

Fern Creek Baptist Church

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Sisterhood

Tuesday, January 15
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 all join us for the evening Prayer Service on **December 30, 6:00 p.m.** The Adult I SS Class / College & Career Class will be leading in worship on that evening. Please remember to pray for these young adults during a time of their lives where many decisions are made. Pray that they will follow God's will in all that they do.

Please read the following anonymous letter from Jesus which is quite thought-provoking.

Dear Children,

It has come to my attention that many of you are upset that folks are taking My name out of the season. Maybe you've forgotten that I wasn't actually born during this time of the year and that it was some of your predecessors who decided to celebrate My birthday on what was actually a time of pagan festival. Although, I do appreciate being remembered anytime.

How I personally feel about this celebration may be most easily understood by those of you who have been blessed with children of your own. I don't care what you call the day. If you want to celebrate My birth, just GET ALONG AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER. Now, having said that let Me go on. If it bothers you that the town in which you live doesn't allow a scene depicting My birth, then just get rid of a couple of Santas and snowmen and put in a small Nativity scene on your own front lawn. If all My followers did that there wouldn't be any need for such a scene on the town square because there would be many of them all around town.

Stop worrying about the fact that people are calling the tree a holiday tree, instead of a Christmas tree. It was I who made all trees. You can remember Me anytime you see any tree. Decorate a grape vine if you wish: I actually spoke of that one in a teaching, explaining who I am in relation to you and what each of our tasks were. If you have forgotten that one, look up John 15:1-8. If you want to give Me a present in remembrance of My birth here is my wish list. Choose something from it:

- 1. Instead of writing protest letters objecting to the way My birthday is being celebrated, write letters of love and hope to soldiers away from home. They are terribly afraid and lonely this time of year. I know, they tell Me all the time.*
 - 2. Visit someone in a nursing home. You don't have to know them personally. They just need to know that someone cares about them.*
 - 3. Instead of writing the President complaining about the wording on the cards his staff sent out this year, why don't you write and tell him that you'll be praying for him and his family this year. Then follow up. It will be nice hearing from you again.*
 - 4. Instead of giving your children a lot of gifts you can't afford and they don't need, spend time with them. Tell them the story of My birth, and why I came to live with you down here. Hold them in your arms and remind them that I love them.*
 - 5. Pick someone that has hurt you in the past and forgive him or her.*
 - 6. Did you know that someone in your town will attempt to take their own life this season because they feel so alone and hopeless? Since you don't know who that person is, try giving everyone you meet a warm smile; it could make the difference.*
 - 7. Instead of nit picking about what the retailer in your town calls the holiday, be patient with the people who work there. Give them a warm smile and a kind word. Even if they aren't allowed to wish you a "Merry Christmas" that doesn't keep you from wishing them one. Then stop shopping there on Sunday. If the store didn't make so much money on that day they'd close and let their employees spend the day at home with their families*
 - 8. If you really want to make a difference, support a missionary-- especially one who takes My love and Good News to those who have never heard My name.*
 - 9. Here's a good one. There are individuals and whole families in your town who not only will have no "Christmas" tree, but neither will they have any presents to give or receive. If you don't know them, buy some food and a few gifts and give them to the Salvation Army or some other charity which believes in Me and they will make the delivery for you.*
 - 10. Finally, if you want to make a statement about your belief in and loyalty to Me, then behave like a Christian. Don't do things in secret that you wouldn't do in My presence. Let people know by your actions that you are one of mine.*
- Don't forget; I am God and can take care of Myself. Just love Me and do what I have told you to do. I'll take care of all the rest. Check out the list above and get to work; time is short. I'll help you, but the ball is now in your court. And do have a most blessed Christmas with all those whom you love and remember.*
- I LOVE YOU ... JESUS*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2018

CDC Closed

Evening Activities Cancelled

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2018

CDC Closed

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2018

CDC Closed

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

12:15 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks

1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service

4:00 p.m. Homebound Communion

6:00 p.m. Prayer Service

7:00 p.m. Adult I Sunday School Class Fellowship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2018

CDC Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019

Church Office and CDC Closed

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019

CDC Closed

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019

CDC Closed

10:00 p.m. Women on Mission / Quilting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2019

CDC Closed

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019

8:30 a.m. Men's Kick-off Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Women on Mission / AGAPE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

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 Training Classes

7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019

6:30 p.m. CLC Reserved - Wheeler

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

8:00 p.m. CLC Reserved - St. Gabriel

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019

10:00 a.m. GROW (G-3 Team)

