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Fern Creek Baptist Church

5920 Bardstown Road
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239-0316 / 239-0317

Child Development Center

239-8952

Rev. Linda Barnes Popham
Pastor
239-6628

Dr. Rocky Hardyman
Minister of Music & Children /
Associate Pastor, ext. 111

Kristin Jones
Associate Minister of Music,
ext. 116

Terri Bosemer
CDC Director, ext. 108

Joellen Johnston
Organist

Joy Stelly
Office Coordinator, ext. 100

Jodie Towles
Bookkeeper, ext. 102

Leonard Westmorland
Director of Facilities, ext. 104

Sisterhood

Tuesday, December 18
9:30 a.m.
Cracker Barrel in
Fern Creek

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday School. We have excellent classes for all ages.

FERN CREEK
BAPTIST
CHURCH

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



LINDA'S LINES

Please join us for the remainder of our Advent and Christmas worship services. Thanks to all of our worship leaders (musicians, readers, narrators, etc.) during this time. As we have offered our worship to Jesus, we, too, have been blessed as we have worshipped the Savior together! Thanks to all of you who have done so much of the "behind the scenes" work during this season. Thanks to the Choirs, Social Committee, Decorating Committee, and Floral Committee for all of your extra work during this season. Thanks to the wonderful congregation of Fern Creek Baptist Church!

Thanks again to those of you who wrote devotionals for our Advent/Christmas Devotional Book! Please thank these people for helping you during your personal devotional times! Also, we hope that you will share these books with others! Please feel free to take as many as you will give away!

We hope you will all join us for the evening Prayer Service on **December 30, 6:00 p.m.** The Adult I SS Class / College & Career Class will be leading in worship on that evening. Please remember to pray for these young adults during a time of their lives where many decisions are made. Pray that they will follow God's will in all that they do.

On a similar note, please pray for our youth group. Pray for them to grow closer to Jesus each day. Pray for their leaders and their parents. We are grateful that during this time without a Minister of Youth that Greg Bruce, assisted by Lindsay Emert, (as requested by the Personnel Committee) have agreed to "carry on" the youth ministry during this interim time. Thank you, Greg and Lindsay, for your leadership and willingness to serve.

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



SERVICE OF HOPE AND COMFORT

Wednesday, January 2, 6:30 p.m.

We will hear God's Word, pray, sing, and remember.
We will light candles in memory of our loved ones.

MEN'S MINISTRY KICK-OFF BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 5, 8:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker – Roger Palmer from Crossings
Watch for more details!

Questions? Contact Chris Berry or Chris Towles.

DECEMBER 2, 2018

SUNDAY
SCHOOL
152
MORNING
WORSHIP
198



OUR STEWARDSHIP
Weekly Budget Needs \$ 10,081.00
Budget Received \$ 14,657.10
Year-to-Date Budget Needs \$ 141,134.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received \$ 129,173.66

BUILDING FUND
Weekly Total \$ 63.45
Year-to-Date Balance \$ 9,902.49

Sunrise	\$2,028.00	Honduras	\$105.05
Lottie Moon	\$1,075.00	SON Intl.	\$100.00

WEEK OF DECEMBER 16

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Michele Crider 724-9627

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Ben Hale 386-4129

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Kayla Beeler and Renee Bryant

EXTENDED SESSION

Terry Schult, Samantha Owens,
Jeannie Kern and Chrissy Creech

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Scot Anderson

Wednesday - Sam Frizzell

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Steve Dean

YOUTH SNACK SUPPER

Choir Programs - No Snacks

WEEK OF DECEMBER 23

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Becky Frizzell 882-3769

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Joseph Montgomery 422-2208

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

No Children's Church

EXTENDED SESSION

TBA

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Ben Hale

Wednesday - No Service

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Chris Towles

YOUTH SNACK SUPPER

Christmas Caroling - No Snacks

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
L.I.G.H.T for Youth
Preschool & Children's Choirs
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018

11:30 a.m. "Young at Heart" Luncheon
6:30 p.m. CLC Reserved - Bates Elem.
7:30 p.m. CLC Reserved - St. Gabriel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2018

7:30 p.m. FC / HUM Christmas Benefit
Concert - Believers Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018

10:00 a.m. Staff Christmas Brunch
5:00 p.m. Adult I Sunday School Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Instrumental Ensemble
Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
6:00 p.m. Children & Youth Choirs
Christmas Program
7:00 p.m. New Members' Reception

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018

7:00 p.m. GROW (O&W Teams)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018

9:30 a.m. Sisterhood
7:00 p.m. Fours CDC Christmas Program

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2018

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
L.I.G.H.T for Youth
Preschool & Children's Choirs
Parties
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2018

10:30 a.m. Twos & Threes Christmas
Program

6:30 p.m. CLC Reserved - Bates Elem.
7:30 p.m. CLC Reserved - St. Gabriel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2018

6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved
7:30 p.m. Youth Christmas Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2018

10:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018

8:30 a.m. Instrumental Ensemble
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service / Adult Choir
Cantata

1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018

Christmas Eve - Church Office Closed
CDC Closed

9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Christmas Eve Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2018

Christmas Day - Church Office Closed
CDC Closed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2018

CDC Closed

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2018

CDC Closed

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2018

CDC Closed

Please pray for members / attendees in the hospital / rehab as of December 7, 2018:

- Bill Magruder (Jenny Magruder's husband) – Friendship Health and Rehab – Room 321



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER - 5:30 p.m.

