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**MEMORIAL
TILES**

If you would like to purchase a Memorial Tile for our third panel, please put your form/money in the offering plate or give to Jodie Towles. Forms are located in Welcome Center

Sisterhood

Tuesday, December 20
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

We hope you will join the Deacons, Staff, and Vision Team in *Draw the Circle: The 40 Day Prayer Challenge* (by Mark Batterson) beginning January 1, 2017. In order to do so you will need to purchase the devotional book that goes along with the challenge. You may purchase the book for \$7 from the church office or after worship at the sanctuary welcome center. (Write checks to Fern Creek Baptist Church.) During these 40 days, as we press into God's presence in a very intentional way, our prayer is for a great revival to begin. Let it begin in you!!

You may wonder what the title *Draw the Circle* has to do with prayer. Mark Batterson adapted this title from words of the late evangelist Rodney "Gypsy" Smith. Smith, who never received a formal education, lectured at Harvard and was also invited by two U.S. presidents to the White House. He preached the gospel to millions of people in Europe and the U.S. When questioned by some revival seekers, Smith gave this advice: "Go home. Lock yourself in your room. Kneel down in the middle of the floor, and with a piece of chalk draw a circle around yourself. There, on your knees, pray fervently and brokenly that God would start revival within that chalk circle."

I hope you will also accept this 40 day prayer challenge and that each day on the journey will be transformational for you!! I pray that a great revival will start in each of our lives!

On another note, fourteen of us will be going to Nicaragua, January 3-9, 2017. We will mainly be working with the Mount of Olives Baptist Church, as well as a local church. Thank you for praying for the team. If you are willing to help financially with any of the team members, please contact me and I will let you know who needs help. We also need more money for the Nicaragua general fund for Bibles, children's supplies, and roofing materials and paint for the Mount of Olives Baptist Church. Thank you for being a church on mission!

Please join us on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as we celebrate the reason for this blessed season. Let's celebrate His birth together with joy and expectation! Rejoice with exceeding great joy!

DECEMBER 4, 2016



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**
141
**MORNING
WORSHIP**
168

OUR STEWARDSHIP	
Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,440.00
Budget Received	\$ 12,941.10
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$132,160.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$117,128.90
BUILDING FUND	
Weekly Total	\$ 87.00
Year-to-Date	\$ 5,396.52

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS OFFERINGS

Sunrise \$1,400	Lottie Moon	\$ 900.00	Ziems	\$ 130.00
	Mission Trips	\$ 336.00	Pizzatis	\$ 200.00

**WEEK OF DECEMBER 18
DEACON OF THE WEEK**

Edith Briscoe 231-6468
TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK
Joseph Montgomery 422-2208

CHILDREN'S SERMON

No Children's Sermon

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

No Children's Church

EXTENDED SESSION

Michele Crider, Terry Schult,
Nancy McCune Lindsay Emert,
and Linda Westmorland

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Alex Gibbs
Wednesday - Steve Bruce

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

TBA

**WEEK OF DECEMBER 25
DEACON OF THE WEEK**

Renee Bryant 797-3639
TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK
Gary Kistner 419-5505

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Linda Barnes Popham

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

No Children's Church

EXTENDED SESSION

Jeannie Kern, Pam Reid,
Carole Nagle, and
Geraldine Grigsby

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Ben Hale
Wednesday - Sam Frizzell

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

TBA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016

10:30 a.m. CDC Christmas Program
4:30 p.m. CLC Reserved

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2016

6:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Party
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2016

9:00 a.m. Men on Mission - Bible Study

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016

Jeff St. #2
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Adult Choir Christmas Cantata
12:00 p.m. Bake Sale to Benefit our
Nicaragua Mission Trip
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Instrumental Christmas

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016

CDC Closed
7:00 p.m. GROW (O Teams)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2016

CDC Closed
9:30 a.m. Sisterhood
6:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2016

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2016

CDC Closed
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2016
Church Office & CDC Closed
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2016

CHRISTMAS EVE
9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Christmas Eve Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016