2:30 p.m. Open Gym

5:30 p.m. CLC Reserved - St. Gabriel

7:00 p.m. Stewardship Comm. Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship

L.I.G.H.T. for Youth

Preschool & Children's Choirs

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

GROW (G-4 Team)

Youth Basketball Practice

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019

11:30 a.m. "Young at Heart" Pot-Luck Luncheon

6:30 p.m. CLC Reserved - Bates

7:30 p.m. CLC Reserved - St. Gabriel

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019

9:00 a.m. Glasses Clinic

6:00 p.m. Adult Choir Fellowship

Please pray for members / attendees in the hospital / rehab as of December 19, 2018:

- Ann Abney - Glen Ridge - Room 108
- Lee Bell - Hill Creek Rehab - room 310
- Edith Briscoe - Audubon Hospital - ICU, Room 3311
- Bill Magruder (Jenny Magruder's husband) – Friendship Health and Rehab – Room 321



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 26
 Dinner Cancelled
January 2
 Dinner Cancelled
January 9

Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Vegetables Bread Dessert

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

December 30: The First Sunday of Christmas

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

January 2

6:30 p.m. – Service of Comfort and Hope

January 6: Epiphany

10:45 a.m. – We celebrate the Wise Men's visit.

Childcare for preschoolers is available during all of these services.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

December 30, 12:15 p.m.

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



HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

You are invited to join the deacons on **December 30** 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.



HOLIDAYS

The Church Office will be closed for New Year's Day on January 1, 2019.



SERVICE OF HOPE AND COMFORT

Wednesday, January 2, 6:30 p.m.

We will hear God's Word, pray, sing, and remember. We will light candles in memory of our loved ones.



MEN'S MINISTRY KICK-OFF BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 5, 8:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker – Roger Palmer from Crossings
 You will also hear exciting news about Men's Ministry events!
 All men (11th grade and older) are encouraged to attend.
 Questions? Contact Chris Berry or Chris Towles.

WOMEN ON MISSION

AGAPE Group, will meet on **January 5 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.



CDC HAPPENINGS

Terri Bosemer - CDC Director

May the gift of love, peace, and joy that comes 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!

WEEK OF DECEMBER 30 DEACON OF THE WEEK

Sam Frizzell 645-7792

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Gary Kistner 419-5505

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sandra Segrest and Katrina Binda

EXTENDED SESSION

Michele Crider, Mary Kleber, George Popham, Laura Been & Jayla Gribbsby

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Phil Shewmaker

Wednesday - Lisa Payne

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Chris Towles

YOUTH SNACK SUPPER

Choir Cancelled

WEEK OF JANUARY 6 DEACON OF THE WEEK

Steve Hale 267-9907

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Alex Gibbs 270-847-8227

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TBA

EXTENDED SESSION

TBA

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Phil Shewmaker

Wednesday - Sam Frizzell

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Steve Dean

YOUTH SNACK SUPPER

TBA

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING / MISSIONS

Our Discipleship Training and Missions Classes will resume on **Sunday, January 6, 6:00 p.m.** This Winter Session (January 6 – March 3) will offer excellent classes. Watch for more details!

OPEN GYM FOR YOUTH

Grades 6 - 12

Resumes Tuesday, January 8, 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m..

Christian Life Center

We hope that many of our youth will join us as we reach other youth in our community and city for Jesus Christ. We need more helpers.



- Adults who would like to help in any way (chaperoning, refereeing, giving devotionals, etc.), please contact Linda Popham.
- If you would like to help provide/serve food, please contact Doris Ann Sea.

Thanks for your help with this amazing ministry.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

January 8, 7:00 p.m.

Conference Room



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

All Wednesday evening activities will resume after the Christmas Holidays on January 9, 2019.

- Wednesday Evening Suppers - 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Worship - 6:30 p.m.
- Preschool and Children's Choirs - 6:30 p.m.
- L.I.G.H.T. for Youth - 6:30 p.m.
- Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.

Hope to see everyone back at church for our Wednesday evening activities!



"YOUNG AT HEART" POT-LUCK LUNCHEON

January 10, 11:30 a.m.

Christian Life Center

Guest Speaker - Steve Wigginton



FREE GLASSES CLINIC

SPONSORED BY KENDALL OPTOMETRY MINISTRY, INC.

January 12, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.,

Christian Life Center

Questions? Contact Holland Kendall or Sam Frizzell.



BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, January 13, 7:00 p.m.

