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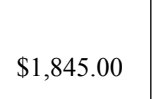
LINDA'S LINES

As I drove through the parking lot of Fern Creek High School on the way to church this past Sunday, I was saddened to see how many cars were there for a Sunday morning sports event. There were certainly considerably more there than in our church parking lot. My heart breaks for what our society has done to God's Holy Day! I urge you to remember what Sunday is designed to be and gather with your church family each Sunday (unless you are sick or out of town)! Hebrews 10:25 says: *"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching."* Your presence is not only pleasing to God, but it is an encouragement to others.

Please join us, as well, for our Sunday evening services of this Holy Season. The "Hanging of the Greens" and the "Instrumental Christmas" were both such beautiful and meaningful services! Thanks to all who led in these. We are grateful for your willingness and faithfulness in using your talents for the Lord! Thanks to those of you who were present to participate in celebrating Jesus together through these wonderful services.

As you know, we have been without a Minister of Preschool for several years. Thanks to those who have been fulfilling the various responsibilities of this position. The Personnel Committee and Preschool Committee have just appointed Loren Been to this position for an eight-month interim. Loren is just completing her student teaching in Costa Rica, but will be back with us this week. She will serve with us until she leaves for North Dakota in August for work on her Master's Degree. Loren will also serve as a Four-Year-Old Teacher and the Music Teacher for our Children Development Center. (All of these positions are funded through our CDC budget.) Loren will be working closely with Terri Bosemer to reach preschoolers and their families with the gospel.

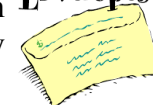
Please join me in anticipation of a glorious Lord's Day this Sunday! And as always, continue to pray, "Lord, Send a Great Revival!"

DECEMBER 3, 2017		OUR STEWARDSHIP	
SUNDAY SCHOOL 128		Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,657.00
		Budget Received	\$ 12,506.00
MORNING WORSHIP 161		Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 135,198.00
		Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 125,557.24
		BUILDING FUND	
		Weekly Total	\$ 120.00
		Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 4,423.99
		INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OFFERINGS	
Sunrise \$1,845.00		Global Missions \$ 70.00	Pizzati \$ 640.00
		Honduras \$ 125.00	Ziems \$ 40.00
		Lottie Moon \$ 586.34	

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2018 offering envelopes in the common area between the church and the gym. If you have any questions, please see Jodie Towles.

Offering Envelopes



WEEK OF DECEMBER 17

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Renee Bryant 797-3639

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Joe Murphy 777-1632

CHILDREN'S SERMON

No Children's Sermon

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

No Children's Church

EXTENDED SESSION

TBA

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Ben Hale

Wednesday - Sam Frizzell

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Alex Gibbs

YOUTH SNACK SUPPER

Martha Blansette

WEEK OF DECEMBER 24

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Michele Crider 724-9627

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Fred Rhea 749-3579

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No Children's Sermon

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

No Children's Church

EXTENDED SESSION

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Sunday - Ben Hale

Wednesday - Sam Frizzell

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Chris Towles

YOUTH SNACK SUPPER

No Choir

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017

11:30 a.m. "Young at Heart" Luncheon

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017

6:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017

10:00 a.m. Choir and Drama Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Gospel Lights Missions Dinner

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017

Jeff St. #1

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Christmas Cantata

1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Youth Choir

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

Christmas Service

7:00 p.m. New Members' Reception

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017

4:30 p.m. CLC Reserved

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017

9:30 a.m. Sisterhood

2:30 p.m. Open Gym

7:00 p.m. Four-Year-Old CDC Christmas

Program

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2017

CDC Closed

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2017

CDC Closed

10:00 a.m. Women on Mission / Quilting

Group

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2017

CDC Closed

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Christmas Eve Service

1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017

Church Office and CDC Closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2017

Church Office and CDC Closed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2017

CDC Closed

No evening activities

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2017

CDC Closed

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2017

CDC Closed

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service

4:30 p.m. Homebound Communion

6:00 p.m. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018

Church Office and CDC Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018

CDC Closed

10:00 a.m. GROW (G-3 Team)

4:30 p.m. CLC Reserved

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship

L.I.G.H.T. for Youth

Children's Choirs

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

GROW (G-4 Team)

Sisterhood

Tuesday, December 19

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...



Please pray for members / attendees in the hospital / rehab as of December 10, 2017:

- Dennis Starks - Presbyterian, Westminster - Room 157
- George Nightingale - Oaklawn Rehabilitation - Room 137



Congratulations to Joseph and Valerie Montgomery upon the birth of their son, Jaxson Monte Montgomery (7 lbs. 13 oz., 20 inches). The proud big brothers are Justin and JoJo Montgomery.

