

**Fern Creek  
Baptist Church**

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# The Disciple

**December 23, 2019**  
**LINDA'S LINES**

## STAFF



**Rev. Linda Barnes Popham**  
Pastor  
239-6628

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**Karen Love**  
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You are invited to join our deacons on **Sunday, December 29**, as we visit in the homes of our homebound members. We will meet in the conference room at **4:00 p.m.** to divide into teams. These members love having visits from the church family. Please join us for this sweet time of fellowship and the Lord's Supper.

My prayer is that all of you will 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. Also, please let me know if any of you are willing to take a shift as a security attendant. 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. Will you

be the "hands and feet" of Jesus so others can hear the gospel message? We really need you to join us! Please remember that sharing the good news of Jesus Christ is not an option for Christians. 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."*

In light of the Great Commission, I have had a tremendous burden recently for how few Christians truly share their faith. I will be leading a seminar on **January 5 and 12** during the Discipleship Training hour (Sunday, 6:00 p.m.) to better equip our congregation in sharing. We will meet in the Sanctuary. This will be the only class for adults taught during these two weeks. Other classes will resume on **January 19**. Mission classes for preschoolers, children, and youth will resume on **January 5**.

Please join me in anticipation of a glorious Lord's Day this Sunday! Don't let Satan talk you out of studying God's Word with your Sunday School class and joining your church family in worship of God this Sunday! And as always, continue to pray, "Lord, Send a Great Revival!"

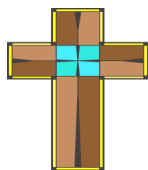


**FERN CREEK  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...





DECEMBER 15, 2019

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
141  
**MORNING WORSHIP**  
159

<b>OUR STEWARDSHIP</b>		
Weekly Budget Needs	\$	9,728.00
Budget Received	\$	9,755.50
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$	155,648.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$	140,696.31
<b>BUILDING FUND</b>		
Weekly Total	\$	80.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$	3,224.52

Lottie Moon	\$ 1,172.76	SON	\$105.00
Sunrise	\$ 1,431.35	Honduras	\$ 75.50

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019

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

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019

Church Office and CDC Closed

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2019

CDC Closed

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2019

CDC Closed

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2019

12:00 p.m. Bridal Shower for Loren  
Been and Denver Pascua

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019

Jeff Street #2

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service  
4:00 p.m. Homebound Communion  
6:00 p.m. Adult I Sunday School  
Christmas Party

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2019

CDC Closed

7:00 p.m. GROW (ALL Teams)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2019

CDC Closed

12:00 p.m. 24 Hour Prayer Vigil  
Begins

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020

Church Office and CDC Closed

12:00 p.m. 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Ends

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2020

CDC Closed

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

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2020

CDC Closed

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2020

7:57 a.m. Men's Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. Women on Mission /  
AGAPE Group

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir  
6:00 p.m. Mission Friends  
Girls in Action  
Royal Ambassadors  
Acteens & Challengers  
Discipleship Seminar  
7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 29

#### DEACON OF THE WEEK

Steve Hale 267-9907

#### TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Kevin Blansette 403-8173

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Chrissy Creech and Kathy Russell

#### EXTENDED SESSION

Mary Kleber, Tonya Grigsby, Jeannie  
Kern, and Pam Reid

#### SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Ben Hale

Wednesday - No Service

#### AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

George Payocong

#### YOUTH SNACK SUPPER

Canceled

Please pray for members /  
attendees in the hospital / rehab  
as of December 20, 2019:

- Margaret Ann  
Durham - Glen  
Ridge - Room 114



*With Deepest  
Sympathy*

Our sympathy is extended to:

- Joyce Shelton and family at the death of her mother, Dorothy Shelton;
- Nancy Kleehamer and family at the death of her cousin, Reed Marcum;
- Jenny Magruder and family at the death of her husband, Bill Magruder;
- The family of Jerry Lanham at his death.



### YOUTH FUNDRAISER

The Youth are selling coffee in the Christian Life Center on Sunday mornings from 8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Come out and support our Youth on Sunday mornings!

Sunday Mornings - 9:30 a.m.

**SUNDAYSCHOOL**  
Growing Together In Christ

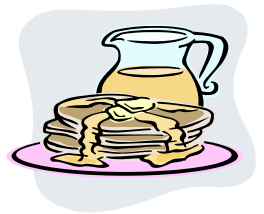
Classes for all ages!

The Church Office  
will be closed  
December 24 & 25  
and January 1.



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

(all the pancakes you would like to eat)  
Tuesday, December 24, 2019  
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Christian Life Center



## HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

You are invited to join the deacons on  
December 29 as they visit our  
homebound members and share the  
Lord's Supper with  
them. Please meet in  
the conference room at  
4:00 p.m. to divide  
into teams.



