place has helped in his journey.) Isaiah House is in need of several different items for their men's facilities. If you can donate any of the following new items, please put them in the bin marked "Isaiah House Donations" in the collection area between the gym and the common area: socks, toboggans, sweat pants, and sweat shirts.

ANGEL TREE GIFTS

Please take an angel off of our Angel Tree and purchase a gift for those in our community in need. Write your name on the sheet of paper on the table that corresponds to the angel that you take off of the tree. Gifts need to be returned to the church by **Sunday, December 12**. Thank you for helping those in need during this Christmas season!



CDC HAPPENINGS

Terri Bosemer, Director

December is an extremely busy month in our Child Development Center. Not only are we focused on teaching the children about the birth of Jesus, we are practicing for our Christmas programs. All of the rehearsals are tiring for the teachers, as well as the children, but on December 14 and 16 our little preschoolers will shine like stars, and that makes all those practices worth it. The Pre-K students will be performing "That Special Night, Jesus Christ was Born" at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary on December 14. The Two and Three-Year-Old students will present "Celebrate Christmas", at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary on December 16. All church members are invited to come join us! There will be a reception in the Christian Life Center immediately following /the programs.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Tuesday, December 7

Childcare is provided.

6:45 p.m. – All Committees

7:00 p.m. – Administrative and Ministry Committees

(Trustees, CDC, By-Laws, Ministry & Missions Center, Children's, Evangelism & Outreach, Preschool, Personnel, Recreation, Stewardship, Social, Youth)

8:00 p.m. – Church Council

(All Committee Chairpersons & Heads of Organizations)



CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Music Friends (ages 3 - K): Room 103

(must be 3 by August 1, 2021)

Linda Barnes Popham, director

Young Musicians (grades 1 - 5): Room 204

Karen Love, director

Please pick up a flyer/registration form at either Welcome Center.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

December 12: The Third Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Joy
6:00 p.m. – Service of Comfort and Hope

December 14

7:00 p.m. – Child Development Center Christmas Program
(Four-Year-Olds)

December 16

10:30 a.m. – Child Development Center Christmas Program
(Two and Three-Year-Olds)

December 19: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Love
6:00 p.m. – “Journey Back to Bethlehem”, a Drive-Through Event:

Please enter the driveway on the south side of the property anytime between 6:00 and 7:00 pm. Instructions will be given there.

December 24: Christmas Eve

11:00 a.m. – Christmas Eve Service - Lighting of the Christ Candle

December 26: The First Sunday of Christmas

10:45 a.m. – We Celebrate the Birth of Christ.

Childcare for preschoolers is available during the on-site services.

Most of these worship services are live-streamed and transmitted to the parking lot. You may view the services by going to our website (www.ferncreekbaptist.org) and clicking the red Worship Livestream button.

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