

Fern Creek Baptist Church

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The Disciple

December 5, 2022

LINDA'S LINES

Thanks to all who contributed devotionals to this year's Advent/Christmas Devotional Book. If you have not yet picked up your book(s) from church, we have more available. Please share these books with your neighbors, friends, relatives, and people you meet from day to day. These devotional books provide a great way to share the gospel. The books were scanned to most of you last week; however, if you did not receive the email, please call the church office and we will send the book to you via email. Please share the book with others by email, as well as printed copies.

On a similar note, if you have not yet received a church calendar for this church year, please pick one up at either Welcome Center or come by the church office. Please call the church office if you want one mailed to your home. Please bring your calendars with you to committee meetings. Thanks!

This past weekend, our Deacons, Women on Mission, and other servants assembled and delivered fruit baskets to our homebound and or/sick members, as well as our members who are age 85 and older. If you are 85 or older and did not receive a basket, please call the church office. Thanks to those who participated in this ministry! Thanks for blessing others!

Please remember that we will have our annual Service of Comfort and Hope on **December 18, 6:00 p.m.** Through God's Word, beautiful music, and the lighting of candles, we will remember those who have gone before us. Please pray for those who are grieving among us. Gather around them in person as we worship together during this service of encouragement. Romans 12:15 reminds us to *"rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn"*. Let us claim the promise in Psalm 30:5b which says, *"Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning."*

This year's Christmas Caroling will take place at a different time than normal. Please meet in the Christian Life Center on **Monday, December 9, 4:00 p.m.**, and we will divide into caroling groups. Some groups will go to nursing homes; some will go to particular neighborhoods. Join us in being a blessing to some folks who may need a song of encouragement during this season!

Our Christmas Eve Service will be at **11:00 a.m.** Bring the entire family for this intimate time of worship. Also, let's gather again on Christmas Day and praise our Savior! Worship will be at the regular time of **10:45 a.m.** There will be no Sunday School on Christmas Day.

We hope you will join us for all of the remaining Advent / Christmas Services. You will be blessed and your participation will be an encouragement to others. Thanks to all who have planned and led these services.

Mark your calendars for the Prayer Vigil which will begin on **December 30** at noon and end on **December 31** at noon. This is always such a precious time to "be still and know that He is God". Please sign up at the foyer shelf for an hour in the sanctuary. Of course, you are welcome to sign up for more than one shift. Let us pray alone and together that 2023 will truly be a glorious year for FCBC as we seek to be in the center of His will, bring glory to Him, and share the good news with passion and love.

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

**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...



“Welcome to Our World!”
Adult Christmas Cantata
Sunday, December 18, 10:45 a.m.

Welcome to Our World!

He left the comfort of His heavenly home to come to our world; the world that He created; the world that He created for the earthly home of His creation. And what did His creation do after living in the perfection of the Garden? After walking and conversing with God on a daily basis? We sinned! We crossed over the one line that God asked man to never cross. Man ate of the Forbidden Fruit, and our world changed! It was no longer perfect!

Welcome to Our World!

In order to right all of the wrongs of this world, the gift of Jesus, God's Son, was sent to love, minister, and give His life for the sins of God's creation! The first Christmas!

Welcome to Our World!

“Hope that you don't mind our manger, how I wish we would have known. But long-awaited Holy Stranger, make yourself at home. Oh, please make yourself at home.”

We hope that the gift of Christ will be yours today if you do not know Him as your personal Savior. May you *Welcome Him to Your World!*

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS
Wednesday Evenings
6:30 - 7:20 p.m.



COLLECTIONS FOR ISAAH HOUSE



Isaiah House, a faith-based addiction recovery center, has a need for **towels, wash cloths, and men's socks.** Please put your donations in the collection area between the Common Area and the Christian Life Center by **Sunday, December 18.** The men are greatly appreciative of these items. Two of our church members, Jimmy Bruce and Joe Curry, are employed there and will deliver the donations for us.

“CIRCLE OF HOPE”

Monday, December 12, 2:00 p.m.
 All widows are invited.
 Questions? Contact Karen Love.



YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 11, 6:00 p.m.

Come and hear our children and youth lead us in praising God during this Christmas Season.



QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Tuesday, December 6

6:45 p.m.

All Committees Meet

7:00 p.m.

Administrative & Ministry Committees Meet

8:00 p.m.

Church Council Meeting

RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF DECEMBER 11 WEEK OF DECEMBER 18

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Holland Kendall (640-2227)

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Dr. Mary Kleber (262-8756)

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Kevin Blansette (403-8173)

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Adam Jenkins (593-5007)

NURSE ON CALL

Shirley Powers (551-6786)

NURSE ON CALL

Norma Routt (741-0724)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TBA

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TBA

EXTENDED SESSION

Jeannie Kern & TBA

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NURSERY

Donna Grimes & TBA

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TECH TEAM

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

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 Streamer – Jacob Heinrich
 Sound – Phil Shewmaker
 AV – Lisa Payne

EVENING SERVICES

Children/Youth Program
 Director – Jon Heinrich
 Streamer – Jacob Heinrich
 Sound – Phil Shewmaker
 AV – Chris Towles
Wednesday - Lisa Payne

EVENING SERVICES

Service of Comfort and Hope
 Director – Jon Heinrich
 Streamer – Jacob Heinrich
 Sound – Phil Shewmaker
 AV – Lisa Payne
Wednesday - No Service

SERVICE OF COMFORT AND HOPE

Sunday, December 18, 6:00 p.m.