## CHRISTMAS EVE

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



## 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 25**

Dinner Canceled

**January 1**

Dinner Canceled

## UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER PARTY

### ADULT I SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY

**December 29, 6:00 p.m.**

Home of George and Linda Popham  
Please wear an UGLY CHRISTMAS  
SWEATER and join us. Please bring a  
wrapped \$10 gift card (suitable for male or  
female) for the gift exchange. We hope to  
see you! Bring your friends! Please contact  
Kayla Beeler (751-0101) if you have any  
questions.

**24**  
HOURS  
OF PRAYER

### 24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

Tuesday, December 31, 2019, noon –  
Wednesday, January 1, 2020, noon

Sponsored by the Deacons

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

bridal  
shower

## **BRIDAL SHOWER FOR LOREN BEEN AND DENVER PASCUA**

**Saturday, December 28**

**12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Christian Life Center**

Sponsored by the Preschool Department and  
Adult I Sunday School Class  
Loren and Denver are registered at Target and  
Amazon.

**WOMEN ON MISSION  
QUILTING GROUP**



Thursday  
January 2 and 16  
10:00 a.m.  
Christian Life Center

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

First Saturday of Each Month  
at 7:57 a.m.

Christian Life Center

Future Guest Speakers:

- January 4 – Dr. Dan Garcia (Physician with Family Allergy and Asthma), Menu: eggs, bacon, sausage, and fried potatoes
- February 1 – Rev. Todd Robertson (LRBA Mission Strategist)
- March 7 – Chris Towles (FCBC Deacon, SS Teacher, AV Chairman)
- April 4 – Daniel Mingo (Founder and Director of Abba's Delight)

All men are invited! Please bring friends!

Questions? Contact Bud Purnell, Chris Towles, or Warren Grumbley.



**WOMEN ON MISSION**



The AGAPE Group will meet on January 4 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.

**DEACONS' MEETING**

January 5

7:00 p.m

Christian Life Center

Room 407

Deacons Meeting

**STEWARDSHIP  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

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



**YOUTH CHOIR  
(Resumes January 5)  
(GRADES 6-12)**

Led by Kristin Jones  
Sunday Evenings, 5:00 p.m.  
(Choir Room)

Snack supper will follow at 5:45 p.m.



**Children's Choirs Resume January 8, 2020**

Wednesday Evenings - 6:30 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.

For more information contact Kristin Jones, 239-0316, ext. 116.



**Music Tots**

Two & Three Year Olds  
(must be two by 8/01/19)  
Room 103

**Music Friends**

Four & Five Year Olds  
(must be four by 8/01/19)  
Room 101

**Music Makers / Young Musicians**

First Grade - Fifth Grade  
Room 204

## "YOUNG AT HEART" LUNCHEONS

Our winter luncheons will be held at the following senior living facilities:

- January 9 – Morning Pointe
- February 13 – The Springs

Details are forthcoming. More luncheons may be added.



## BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, January 12  
7:00 p.m.

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



## SALVATION DOLLS WORKSHOP



Mark your calendar for January 11, 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 Linda Barnes Popham.



## DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, January 16  
6:00 p.m.

Christian Life Center, Room 416  
Led by Norma Routt

## *Sisterhood*

Tuesday, January 21  
9:30 a.m.

Cracker Barrel in Fern Creek

## CROSSINGS WINTER RETREAT AT CEDARMORE

Grades 6-12

Navigate: Navigating Hard Questions About God

**January 17-18, 2020**

Cost \$65 per person

3 Main Sessions + Small Groups

3 Discussion-Based Breakouts

Competitive Games / Winter Derby

Please turn in your \$25 deposit by **TODAY**. (Please notice that we have extended the deadline. There are a few spots left.) The remaining \$40 is due on **January 5**. Please give your money to Pastor Linda or Jodie Towles. Please write checks to Fern Creek Baptist Church.

## ATTENTION: INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE



January 26 is Instrumental Ensemble Sunday. Please let Kristin Jones know if you are interested in participating. Please meet in the Sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. on January 26.



## BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

**January 26  
12:15 p.m.**

Have you checked your blood pressure lately? Norma Routh will be doing blood pressure checks in the Common Area following the morning worship service.

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 28  
6:30 p.m.  
Conference Room



## KENDALL OPTOMETRY MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Can you help clean or measure glasses? Kendall Optometry has 1,000s of pairs of glasses needing to be cleaned or measured to ship to missionaries all over the world. Training will be provided. There is a room at FCBC for measuring or we can set you up in your own home.



