

**Fern Creek  
Baptist Church**

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# The Disciple

**December 4, 2023**

## LINDA'S LINES

What a joy it has been to have Rev. Gervacio Figueroa with us the past few days! He shared a devotional with the Celebrate Recovery group on Thursday, preached for us on Sunday, and sang for the Hanging of the Greens. Thanks, also, to Rev. Jesus Pacheco, the Church Engagement Strategist of the Louisville Regional Baptist Association, for serving as our Spanish interpreter on Thursday and Sunday.

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 contact Holland Kendall or Sam Frizzell asap if you are willing to work in the Free Glasses Clinic on December 8. What a joy it was to hear a man come into Celebrate Recovery last Thursday and say, "This is the place I got some glasses". He was so excited that he could see!! What a wonderful ministry it is to give people the opportunity of sight, especially enabling them to be able to read the Word of God!

Please join us on Sunday, December 10, following the Youth and Children's Choir Program, for the New Members' Reception. The reception will begin a little before 7:00 p.m. Please bring a snack food as we welcome the newest members among us.

Thanks to all of you who are leading and participating in the Advent / Christmas Worship Services. What a joy it is to worship together during this holy season. Thanks, also, to those who wrote devotionals for our Advent / Christmas Devotional Book. Please take as many of these as you would like to hand out to family, friends, co-workers, strangers, and anyone with whom you come in contact. These booklets provide great inspiration, encouragement, and direction. They are, also, a great tool for evangelism. Thank you for using and sharing these!

Let's give a special thanks to our Security Team and Trustees who have been quite busy lately. We are especially grateful for being able to feel safe in our building and on our grounds. If you ever see anything suspicious, please contact Nate Blansette, the Security Coordinator. Also, see the note from Kevin Blansette, Trustee Chairperson, at the end of this article.

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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To: Church Family  
From: Kevin Blansette, Trustee Chairman

At the conclusion of the Community Thanksgiving Service, we received many compliments about our church. I agree that we do have a very beautiful sanctuary and campus. However, we all need to do our part to keep it looking good. God has entrusted us with much. So, with that in mind, please remember these few thoughts:

1. Please no parking on the grass.
2. No smoking on church grounds.
3. No food or beverages allowed in the sanctuary. The only exception is water in a bottle with a lid.
4. If you have any issues or see something that needs repair, please see the Trustee of the Week.

Together, we can keep our building and grounds looking good.



**STAFF**

**Rev. Linda Barnes Popham**  
Pastor, ext. 103  
693-4048

**Rev. Gene Wright**  
Interim Minister of Music, ext. 111

**Terri Bosemer**  
CDC Director, ext. 108

**Karen Love**  
Pianist

**Tiffany Keranen**  
Office Coordinator, ext. 100

**Jodie Towles**  
Bookkeeper, ext. 102

**Jayla Grigsby**  
Fall Intern, ext. 114

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

### “CIRCLE OF HOPE”

**Monday, December 11 - 2:00 p.m.**  
Making Christmas Cards at Church!  
All widows are invited.  
Questions? Contact Karen Love.



### CELEBRATE RECOVERY

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.



### “YOUNG AT HEART” CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



Wildwood Country Club  
(5500 Bardstown Road)

Thursday, December 14, 11:30 a.m.

Please sign up at the shelf in the Common Area by **Sunday, December 10**. The luncheon cost is **\$20 per person**. Payment is due on the day of the luncheon. Please bring a gift (appropriate for male or female) for the gift exchange (\$8-\$10 cost).



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

### ANGEL TREE GIFTS

Please take an angel (or more) off of our Angel Tree (located at the top of the ramps) and purchase a gift for those in need in our community. Write your name on the sheet of paper on the table that corresponds to the angel(s) that you take off the tree. Gifts need to be returned to the church by **Sunday, December 10**. Thank you for helping those in need during this Christmas season.

Questions? Please see a member of the Ministry and Missions Center Committee (Chairperson – Norma Rount).



### PUZZLE EXCHANGE



Puzzle exchange is up and going. Martha Blansette will be in Room 411 (Christian Life Center) for approximately 20 minutes after church each Sunday morning for anyone who wants to come and pick up a puzzle, CD or DVD.

### ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

#### **December 10: The Second Sunday of Advent**

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Peace  
6:00 p.m. – Youth and Children's Choir Program  
7:00 p.m. – New Members' Reception

#### **December 17: The Third Sunday of Advent**

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Joy  
Adult Choir Christmas Cantata  
6:00 p.m. – Instrumental Christmas

#### **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

### 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.

### HOMEBOUND FRUIT BASKETS

You are invited to join the Deacons and the WMU on **Saturday, December 9, 10:00 a.m.**, as we prepare and deliver fruit baskets to the homebound and semi-homebound members of our congregation. Also, if you would like to contribute to this endeavor, please include the money in your offering envelope and designate that portion as “fruit baskets”.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023

5:30 p.m. Gym Rental  
7:00 p.m. GROW (G Team)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

10:00 a.m. GROW (G2 Team)  
5:30 p.m. Gym Rental  
6:30 p.m. Filipino Bible Study - CLC  
6:45 p.m. Committee Meetings

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship  
Children's Choirs / L.I.G.H.T.  
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023

10:00 a.m. Women on Mission - Sewing Group  
3:30 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry  
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

9:00 a.m. Glasses Clinic - CLC  
7:00 p.m. FCHUM Concert - Believer's Church

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service  
3:00 p.m. Congolese Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir  
6:00 p.m. Youth & Children's Choir Program  
7:00 p.m. New Member's Reception

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023

2:00 p.m. "Circle of Hope" - FCBC  
5:30 p.m. Gym Rental  
7:00 p.m. GROW (R Team)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
5:30 p.m. Gym Rental  
6:30 p.m. Filipino Bible Study - CLC

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship  
Children's Choirs / L.I.G.H.T.  
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

11:30 a.m. "Young at Heart" - Wildwood  
3:30 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry  
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

9:30 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal  
Angel Breakfast  
6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service  
3:00 p.m. Congolese Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. Instrumental Christmas

## OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- Kaye Sea and family at the death of her husband, Nathan Sea (son of the late Doris Ann Sea).
- David and Susan Hudgins at the death of David's brother, Ray Hudgins.
- Wanda Burch at the death of her oldest brother, Jack Burch.



## RESPONSIBILITIES

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 10

#### DEACON OF THE WEEK

Renee Bryant 797-3639

#### TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

David Magruder 592-7306

#### NURSE ON CALL

Lesley Hass 836-9691

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jeannie Kern &  
Linda Simpson

#### EXTENDED SESSION

Terri Bosemer &  
Chrissy Creech

#### NURSERY

Donna Grimes & TBA

#### TECH TEAM

Director - Chris Towles  
Streamer - Bruce Ritchie  
Sound - Phil Shewmaker  
AV - Sam Frizzell

#### YOUTH & CHILDREN'S CHOIR PROGRAM

Director - Chris Towles  
Streamer - Bruce Ritchie  
Sound - Phil Shewmaker  
AV - Sam Frizzell

Wednesday - Lisa Payne

### WEEK OF DECEMBER 17

#### DEACON OF THE WEEK

Michele Crider 724-9627

#### TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Nate Blansette 533-8565

#### NURSE ON CALL

Shirley Powers 551-6786

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jeannie Kern &  
Marilyn Calvert

#### EXTENDED SESSION

Valerie Montgomery &  
Sherran Osburn

#### NURSERY

Donna Grimes & TBA

#### CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Director - Jon Heinrich  
Streamer - Jacob Heinrich  
Sound - Phil Shewmaker  
AV - Lisa Payne

#### INSTRUMENTAL CHRISTMAS

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

#### COMFORT & HOPE

Director - Jon Heinrich  
Streamer - Chris Towles  
Sound - Phil Shewmaker  
AV - Sam Frizzell

## NOVEMBER 26, 2023

### ATTENDANCE

Sunday School - 73      Morning Worship - 97

### OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 10,991.00
Budget Received	\$ 6,050.53
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 142,883.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 121,974.94

### BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 55.25
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 4,083.43



# Kendall Vision Ministry, Inc. Announcing a Free Glasses Clinic



A free Glasses clinic will be provided from 9AM until 3PM on December 8, 2023 at Fern Creek Baptist Church. The sole service provided will be fitting the patients eyes with glasses out of an inventory of nearly 4500 pairs in an effort to improve their vision. An optical professional will be available.



Measure their eyes



Find the right pair



out of 4500 pairs



Fit the glasses



And watch for the smiles

**To sign up: Talk to your local Social service agency.**

Clinic Location:

Fern Creek Baptist Church.

5920 Bardstown Road, Fern Creek, Ky 40291

**Or just show up.** For further information: Call: 502-640-2227

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Or E-Mail: [hollandkendall@kendalloptoministry.org](mailto:hollandkendall@kendalloptoministry.org)

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