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

The Disciple

LINDA'S LINES **December 20, 2021**

We hope you will all join us for the **Christmas Eve Service at 11:00 a.m.** We will gather and worship as we focus on the real meaning of this season. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors! Your poinsettias will also be available to take home after the service for those who want to do so.

Thanks to all of you who have led us in worship and ministry during this Advent Season. The Hanging of the Greens, Instrumental Christmas, "Journey Back to Bethlehem", and the Service of Comfort and Hope, were all such meaningful services. The Child Development Center Programs were so enjoyable. Thanks to all who have made these services possible by your leadership or behind the scenes work! Thanks to all who have participated by attending or by watching. If you missed any of these worship services, Sunday morning services, or Monday Messages, please remember that you can still watch them by going to our website (www.ferncreekbaptist.org) and clicking the red Worship Livestream button. You will find all of these services listed in categories. If you are willing to share a Monday Message at any time, please let me know. Thanks to all of you!

Please note the following changes to our church schedule:

- Sunday School is canceled on December 26 and January 2. Since Sunday School rooms are small compared to the sanctuary and people will have gathered in large groups during the holidays we thought that this would be best in light of health precautions. **Morning worship will be as normal at 10:45 a.m.** There will be no evening activities.
- Wednesday evening activities are canceled on December 22, December 29, and January 5. **All activities will resume on January 12.**

Please join us for our New Year's Eve 24-Hour Prayer Vigil. The sign-up sheet is on the shelf in the Common Area. It would be great to have many people praying at every time-slot instead of just a few. Please sign up or call the church office. I can think of no better place to "kick-off" the New Year than in God's House. PLEASE be a part of this!! God has told us that His house is to be a place of prayer. He has called us to be people of prayer. God listens when we talk to Him. God says (II Chronicles 7:14): *"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."* Will you join your church family in prayer?

We hope many more of you will make the commitment to be on a GROW Team this year. (GROW Teams meet on Mondays at 7:00 p.m., the first Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., and the first Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.) Please let me know this week or just show up for a team during the month of January. There are so many people who need Jesus or need a church home. The Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 says: *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be canceled on **December 26 and January 2**. Please join us for worship on those days at the regular time of 10:45 a.m.

MONDAY MESSAGES

Tune in on Mondays at 8:00 a.m. for a Monday Morning Devotional Message. You may access these messages by going to our website and clicking the red Worship Livestream button.



A thank you note has been placed on the bulletin board from:
Betty Hobbs

DECEMBER 12, 2021



OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,968.00
Budget Received	\$ 6,497.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 149,520.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 124,300.89

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 182.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 4,930.80
Sunrise Children's Services	\$ 1,198.00
Lottie Moon	\$ 1,235.00
Honduras	\$ 40.00
SON	\$ 130.00

ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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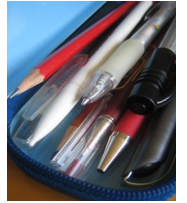
MORNING WORSHIP

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JANUARY

PENCILS / PENCIL CASES / PENS

In an effort to plan for the next school supply giveaway, we are collecting pencils, pencil cases, and pens during the month of January. Please place them in the bin in the collection area between the CLC and the Common Area.




JANUARY

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- 1 - Ashlyn Berry
 - 4 - Emma Towles
 - 5 - Jim Griffin
Troy Young
 - 6 - Pat Daniels
Teresa Kendall
 - 7 - Geanine Escobar
Taren Walton
 - 11 - Jaylen Kelley
 - 12 - Jamie Beverly
 - 13 - Steedra Kelley
Jim Magruder
Carole Nagle
Brenda Pennington
 - 14 - Nancy Dean
Dot Hester
 - 17 - Shirley Hill
 - 18 - Neal Tingle
 - 19 - Ryan Stone
 - 20 - Tammy Squires
 - 21 - Rachel Been
Chad Murphy
 - 22 - Charlie Cress
Shirlon Turner
 - 23 - Kevin Blansette
Dallas Farmer
Mindy Glenn
Pat Joyce
Angela Rasco
 - 24 - Rita Stevens
 - 25 - Sarah Jenkins
 - 26 - Betty Hobbs
Shirley Powers
 - 27 - Bonnie Griffin
 - 28 - Matt Fentress
Dan Fox
David Lanham
 - 31 - Jodie Towles

MUSIC NOTES

Steve Skaggs, Interim Minister of Music

A DREAM OF CHRISTMAS



Matthew 1 tells how an angel of the Lord visited Joseph in a dream and revealed the truth behind the predicament in which his betrothed, Mary, found herself. "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit," said the angel. A miraculous dream giving Divine guidance to Joseph and revealing the fulfillment of God's promise of a Deliverer!