A Thank You note has been placed on the bulletin board from Gloria Freeman.



Our sympathy is extended to:

- Jeannie Kern and family at the death of her daughter, Amy Shelton (wife of Joe, mother of Noah, sister of Ann Hopkins);
- Doris Ann Sea and family at the death of her daughter, Radine Campbell;
- Mike and Linda Robinson and family at the death of Linda's aunt, Judy Guthrie;
- Mary Lou Felker and family at the death of her brother, Ronald Carter;
- Bonnie Hicks and family at the death of her brother-in-law, Larry Holtz.



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 13

Fried Chicken Potato Salad Green Beans Bread Dessert

December 20 & 27

Supper Canceled

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY (Grades 6-12)

Regressive Dinner (opposite of a Progressive Dinner)

Friday, December 15, 6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Please bring a wrapped gift (appropriate for a boy or girl) for the gift exchange that costs between \$7 and \$10. Please meet at the church a few minutes before 6:00 p.m. so we can load the bus. The courses and homes are as follows:

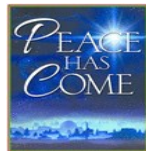
- Desserts – Joy Stelly
- Main Course – George and Linda Popham
- Appetizers – Josh and Emily Butler
- Surprise – Christian Life Center of FCBC

The event will end at 10:30 p.m., so please have your parents pick you up at that time. We are looking forward to a great time! Invite others to come with you!

If you do not have a signed permission form for this church year, you will need to have your parents fill that out when you get to the church.

ATTENTION ADULT CHOIR & DRAMA TEAM

Dress rehearsal for the Choir and Drama cast will be Saturday, December 16, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



ADULT CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 17, 10:45 a.m.

Join us as the Adult Choir presents "Peace Has Come" by Mary McDonald.

NEW MEMBERS' RECEPTION - December 17
 (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.



SERVICE OF HOPE AND COMFORT

Wednesday, December 20, 6:30 p.m.

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



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

December 17: The Third Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Joy
 "Peace Has Come" (by Mary McDonald),
 presented by the Adult Choir

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

7:00 p.m. – New Members' Reception

December 19

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

December 20

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

December 24: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. – Pancake Breakfast

11:00 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Love and the Christ Candle

December 31: The First Sunday of Christmas

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

6:00 p.m. – Prayer Service

Childcare for preschoolers is available during all of these services.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

(all the pancakes you would like to eat)

Sunday, December 24, 2017

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.**



HOLIDAYS

The Church Office will be closed for Christmas on December 25 and December 26, 2017. We will also be closed for New Year's Day on January 1, 2018.



HOMEBOUND COMMUNION



You are invited to join the deacons on **December 31** as they visit our homebound members and share the Lord's Supper with them. Please meet in the conference room at **4:30 p.m.** to divide into teams.

FERN CREEK / HIGHVIEW UNITED MINISTRIES NEEDS

The ministry is in need of the following: toilet paper, dish liquid, laundry detergent, shampoo, canned meats, canned green beans, canned corn, and empty water bottles. Please place your donations in the marked bin in the breezeway. Thank you for helping those in our community. All donations are greatly appreciated!

ROCKY'S BEAT

Rocky Hardymon - Minister of Music

The Christmas season is upon us. There are so many things that we want to accomplish before the big day comes: decorating, shopping, preparing for family to arrive, cleaning, preparing music and drama performances, parties, more cooking and baking, etc. It seems that the list of activities is endless!

I hope that through the busyness of the season that you find a quiet, calm escape from the busy, hurried pace of your agenda. The good thing about the Christmas season: it reminds us of the importance of family / children, Jesus, miracles, joy, love, hope, and peace.

We need to pause and reflect on the reason for the season. Christ has left us all that is really and truly good, all the promised good; peace of mind from our justification before God. This Christ calls His peace, for He is Himself is our Peace. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" (John 14: 27).

The choir and drama team will be presenting the Christmas musical, "Peace Has Come" by Mary McDonald on **Sunday, December 17 at 10:45 a.m.** Please invite others to attend!

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

All Wednesday evening activities will resume after the Christmas Holidays on January 3, 2018.

- Wednesday Evening Suppers - 5:30 p.m.
- Preschool and Children's Choirs - 6:30 p.m.
- L.I.G.H.T. for Youth - 6:30 p.m.
- Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.

Hope to see everyone back at church for our Wednesday activities!



EXERCISE CLASS FOR ADULTS

The Exercise class will resume on Thursday, January 4, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Questions? Contact Geraldine Grigsby or Sandra Segrest.

WOMEN ON MISSION

Group I, AGAPE Group, will meet on January 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the Christian Life Center in room 416.

Please join us for a great time of learning about missionaries and doing mission projects.