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



Tuesday, December 20
9:30 a.m.

Big Bad Breakfast Restaurant
 984 Barrett Avenue

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER - 5:30 P.M.

Please call the church office (239-0316) by **noon on Monday** to make or cancel your reservation

Adults.....\$6.00 Children & Youth....\$5.00
 Under age 5.....Free Family Maximum ..\$20.00

Carry-outs (\$1.00 additional charge) are only for those who are unable to attend because of illness or work.

December 7

Taco Soup Salad Rice/Fritos/Toppings Dessert

December 14

Ritzy Chicken Vegetables Flavored Rice Bread
 Dessert

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022

- 6:30 p.m. CLC Rented
7:00 p.m. GROW (G Team)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022

- 10:00 a.m. GROW (G2 Team)
12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:45 p.m. All Church Committees Meet
7:00 p.m. Administrative/Ministry Committees
8:00 p.m. Church Council

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022

- 5:30 p.m. Church Supper
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
Children's Choirs, LIGHT for Youth
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
GROW (G3 Team)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022

- 11:30 a.m. "Young at Heart" Luncheon
3:30 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022

- 5:45 p.m. Youth Christmas Party & Outing

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks
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 Christmas Program

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022

- 2:00 p.m. "Circle of Hope" Support Group
6:30 p.m. CLC Rented
7:00 p.m. GROW (R Team)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022

- 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. CDC Christmas Program

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

- 5:30 p.m. Church Supper
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
Children's Choirs, LIGHT for Youth
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022

- 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission (Sewing Group)
10:30 a.m. CDC Christmas Program
3:30 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022

- 10:00 a.m. Adult Choir Dress Rehearsal

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service/Christmas
Cantata "Welcome to Our World!"
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
3:00 p.m. Congolese Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Service of Comfort and Hope

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022

- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling
6:30 p.m. CLC Rented
7:00 p.m. GROW (O & W Teams)



OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- Earl Cantrell and family at the death of his niece, Magdalena Cantrell;
- John and Jeannie Kern and family at the death of John's sister, Dorothy Layer.

PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB AS OF NOVEMBER 30:

- Bob Calebs - Baptist Health - ICU - Room 375
- Nancy Calebs - Jeffersontown Rehab - Room D-14



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 of the tree. Gift need to be returned to the church by **Sunday, December 11**. Thank you for helping those in need during this Christmas season. Questions? Please see a member of the Ministry and Missions Center Committee.



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Grades 6-12

Friday, December 9, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

We will enjoy a Chick-Fil-A Dinner together at the church and then travel by van and cars to Lights Under Louisville at the Mega Cavern. When we return to the church we will have a gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift suitable for boy or girl. The gift should cost less than \$10. Also, when your parents bring you to the church, they will need to fill out a permission form (unless they have already done so for this current church year). Join us and bring your friends!

FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Fern Creek Baptist Church is seeking the following:

Full-time Administrative Assistant for Fern Creek Baptist Church. Applicant must be a spiritually mature Christian, be an active church member in his/her church, have strong computer skills including Word, Publisher, Excel, and PowerPoint, and have a willingness to learn Church Software Programs.

For all of these positions, 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 1, 2022**. Questions? Call 239-0316 ext. 103 (Linda Barnes Popham, Pastor).



HELP NEEDED

Kendall Optometry Ministry, led by Holland Kendall, is in great need of people to measure eyeglasses either in your homes or at the church. Mission Teams are going around the world to help people see by giving away these eyeglasses. Will you help others to be able to read God's Word and function better in their everyday lives by having eyeglasses? If you are willing to help, please contact Sam Frizzell, 645-7792.

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OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs \$ 9,968.00
Budget Received \$ 12,109.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs \$ 129,584.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received \$ 111,034.90

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total \$ 85.21
Year-to-Date Balance \$ 10,963.45

MISSIONS

Sunrise Services \$1,598.00
Lottie Moon \$754.00
SON International \$100.00
Mission Trips \$10.00

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School - 82
Morning Worship - 94

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

December 11: The Third Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Joy
6:00 p.m. – Children / Youth Christmas Program

December 13

7:00 p.m. – Child Development Center Christmas Program
(Four-Year-Olds)

December 15

10:30 a.m. – Child Development Center Christmas Program
(Two and Three-Year-Olds)

December 18: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Love
Adult Choir Christmas Cantata - “Welcome to Our World!”
6:00 p.m. – Service of Comfort and Hope

December 24: Christmas Eve

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

December 25: The First Sunday of Christmas

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

Childcare for preschoolers is available during the services.

Most of these worship services are, also, live-streamed. You may view the services by going to our website (www.ferncreekbaptist.org) and clicking the red Worship Livestream button.

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