

Fern Creek Baptist Church

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The Disciple

December 18, 2023

LINDA'S LINES

Thanks so much to all of you who have led us in worship during this holy season of Advent / Christmas. Whether you have led as a singer, instrumentalist, narrator, reader, decorator, candle lighter, technician, greeter, usher, childcare worker, organizer, typist, etc., we are grateful for you and your service. And, thanks to those who keep us safe while we gather and for all the other behind-the-scenes workers. Thanks to all who wrote devotionals for our Advent / Christmas Devotional Book. Thanks to all who have prayed and shared encouragement! You are all greatly appreciated!!!

We hope you will all attend the Service of Comfort and Hope on Wednesday, December 20, 6:30 p.m. Our folks who are grieving during this season will certainly appreciate your support. This is a sweet time together as we are just present for each other. The Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 12:15, "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn." We certainly need each other during this journey of life whether we are traveling "on the mountains" or "through the valleys". As I just completed writing the previous sentence, I quit writing for a while because I received a phone call from my friend's sister that our dear friend, Eleanor McClellan, died this morning at the hospital in North Alabama. Many of you know Eleanor from her concerts, visits, etc., over the years. She performed with some of you while living in Louisville, and she taught others of you at GSA even recently. As another friend said, "She was a light in this insane world." Yes, again I repeat with the Apostle Paul, "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn."

Please invite as many people as possible to our Christmas Eve Service. Often people will attend church at Christmas when they do not do so at other times. Let's pray together that people will come to know Jesus and truly realize that as our season's theme says: "The Heart of Christmas is Jesus!"

Please join us during the New Year in reading the Bible from "cover to cover". The Bible Reading Plan will be handed out next week. During most Sundays of the year, I will be preaching from a different book of the Bible, beginning with Genesis on January 7. We need wisdom from God's Word more than ever!!! Psalm 119:105 says, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." As we live in His Word, He will show us the way to go in all things!

During the next few months our church will begin to make more decisions concerning our affiliations, partnerships, missions giving, programming, etc. Please pray about these things as our deacons lead in this process. We will never cease being a church even though Southern Baptist leaders don't want us to be affiliated with them. I met a lady in Hobby Lobby the other day who said to George and me, "We can be assured that God will not kick us out of heaven." How wonderful it is to be a part of God's family!!! (By the way, please mark your calendars now for our Homecoming Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of FCBC to be held on October 27, 2024.)

We have two international mission opportunities this summer. Renee Bryant and I will be leading a trip to Guatemala, May 4-10, 2024. My brother, Dr. Marty Barnes, will be leading a trip to Honduras (working in La Esperanza with Gervacio and others), June 29 – July 6, 2024. If you are interested in joining either of these teams, contact me as soon as possible. We will be having a Guatemala Team Meeting soon. Terry Schult will be leading us in a Chili/Soup Cook-Off Fundraiser on February 24, 2024, for the Guatemala trip. Mark your calendars now.

Please pray for each other. Please pray for our church. Please continue to pray for God's kingdom to come on earth! Please join me in anticipation of a glorious Lord's Day this Sunday! And as always, continue to pray, "Lord, awaken Your people and send a great revival!"



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**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

Sisterhood

Tuesday, December 19
11:00 a.m.
Shoney's - Fern Valley



MEN'S MISSION BREAKFAST

January 6, 7:57 a.m.
Golden Corral - Taylorsville Rd.
All men are welcome.
Questions? Contact Neal Tingle.

"CIRCLE OF HOPE"

Monday, January 8 - 2:00 p.m.
All widows are invited.
Questions? Contact Karen Love.



