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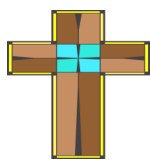
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**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**



Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

The Disciple

December 21, 2020

LINDA'S LINES

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 to Bethlehem", the Service of Comfort and Hope, were all such meaningful services. The Child Development Center Program and Christmas Caroling 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 (in the sanctuary or parking lot) 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 join us for our Christmas Eve Service which will be held on December 24, 11:00 a.m. (There will be no Pancake Breakfast this year.) During the service we will focus on those people who made the journey to Bethlehem, going along with this year's theme, "Journey to Bethlehem". We hope to be able to livestream the service; however, that has not been determined yet. However, we will definitely be transmitting the service to the parking lot.

We hope you will all participate each Sunday in worship during the upcoming year. We are currently only having one morning service at 10:45 a.m. You may join us in the sanctuary or in the parking lot (91.7 FM). We are also livestreaming the services. (Thanks so much for all who are making it possible to have our online and transmitted services!!) Sunday School will be canceled for a few more weeks. Plans are to resume Sunday School on January 10, 2021.

What a joy it was to have the guys from Isaiah House (Willisburg, Kentucky) with us on Sunday, December 13. Their current plans are to attend one of our Sunday services each month. We will also be planning other events with them. The Isaiah House is doing a great job helping people break free from the grip of addiction. It is a faith-based program with a holistic approach. Please contact me if you know of anyone who could benefit from this program. Or, you may call the Isaiah House at 859-375-9200. Also, will you help by providing desserts for their Christmas meal at Isaiah House? Please bring your desserts to the church office on Tuesday, December 22. The desserts will be delivered to them on December 23. Thanks for your help!

As we are quickly approaching a new year, we know that many people are longing and searching for new beginnings in their lives. Isaiah 43:18-19 says, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." What *new thing* will you let God begin in you?

Praise God for the vaccines that have been approved and are already being distributed! Praise God for all He is doing among us! Please continue to cry out to Him for His mercy and grace! Please continue to pray for God's kingdom to come on earth! **Continue to pray, "Lord, send a great revival!"**

CDC HAPPENINGS

Terri Bosemer

Thanks to all of those who participated in the CDC auction either by donating items or bidding. The auction was a success and we made a little over \$1100. This will help to keep our Child Development Center functioning through this pandemic. Praise God the end is in sight! We look so forward to a healthy 2021!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Ashlyn Berry	14 - Nancy Dean	22 - Rachel Been
4 - Teresa Hardymon	Dot Hester	Chad Murphy
Emma Towles	17 - Shirley Hill	22 - Charlie Cress
5 - Diana Bridwell	18 - Neal Tingle	Shirlon Turner
Jim Griffin	19 - Ryan Stone	23 - Kevin Blansette
Troy Young	20 - Tammy Squires	Mindy Glenn
		Pat Joyce
		Angela Rasco
		24 - Rita Stevens
		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

THANK YOU FOR WORKING IN "JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM"

It took a lot of people to help make our drive-through worship experience, "Journey to Bethlehem," a success. Thank you to all who gave of your time and talents. And thanks to all of you who drove through and perhaps brought someone with you.

The event was more than what you saw that evening. Set and costume required many hours and weeks of work before the presentation. Choir members gathered in the sanctuary while socially distancing and wearing singers' masks to record the carols that were heard. Below is a list of those who worked in any capacity for the event. Many worked in multiple fields.

Recruitment - Linda Popham

Set Design and Construction - Scott Been with Caleb Love and Warren Grumbley

Costumes - Dana Adams, Karen Love and Lindsay Emert

Sound, Recording, and Lights - Phil Shewmaker, Alex Gibbs, and Chris Towles

Accompanists - Karen Love and Joellen Johnston

Choir - Glenda Barton, Steve Hale, Lesley Hass, Kristin Jones, Adrienne Kendall, George Payocong, Chad Popham, Linda Popham, Norma Routt, and Steve Skaggs

Parking Attendants - Terri Bosemer, Susan Hudgins, Jodie Towles, Sharon Kelley, Shayla Kelley, Deborah Lawrence, and Linda Popham

"JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM" CAST

Scene 1 - Prophecy Prophet or Priest – Troy Young

Scene 2 - Annunciation Gabriel – Jaylen Kelley / Rob Posey; Mary and Joseph – Jayla Grigsby and Dallas Farmer

Scene 3 - Field Shepherds – Melissa Logsdon-Young, Conner Payne, Charlie Butler, Donna Grimes
Angels – Emma Towles, Stella Popham, Penelope Grimes, Anna McGovern; Angel on Lift – George Payocong III