Many of us have happy dreams of Christmas. Kids dream about the gifts they will receive and families look forward to getting together. Our hearts are warmed every year when we see news stories about a soldier surprising his family by unexpectedly returning from overseas deployment. You may know of someone who is dreaming of being released from the hospital in time for Christmas. What are your Christmas dreams?

Every year there are also sad stories at Christmas. It may be the loss of a loved one, an illness, broken relationships, or financial struggles. Or it can be something historically catastrophic on the other side of the world like the tsunami that occurred in the Indian Ocean the day after Christmas, 2004. This year a catastrophe of historic proportions happened in our own state (and neighboring states) with the recent tornadoes. The Christmas dreams of many have been dashed in the wake of this death and destruction.

I don't know that anyone will have a miraculous dream like Joseph — a dream that answered the questions he had concerning something going on in his life that he could not understand — that will give answers to why this happened. And I don't know that we can really do anything to restore the dreams of Christmas, 2021 for those who were in the path of these massive tornadoes. But, as Joseph was faithful in following the Lord's word to him, we can also be faithful in following the teachings we should know so well. We can give financially to any number of relief agencies who are on the ground offering immediate assistance to the people in affected areas.

We can do what we can do. We can pray. We can give. We can perhaps even go. God hasn't revealed that to us in a miraculous dream but, in His word.

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. Matthew 1:24

Our sympathy is extended to:

- Mike and Linda Simpson and family at the death of Linda's brother, Jack Bennett;
- Judie Walker and family at the death of her step-great-nephew, Scotty Engle;
- Sherese Caldwell and family at the death of her cousin;
- Chris and Jodie Towles and family at the death of Jodie's nephew-in-law, Brian Meier;
- Rhonda Woodson and Lee Dean and family at the death of their mother, Barbara Dean (sister of Marilyn Calvert, Pat McDonald, and Bobby Cundiff);
- The family of Tina Van Meter at her recent death; (Tina's children are Jaylan Hurt, Jayda Hurt, and Dave Sylva.)
- Former member Raeburn Horne and family at the death of his wife, Jane Horne.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021

CDC Closed
10:00 a.m. Staff Christmas Brunch - Wildwood

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2021

CDC Closed
All Evening Activities Canceled

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2021

CDC Closed

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

CDC Closed / Church Office Closed
11:00 a.m. Christmas Eve Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday School Canceled
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
All Evening Activities Canceled

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021

CDC Closed / Church Office Closed
6:30 p.m. Gym Rented

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021

CDC Closed

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021

CDC Closed
All Evening Activities Canceled

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2021

CDC Closed

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021

CDC Closed
12:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022

12:00 a.m. Prayer Vigil

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

Sunday School Canceled
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
All Evening Activities Canceled


MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB AS OF DECEMBER 15:

- Leon Taylor – Norton Brownsboro ICU
- Al Thompson – Jefferson Place – Room 111
- Amina Clark (Sam and Becky Frizzell's great-granddaughter)
- Sydney Clark (Sam and Becky Frizzell's granddaughter)

GOSPEL TO EVERY HOME

 Mark your calendars now as we go out into our community and share the good news of the gospel. We need your help! Please meet in the Christian Life Center the following times and get with a team of folks who will guide you in this endeavor.

Saturday, January 15, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 26, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

There are so many people eager to hear the gospel? Will you help?

24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

**Friday, December 31, 12:00 noon
thru Saturday, January 1, noon**

Sponsored by the Deacons



What a great way to "bring in the 2022 New Year"! We hope you will all participate! You may sign up for an hour time-slot (or more) on the shelf in the Common Area.

RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF DECEMBER 26

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Mary Kleber 262-8756

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Joe Murphy 777-1632

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Joy Warren & TBA

EXTENDED SESSION

Donna Grimes & Jeannie Kern

TECH TEAM

Director – Jon Heinrich
Streamer – Jacob Heinrich
Sound – Phil Shewmaker
AV – Chris Towles

EVENING SERVICES

Wednesday (Dec. 22) - No Service
Sunday (Dec. 26) - No Service

WEEK OF JANUARY 2

DEACON OF THE WEEK

George Popham 419-8939

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Kevin Blansette 403-8173

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

EVENING SERVICES

Wednesday (Dec. 29) - No Service
Sunday (Jan. 2) - No Service

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

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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