"YOUNG AT HEART"

Thursday, January 11
11:30 a.m.
Lunch & Games
Christian Life Center



JANUARY

	18	Neal Tingle
	18	Gene Wright
	19	Ryan Stone
	20	Tammy Squires
1	21	Rachel Birkby
1	21	Chad Murphy
1	22	Charlie Cress
4	22	Shirlon Turner
5	22	Joanna Wright
5	23	Kevin Blansette
6	23	Dallas Farmer
6	23	Mindy Glenn
7	23	Pat Joyce
7	23	Angela Rasco
10	25	Sarah Jenkins
11	26	Betty Hobbs
12	26	Shirley Powers
13	27	Bonnie Griffin
13	28	Matt Fentress
13	28	Dan Fox
14	28	David Lanham
14	31	LJ Miller
17	31	Jodie Towles

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

resumes on
January 4, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

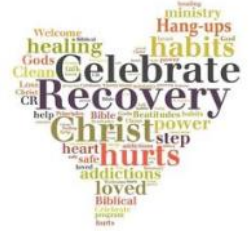
We will begin the evening with a Dinner in the Christian Life Center. The dinner will be followed by a time of worship. Then we will break up into the following classes:



CelebrateRecovery

Substance Abuse (Men and Women)
Sexual Integrity (Men)
Codependency (Women)
Hurts and Hang-Ups (Men and Women)

Celebrate Recovery is not just a program to help with addiction. It is a biblically balanced approach to help bring sustainable recovery and healing to hurts. It guides people toward new healthy truths and life-giving habits while repairing broken relationships. The eight principles of Celebrate Recovery are based on the Beatitudes in Matthew 5. Questions? Contact Joseph Schult.



BMDMI

GUATEMALA

If you are interested in participating in a mission trip to Guatemala, **May 4-10, 2024**, please contact Pastor Linda as soon as possible. This trip will be taken in partnership with Baptist Medical and Dental Mission International. We will work under missionaries Mike and Sandra Little. The first team meeting will be announced soon.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

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 21

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

December 24: The Fourth Sunday of Advent – Christmas Eve

9:30 a.m. – Pancake Breakfast

11:00 a.m. – Christmas Eve Service

Lighting of the Candle of Love

Lighting of the Christ Candle

December 31: The First Sunday of Christmas

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

12:00 p.m. – Prayer Vigil Begins

Pancake Breakfast

(all the pancakes you would like to eat)

Sunday, December 24, 2023

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Christian Life Center



OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- Terry Schult and family at the death of her mother, Iris Jurado.
- Scott and Kim Been at the death of Kim's father, Milton "Rick" Rickert Jr. (grandfather of Loren Pascua and Rachel Birkby).



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023

- 5:30 p.m. Gym Rental
7:00 p.m. GROW (O & W Teams)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023

- 11:00 a.m. Sisterhood - Shoney's
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
5:00 p.m. Gym Rental
6:30 p.m. Filipino Bible Study - CLC
7:00 p.m. CDC Christmas Program - Fours

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023

- 6:30 p.m. Service of Comfort & Hope
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023

- 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission - Sewing Group
10:30 a.m. CDC Christmas Program - Twos & Threes
3:30 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery - Canceled

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2023

- 6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

- 9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Christmas Eve Service
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
3:00 p.m. Congolese Worship Service
Evening Activities Canceled

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023

Merry Christmas - Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023

Church Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2023

Evening Activities Canceled

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2023

- 3:30 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery - Canceled

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023

- 6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
12:00 p.m. 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Starts
12:15 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service - CLC
3:00 p.m. Congolese Worship Service - CLC
Evening Activities Canceled



RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF DECEMBER 24

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Sam Frizzell 645-7792

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Joe Montgomery 422-2208

NURSE ON CALL

Dr. Mary Kleber 262-8756

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

No Children's Church

EXTENDED SESSION

Jeannie Kern &
Joy Warren

NURSERY

Donna Grimes & TBA

TECH TEAM

Director – Jon Heinrich
Streamer – Chris Towles
Sound – Phil Shewmaker
AV – Lisa Payne

WEEK OF DECEMBER 31

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Danny Hass 836-9735

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

TBA

NURSE ON CALL

Norma Routt 741-0724

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DECEMBER 10, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School - 85 Morning Worship - 104

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 10,991.00
Budget Received	\$ 10,304.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 165,865.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 144,967.94

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 133.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 4,432.89

Central America Missions	\$375	SON International	\$100
Sunrise	\$1783	Lottie Moon	\$165

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