Scene 4 - Manger Mary, Joseph, and Jesus – Kayla Beeler, Jacob Hass, and Doll
Shepherds – JoJo Montgomery, Shannon Fisher, Justin Montgomery, Caleb Love

Scene 5 - House Mary, Joseph, and Jesus - Valerie and Joseph Montgomery, Jaxson Montgomery; Wise Men – Sam Frizzell, Steve Skaggs, Rob Streater

Scene 6 - Cross Jesus – Chad Popham; Roman Soldier – Kevin Blansette

Scene 7 - Heaven Jesus – Danny Hass; Heavenly Beings / All Races – Holly Blansette, Michele Crider, Kristin Jones, Isaac Payocong

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. Revelation 7:9 (NIV)

The idea of "Journey to Bethlehem" was to plant a seed in hearts and minds concerning God's plan of redemption for all humankind. From Genesis to Revelation, God's message is for all people. The Apostle Paul, in I Timothy 2, wrote that God "wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." Further, he says that Christ Jesus is the one mediator between God and humankind.

Our Advent and Christmas observances sure look different this year. But the message is always the same: Christ came to save sinners and "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Acts 2:21).

DECEMBER 13, 2020



ATTENDANCE
MORNING WORSHIP - 100

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,731.00
Budget Received	\$ 8,748.36
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 145,965.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 133,989.04
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	
Weekly Total	\$ 173.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 5,643.08

<u>SUNRISE</u>	\$ 605.00
<u>LOTTIE MOON</u>	\$ 405.00
<u>NICARAGUA</u>	\$ 50.00
<u>HONDURAS</u>	\$ 2.50

RESPONSIBILITIES

Week of December 27

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Nancy Shewmaker 296-2341

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Joseph Montgomery 422-2208

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Kayla Beeler and Terri Bosemer

EXTENDED SESSION

Donna Grimes and Jeannie Kern

TECH TEAM

Director - Jon Heinrich

Streamer - Jacob Heinrich

Sound - Phil Shewmaker

AV - Chris Towles

Wednesday - No Service

Week of January 3

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Phil Shewmaker 558-1003

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Nate Blansette 533-8565

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Wednesday - TBA

PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES
IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB AS OF DECEMBER 18, 2020

- Leonard Westmorland – Frazier Rehab – Room 710
- Polly Ann Curry
- Bill Green – Traditions at Beaumont – Room 104
- Jenny Green – Traditions at Beaumont – Room 204
- Jenny Magruder – Traditions at Beaumont – Room 436
- Mary Redmond – Morning Pointe – Apt. 305
- Connie Fisher (Shannon Fisher's mother) – Creekside on Whippys Mill



With Deepest Sympathy Extended To:

- The family of Margaret Ann Durham at her death;
- Keith Pierson and family at the death of his wife, Terry Pierson (daughter of Shirley Hill);
- Connie Polly and family at the death of her second cousin, Randy Poteet.

FROM THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

We are trying to provide as many ways as possible for people to hear about FCBC and all of the wonderful ministries going on here. If you are on Facebook, we hope you will "like" our Facebook pages and become a regular follower. If you have any questions, please contact Warren Grumbley.

- Here is the link for our church page: <https://www.facebook.com/FCBCLouisville/>
- Also, here is the link to the CDC page: <https://www.facebook.com/fcbcdc777/>

**SEEKING: FULL-TIME
OFFICE COORDINATOR / SECRETARY
FERN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH.**

Applicant must be a spiritually mature Christian and active church member, have several years of church office experience, and have very strong computer skills. The applicant must be highly skilled in Word, Publisher, Excel, PowerPoint, Website Management, and Church Software Programs. Send resumes to: Fern Creek Baptist Church, Attention: Personnel Committee, 5920 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY 40291, or email to linda@ferncreekbaptist.org. Resumes will be received through January 15, 2021 Questions? Call 239-0316 ext. 103 (Linda Barnes Popham, Pastor).



**CALENDAR
OF EVENTS**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2020

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2020

No Evening Activities

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2020

Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020

10:45 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
No Evening Activities

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2020

No Evening Activities

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021

Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

10:45 a.m. Worship Service
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
In Home Prayer Service



Thank You Notes have been placed on the bulletin board from: Mike & Linda Simpson, Alice Glenn, Martha Watson, Michele Crider, Betty Hobbs, Joy Stelly, Mary Redmond, Bob and Dot Hester.

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS
WORSHIP SERVICES**

December 24: Christmas Eve

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

December 27: 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.

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For those who choose to stay in their cars in the parking lot for the on-site services, please turn your ignition to accessory and tune in to 91.7 FM.



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