"YOUNG AT HEART"

POT-LUCK LUNCHEON

January 11, 11:30 a.m.

Christian Life Center

Guest Speakers - Shirley Powers and Norma Routt



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 4 - Teresa Hardymon | 14 - Nancy Bickers | 26 - Betty Hobbs |
| Emma Towles | Dot Hester | Shirley Powers |
| 5 - Diana Bridwell | 17 - Shirley Hill | 27 - Bonnie Griffin |
| Jim Griffin | 18 - Neal Tingle | 28 - Matt Fentress |
| Troy Young | 19 - Ryan Stone | Dan Fox |
| 6 - Teresa Kendall | 20 - Dottie Lanham | David Lanham |
| 7 - Geanine Escobar | Tammy Squires | 31 - Jodie Towles |
| Taren Walton | 21 - Rachel Been | |
| 11 - Jaylen Kelley | Chad Murphy | |
| 12 - Jamie Glenn | 22 - Shirlon Turner | |
| 13 - Steedra Kelley | 23 - Kevin Blansette | |
| Jim Magruder | Mindy Glenn | |
| Carole Nagle | 24 - Rita Stevens | |
| Brenda Pennington | 25 - Debbie Stone | |



REQUEST FROM THE TRUSTEES

There are many times during the winter season that we need people to help with shoveling snow off of sidewalks, etc. If you are willing to be a part of the Snow Removal Team, please call the church office (239-0316) or Joe Murphy, Trustee Chairperson (777-1632), or sign up at the foyer shelf in the Common Area. Thanks for your help!



CDC HAPPENINGS

Terri Bosemer - CDC Director

May the gifts of love, peace, and joy that come from knowing "Jesus" as Lord and Savior be yours this holiday season. On behalf of the Child Development Center, we wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

YEAR-END CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

We hope the following information will be helpful to you as you consider the most appropriate way to make year-end charitable contribution gifts to Fern Creek Baptist Church. Your 2017 year-end gift can reduce your income taxes while providing generous support to the various ministries of the church.

Gifts by Check or Cash:

These must be given to Fern Creek Baptist Church on or before December 31, 2017. If mailed to Fern Creek Baptist Church, you need to ensure the mailing envelope is postmarked by the U.S. Post Office on or before December 31. The date written on your check has no bearing on inclusion with your 2017 contributions.

Gifts of Stock:

You can avoid paying capital gains taxes on the increase in value of the stock sold. You will receive an income tax deduction for the full fair market value of the stock at the date of the gift. Consult with your tax advisor and/or your stock broker.

Gifts from Retirement and Estate Plans:

Gifts such as life insurance, charitable remainders, trusts, annuities, charitable lead trusts, etc. can offer significant tax advantages to the donor. Please consult with your tax professional about this type of gift.

Acknowledgement of your 2017 giving contributions will be during

January 2018.

DO NOT file your 2017 income tax return until you have received the written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. The IRS may not allow some of your contributions if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgement of your total contributions to the church.

Thank you for making the many ministries of our church possible in 2017.

You are making an eternal difference!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Church Office and CDC Closed	2 10:00 am GROW (G-3 Team) 4:30 pm CLC Reserved CDC Closed	3 6:30 pm Children's Choirs Resume 7:30 pm GROW (G-4 Team)	4 10:00 am Women on Mission (Quilting Group) 6:30 pm Exercise Class	5	6 10:00 am Women on Mission (AGAPE Group) Winter Jam 11:30 am CLC Reserved
7	8 4:30 pm CLC Reserved 7:00 pm GROW (G & R Teams)	9 2:30 pm Open Gym 6:00 pm CLC Reserved 7:00 pm Stewardship Meeting	10	11 11:30 am "Young at Heart" Pot-Luck Lunch Speakers - Shirley Powers & Norma Routt 6:30 pm - Exercise Class 7:00 pm - Sound Comm. Mtg.	12	13
14 7:00 pm Business Meeting	15 CDC Closed	16 9:30 am Sisterhood CDC Snowball Activity 2:30 pm Open Gym 6:00 pm CLC Reserved	17	18 10:00 am Women on Mission (Quilting Group) 6:30 pm Exercise Class	19 Adult Choir Retreat	20
21	22 4:30 pm CLC Reserved 7:00 pm GROW (W Teams)	23 2:30 pm Open Gym 6:00 pm CLC Reserved	24	25 CDC Pajama Parties 6:30 pm Exercise Class	26 CDC Pajama Parties	27 8:00 am Optical Class
28 8:30 am Instrumental Ensemble	29 4:30 pm CLC Reserved 7:00 pm GROW (ALL Teams)	30 6:00 pm CLC Reserved	31	January 2018		