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



SALVATION DOLLS WORKSHOP

Mark your calendar for January 19, 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 Melissa Logsdon-Young.



ROCKY'S BEAT

Rocky Hardymon - Minister of Music


"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

As you are wrapping up the Christmas season, putting away all the lights and garland, remember to take the gift of love with you into the new year. It's a gift meant for every day, not just Christmas. It is also a gift that is meant to be shared with others. In Luke 10:27, we are commanded to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love others as ourselves. I can't think of a better way to begin the new year.

We had a wonderful Christmas season full of celebration at Fern Creek and are looking forward to upcoming events in the new year. One event that we are working on is an evangelistic outreach movie and popcorn night for the children's ministry. Details will be provided soon.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all of those who participated in making our Christmas season wonderful and bright. I appreciate your hard work and dedication!

Rocky Hardymon

SUNDAY SCHOOL 135 MORNING WORSHIP 169		DECEMBER 16, 2018 OUR STEWARDSHIP	
			Weekly Budget Needs \$ 10,081.00 Budget Received \$ 8,426.65 Year-to-Date Budget Needs \$ 161,296.00 Year-to-Date Budget Received \$ 145,077.31
		BUILDING FUND	
		Weekly Total \$ 117.00 Year-to-Date Balance \$ 7,402.64	
Sunrise	\$2,125.00	Honduras	\$250.05
Lottie Moon	\$1,292.00	SON Intl.	\$130.00

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 2018 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, 2018. 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 2018 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 2018 giving contributions will be during

January 2019.

DO NOT file your 2018 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 2018. You are making an eternal difference!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 - Ashlyn Berry | 13 - Steedra Kelley | 21 - Rachel Been |
| 4 - Teresa Hardymon | Jim Magruder | Chad Murphy |
| Emma Towles | Carole Nagle | 22 - Charlie Cress |
| 5 - Diana Bridwell | Brenda Pennington | 23 - Kevin Blansette |
| Jim Griffin | 14 - Nancy Bickers | Mindy Glenn |
| Troy Young | Dot Hester | Pat Joyce |
| 6 - Teresa Kendall | 17 - Shirley Hill | Angela Rasco |
| 7 - Geanine Escobar | 18 - Neal Tingle | 24 - Rita Stevens |
| Taren Walton | 19 - Ryan Stone | 25 - Debbie Stone |
| 10 - Joellen Johnston | 20 - Dottie Lanham | 26 - Betty Hobbs |
| 11 - Jaylen Kelley | Tammy Squires | Shirley Powers |
| 12 - Jamie Glenn | | 27 - Bonnie Griffin |
| | | 28 - Matt Fentress |
| | | Dan Fox |
| | | David Lanham |
| | | 31 - Jodie Towles |



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 2019		1	2	3	4	5
		Church Office Closed	6:30 pm Service of Comfort and Hope	10:00 am Women on Mission (Quilting Group)		8:30 am Men's Kick-off Breakfast 10:00 am Women on Mission (AGAPE Group)
CDC Closed						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
6:00 pm Discipleship Training / Missions Resume 7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting	7:00 pm GROW (G Teams) 6:30 pm CLC - Wheeler 8:00 pm CLC - St. Gabriel	10:00 am GROW (G-3 Team) 2:30 pm Open Gym 5:30 pm CLC - St. Gabriel 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting	6:30 pm Children's Choirs Resume 7:30 pm GROW (G-4 Team) Youth Basketball Practice	11:30 am "Young at Heart" Pot-Luck Luncheon / Guest Speaker - Steve Wigginton 6:30 pm CLC - Bates 7:30 pm CLC - St. Gabriel		9:00 am Glasses Clinic 6:00 pm Choir Fellowship
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
7:00 pm Business Meeting	7:00 pm GROW (R Teams) 6:30 pm CLC - Wheeler 8:00 pm CLC - St. Gabriel	9:30 am Sisterhood 5:30 pm CLC - St. Gabriel	7:30 pm Youth Basketball Practice	10:00 am Women on Mission (Quilting Group) 6:30 pm CLC - Bates 7:30 pm CLC - St. Gabriel		8:00 am Optical Training 10:00 am Salvation Dolls Workshop
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Jeff St. 4:00 pm Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal	4:30 pm CLC - St. Gabriel 7:00 pm GROW (O Teams) CDC Closed	5:30 pm CLC - St. Gabriel	7:30 pm Youth Basketball Practice	6:30 pm CLC - Bates 7:30 pm CLC - St. Gabriel		
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