CHRISTMAS DAY
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2016

Church Office & CDC Closed
7:00 p.m. GROW (W Teams)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2016

CDC Closed
6:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2016

CDC Closed
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
L.I.G.H.T. for Youth

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2016

CDC Closed
7:00 p.m. Nicaragua Team Meeting

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2016

CDC Closed
7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2016

9:00 a.m. Men on Mission - Bible Study

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Student Night at Christmas

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2017

Church Office & CDC Closed

Advent / Christmas Worship Services

December 15

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

December 18: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Love
“A New Birth, A New Beginning” (by John Purifoy),
presented by the Adult Choir

6:00 p.m. – Instrumental Christmas

December 24: Christmas Eve

9:30 a.m. – Pancake Breakfast

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

December 25: The First Sunday of Christmas

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

January 1: The Second Sunday of Christmas

10:45 a.m. – We celebrate the New Year.

6:00 p.m. – Student Night at Christmas, a service led by our
College and Career Students

Childcare for preschoolers is available during all of these services.

Our sympathy is extended to:

- George and Marie Kemp and family at the death of Marie’s uncle, Fred Yates;
- Bill and Jenny Magruder and family at the death of their brother-in-law, Paul Stinnett (uncle of David Magruder);
- George and Marie Kemp and family at the death of Marie’s aunt, Audrey Malone;
- Ballard and Nann Anderson and family at the death of Ballard’s cousin, Willard Blankenship.



Please pray for members/attendees in the hospital/rehab as of December 11, 2016:

- Shirley Sallee - Baptist Health - room 407;
- Tony Woodson - Suburban Hospital - room 560;
- Joey Catman - Baptist Health - room 336 (CCU).



Thank you notes have been placed on the bulletin board from Bill and Jenny Magruder and the Lehto family.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

(all the pancakes you would like to eat)

Saturday, December 24, 2016

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Christian Life Center

Donations accepted for missions.



CHRISTMAS EVE

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



NICARAGUA MISSION TEAM MEETING

Thursday, December 29, 7:00 p.m.

Christian Life Center

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 2016 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, 2016. 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 2016 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 2016 giving contributions will be during January 2017.

DO NOT file your 2016 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 2016. You are making an eternal difference!

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!

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Grades 6-12

Friday, December 16, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Christian Life Center

Cost - \$2 per person

BBQ Dinner, Devotional, Games

Bring a “white elephant” gift for the gift exchange.



ADULT CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 18, 10:45 a.m.

Join us as the Adult Choir presents “A New Birth, A New Beginning” by John Purifoy.



BAKE SALE: DECEMBER 18

After Morning Worship in the Common Area
Proceeds will go toward our Nicaragua Mission Trip.



INSTRUMENTAL CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 18th – 6:00 p.m.

Invite your friends and family to hear the beautiful music of the season as presented by our very talented instrumentalists. We will hear from a wide variety of groups, duets, and soloists on various instruments to help set your heart for this Christmas season.



Sisterhood

Tuesday, December 20 - 9:30 a.m.

Cracker Barrel in Fern Creek

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 21 & 28

No Dinner

SERVICE OF HOPE AND COMFORT

Wednesday, December 21, 6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

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

We will light candles in memory of our loved ones.



WOMEN ON MISSION

Agape Group, will meet on **January 7 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.



INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDIES

Journey through Norway during our International Mission Studies and see how God is bringing spiritual beauty to this land. The Children and Preschoolers will have their study on **Sunday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m.**, during their normal missions time.



BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, January 8, 7:00 p.m.