Thank you for letting us know who wants to have a standing reservation for every week. Please call the church office (239-0316) by noon on Monday to make or cancel your reservation.

Adults.....\$5.00 Children and Youth.....\$4.00
 Under age 6.....Free Family Maximum.....\$16.00
 (.50 additional charge for carry-outs)

December 12

Pork Chops Macaroni and Cheese Vegetables Bread Dessert

December 19

Chicken and Dumplings Green Beans Bread Dessert

December 26

Dinner Cancelled

FERN CREEK / HIGHVIEW UNITED MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT

Friday, December 14, 7:30 p.m.

Believers Church (7905 Smyrna Parkway)

Join us as we support the Ministries and listen to some wonderful Christmas music by our handbell choir and others from our congregation who will be singing on this evening.



YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 16 – 6:00 p.m.

Come and hear our children and youth lead us in praising God during this Christmas Season.



NEW MEMBERS' RECEPTION - December 16

(following the 6:00 p.m. Youth and Children's Christmas Program)

Please bring a snack food as we welcome the newest members among us.



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY - "THE GREAT CHRISTMAS ESCAPE"

December 21, 7:30 p.m.

Youth, Grades 6 - 12



Join us for our annual Christmas party. We will enjoy a time of food and fellowship, and enjoy an "escape" from all of the frantic Christmas preparations. Bring a friend!

ADULT CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 23, 10:45 a.m.

Join us as the Adult Choir presents "Joy! A Gospel Christmas Celebration". You will hear the story of Christ's birth in a variety of musical styles, from upbeat blues-gospel numbers to slower ballads in a gospel groove, plus one calypso tune! Everyone is invited.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

December 23, 5:00 p.m.

Would you be interested in being in a group just for fun, going around spreading joy while singing Christmas carols? Well, this is an opportunity for you!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

(all the pancakes you would like to eat)

Monday, December 24, 2018

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Christian Life Center



CHRISTMAS EVE

We hope you will all join us for our Christmas Eve service on December 24, 11:00 a.m.



MEN'S MINISTRY KICK-OFF BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 5, 8:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker – Roger Palmer from Crossings

Watch for more details!

Questions? Contact Chris Berry or Chris Towles.

DOLLAR DECEMBER!

Donate one dollar or more to help purchase backpacks for Sun-Day Fun-Day in August. You can place your offering on your regular tithe envelope and mark it Backpacks. If you have any questions, see Greg Bruce.



Our sympathy is extended to:

- The family of Kylene Wright at her death;
- The family of Ricky Freeh at his death;
- Chris and Pam Weixler and family at the death of their daughter, Emily Weixler McCay;
- Rhonda Woodson and family at the death of her husband, Tony Woodson (father of Amanda Fenwick, grandfather of Liam Fenwick, son-in-law of Barbara Dean, nephew of Marilyn Calvert, Pat McDonald, and Bobby Cundiff).



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

December 16: The Third Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Joy

6:00 p.m. – Youth and Children's Choirs Christmas Service

7:00 p.m. – New Members' Reception

December 18

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

December 20

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

December 23: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Love

"Joy! A Gospel Christmas Celebration" (by Joel Raney), presented by the Adult Choir

5:00 p.m. – Christmas Caroling

December 24: Christmas Eve

9:30 a.m. – Pancake Breakfast

11:00 a.m. – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Lighting of the Christ Candle

December 30: The First Sunday of Christmas

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

January 2

6:30 p.m. – Service of Comfort and Hope

January 6: Epiphany

10:45 a.m. – We celebrate the Wise Men's visit.

Childcare for preschoolers is available during all of these services.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2019 offering envelopes in the common area between the church and the gym. If you have any questions, please see Jodie Towles.



ROCKY'S BEAT

Rocky Hardymon - Minister of Music

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Hanging of the Greens service. It was a great success!

In the Children's Sunday School Classes, we are learning about the Christmas story. We have learned that Jesus' birth was known many years before it actually happened. The Old Testament tells us that prophets told about Jesus and the New Testament says that the angels spoke to Mary and Joseph. This week we learn that God would send His Son to the world through a virgin birth as part of His plan to bring salvation to the world.

Several members of Fern Creek will be represented during the Fern Creek / Highview United Ministries Christmas Benefit Concert on December 14, 7:30 p.m. The concert will be held at the Believers' Church, 7905 Smyrna Parkway. Those participating include the Handbell Ensemble, Alisha Bruce, Greg Bruce, Rocky Hardymon, and Kristin Jones. Come and support this important ministry in our community!

CDC HAPPENINGS

Terri Bosemer - CDC 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 18 and 20 our little preschoolers will shine like stars, and that makes all those practices worth it. The Pre-K students will be performing "Celebrate Christmas" at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary on December 18. The three-year-old students will perform "Welcome, Holy Jesus!", and our precious little two-year-olds will be performing "Jesus Was Born" at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary on December 20. All church members are invited to come join us! There will be a reception in the Christian Life Center immediately following the programs.