Questions? Contact Holland Kendall, 640-2227.



**GIVING  
OPTIONS**

### WAYS TO GIVE

There are three ways to give to Fern Creek Baptist Church:

- 1) Sunday's offering with your envelopes.
- 2) Through your bank online service.
- 3) Online via our website.

What's accepted:

- ACH - your bank account number & routing number
- Debit Cards
- Credit Cards

### FOOD CLOSET NEEDS



Our Church's Food Closet currently has the following needs: Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Meats, Canned Fruit, Canned Soups, Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter, and Jelly. Please place your donations in the bin between the Common Area and the Christian Life Center. Thank you for helping stock our food closet and helping those in need!

### FERN CREEK / HIGHVIEW UNITED MINISTRIES NEEDS

The ministry is needing the following: canned fruit, pasta sauce, canned meats, canned beans, macaroni and cheese, pasta, shampoo, bar soap, razors, dishwashing liquid, deodorant, and toothpaste. They are also in need of paper and plastic grocery bags. Please place your donations in the bin in the collection area between the CLC and the Common Area.



FERN CREEK  
HIGHVIEW  
UNITED  
MINISTRIES  
INC.

You can be a missionary right here in our own community by joining a GROW Team. GROW Teams write letters, make phone calls, and make visits on:

- Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
- First Tuesday morning of the month at 10:00 a.m.
- First Wednesday evening of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Please contact Linda Popham or the church office if you are

willing to serve on a GROW Team. Join us as together we share the good news of Jesus Christ! He has called us to take the good news to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. Will you help?

**G.R.O.W.**  
GOD REWARDS OUR WORK

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- |                       |                     |                      |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 - Ashlyn Berry      | 12 - Jamie Glenn    | 21 - Rachel Been     |
| 4 - Teresa Hardymon   | 13 - Steedra Kelley | Chad Murphy          |
| Emma Towles           | Jim Magruder        | 22 - Charlie Cress   |
| 5 - Diana Bridwell    | Carole Nagle        | 23 - Kevin Blansette |
| Jim Griffin           | Brenda Pennington   | Mindy Glenn          |
| Troy Young            | 14 - Nancy Bickers  | Pat Joyce            |
| 6 - Teresa Kendall    | Dot Hester          | Angela Rasco         |
| 7 - Geanine Escobar   | 17 - Shirley Hill   | 24 - Rita Stevens    |
| Taren Walton          | 18 - Neal Tingle    | 26 - Betty Hobbs     |
| 10 - Joellen Johnston | 19 - Ryan Stone     | Shirley Powers       |
| 11 - Jaylen Kelley    | 20 - Dottie Lanham  | 27 - Bonnie Griffin  |
|                       | Tammy Squires       | 28 - Matt Fentress   |
|                       |                     | Dan Fox              |
|                       |                     | David Lanham         |
|                       |                     | 31 - Jodie Towles    |



## MEMORY WALL

Our Memory Wall certainly enhances the beauty of our church building. The time is drawing near to put up the next panel of memory tiles. (The cross is actually already full for the third panel.) Forms are available at the Welcome Center in the Sanctuary Foyer if you would like to order a tile in memory of a loved one. The instructions are on the forms; however, if you have additional questions, please contact Jodie Towles (239-0316 ext. 102). The deadline to turn in forms for the next panel is December 29.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>January 2020</b>			1 12:00 pm 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Ends Church Office Closed	2 10:00 am Women on Mission (Quilting Group)	3	4 7:57 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Women on Mission (AGAPE Group)
			CDC Closed			
5 7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting	6 7:00 pm GROW (G Teams)  CDC Closed	7 10:00 am GROW (G-3 Team) 6:30 pm CLC Reserved 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting	8 4:30 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Children's Choirs Resume 7:30 pm GROW (G-4 Team)	9 11:30 am "Young at Heart" Luncheon	10	11 10:00 am Salvation Dolls Workshop
12 7:00 pm Business Meeting	13 7:00 pm GROW (R Teams)	14	15	16 10:00 am Women on Mission (Quilting Group) 6:00 pm Diabetes Support Group 6:30 pm CLC Reserved	17   Navigate - Youth Winter Retreat - Cedarmore	18 9:00 am Optical Training
19	20 7:00 pm GROW (O Teams) CDC Closed	21 9:30 am Sisterhood	22	23 6:30 pm CLC Reserved	24 7:00 pm Bible Trivia	25
26 8:30 am Instrumental Ensemble 12:15 pm Blood Pressure Checks	27 11:30 am LRBA Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm GROW (W Teams)	28 6:30 pm Personnel Meeting CLC Reserved	29	30	31	

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