Please be present as we discuss the business of God's church!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 10, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Conference Room

MEMORIAL TILES

If you would like to purchase a Memorial Tile for our third panel, please put your form / money in the offering plate or give to Jodie Towles. Forms are located at the front welcome center.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Teresa Hardymon
- 5 - Diana Bridwell
- 6 - Teresa Kendall
- 7 - Geanine Escobar
- 9 - Mary Lynch
- 10 - Tommy Davis
- 11 - Jaylen Kelley
- 12 - Jamie Glenn
- 13 - Steedra Kelley
- 14 - Nancy Bickers
- 18 - Neal Tingle
- 19 - Ryan Stone
- 20 - Dottie Lanham
- 21 - Rachel Been
- 22 - Susie Aubrey
- 23 - Kevin Blansette
- Emma Towles
- Jim Griffin
- Taren Walton
- Mary Lynch
- Tommy Davis
- Jaylen Kelley
- Jamie Glenn
- Jim Magruder
- Carole Nagle
- Brenda Pennington
- Dot Hester
- Neal Tingle
- Ryan Stone
- Linda Waller
- Tammy Squires
- Chad Murphy
- Charlie Cress
- Shirlon Turner
- Mindy Glenn
- Pat Joyce
- Angela Rasco



- 24 - Rita Stevens
- 25 - Debbie Stone
- 26 - Jack Adams
- 27 - Bonnie Griffin
- 28 - Matt Fentress
- 29 - Dan Fox
- 31 - Lewis Garrett
- Jodie Towles

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 Jerry Walker, Trustee Chairperson (270-589-1510), or sign up at the foyer shelf in the Common Area. Thanks for your help!



"YOUNG AT HEART" POT-LUCK LUNCHEON

January 12, 11:30 a.m.

Christian Life Center
Guest Speakers - Shirley Powers and Norma Rountt



SALVATION DOLLS WORKSHOP

Mark your calendar for **January 14, 10:00 a.m. - noon**, for the next Salvation Dolls Workshop in the Christian Life Center. There is something for everyone. So, bring the whole family and help share the Gospel with others. Questions? Please see Brenda Pennington or Melissa Logsdon-Young.



HONDURAS FUNDRAISER - CULVER'S

Stop in at Culver's of Louisville (4630 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy.)

Tuesday, January 17, 5-9 p.m.



10% of all sales will be donated to the Fern Creek Baptist Church Honduras Mission Team in support of their Mission Trips.

COLLECTIONS FOR NICARAGUA

We will be collecting several items (in extra suitcases) to take to the girls and to use for games and crafts at the Emmanuel Home for Protection in Nicaragua. If you can donate any of the following new items by **Tuesday, December 27**, please put them in the bin in the collection area between the Common Area and the Christian Life Center: **chapstick, nail polish, hair accessories, combs, undergarments, colorful socks, white socks, small purses, toothpaste (small tubes), toothbrushes, bracelets, beach balls, crayons, glue sticks, and other school supplies.** Thanks for your help!

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2017 offering envelopes in the common area between the church and the gym.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 6:00 pm Student Night at Christmas	2 4:30 pm CLC Reserved 7:00 pm GROW (G Teams) Church Office and CDC Closed	3 10:00 am GROW (G Team) 6:00 pm CLC Reserved	4 Breakfast at Friendship International 4:30 pm Staff Meeting	5 4:30 pm CLC Reserved	6	7 10:00 am Women on Mission (AGAPE Group)
Nicaragua Mission Trip						
8 7:00 pm Business Meeting Nicaragua Mission Trip	9 4:30 pm CLC Reserved 7:00 pm GROW (R Teams)	10 6:00 pm CLC Reserved 7:00 pm Stewardship Meeting	11	12 11:30 am "Young at Heart" Pot-Luck Dinner / Guest Speakers - Shirley Powers and Norma Rountt 4:30 pm CLC Reserved	13	14 8:00 am Optical Training 10:00 am Salvation Dolls Workshop
15	16 7:00 pm GROW (O Teams) CDC Closed	17 9:30 am Sisterhood 5:00 pm Culver's Fundraiser 6:00 pm CLC Reserved	18	19 4:30 pm CLC Reserved	20	21 8:30 am Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
22 8:30 am Instrumental Ensemble	23 4:30 pm CLC Reserved 7:00 pm GROW (W Teams)	24 6:00 pm CLC Reserved	25	26 4:30 pm CLC Reserved	27	28
29 4:30 pm Homebound Communion	30 4:30 pm CLC Reserved 7:00 pm GROW (ALL Teams)	31 6:00 pm CLC Reserved	January 2017			