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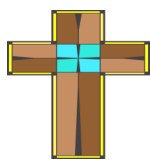
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**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**



Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

The Disciple

December 7, 2020

LINDA'S LINES

Thanks to all who shared devotionals in this year's Advent/Christmas Devotional Book. If you have not yet picked up your book(s) from church, we still have more available. Please share these books with others. These devotional books provide a great way to share the gospel. They were scanned to you earlier; however, if you did not receive the email, please call the church office and Donna will send the book to you via email. Please share the book with others by email, as well.

If you have missed any of our online services, please remember that you may go to our website (www.ferncreekbaptist.org) and watch previous Advent Services, Sunday Morning Services, and Monday Messages. Click the red Worship Livestream button and you will find these messages and services.

We hope you will all participate each Sunday in worship. 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.

The church staff has sought to find creative ways to share the gospel during this season. One of the ways that will be done is to provide a drive-through event called "Journey to Bethlehem" on December 13, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please enter the parking lot on the south side (gas station side) any time between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. and instructions will be given to you. As you drive through you will see the birth, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus depicted in outdoor scenes. Please tell your neighbors and friends about the event. Thanks to all who are making this gospel endeavor a possibility!!

On the morning of December 13, a few of the guys who are residents of the Isaiah House Treatment Center in Willisburg, Kentucky, will be visiting our church. This recovery program in our state is truly the best program I have seen in providing hope for addiction.

Isaiah House is a non-profit treatment center with 21 years of experience of helping people break free from the grip of addiction. It is a faith-based program with a holistic approach. Their staff includes licensed medical personnel, licensed clinicians, state certified peer support specialists, and a host of other certified staff members. 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.

Please remember that we will have our annual Service of Comfort and Hope on December, 20, 6:00 p.m. Through the spoken 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. Romans 12:15 reminds us to "rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn".

Please continue to pray for an end to Covid-19 and racial tensions. Please continue to pray for God's kingdom to come on earth! **Continue to pray, "Lord, send a great revival!"**

CDC HAPPENINGS

Terri Bosemer

December is a month filled with lots of activity here in the Child Development Center. Our main focus is teaching the children about the miraculous birth of our Lord. Along with that we are always very busy practicing for our annual Christmas programs. The church sanctuary packs tight with family and friends of our preschool students. Afterwards, we celebrate with a reception in the Christian Life Center. This year the programs will look very different because of the pandemic. The children will perform as usual just not in front of their families. The programs will be recorded and then families, friends and church members will be able to view later. We are so excited about this! We are hoping to record the programs on the week of December 14, the last week the children are here before the Christmas break. We will launch the programs at the end of that week. So stay tuned and watch our church bulletin for the dates. Our prayer is that you will support our Child Development Center and view the programs. There is nothing like the voices of little children singing about the Baby Jesus birth to stir up true Christmas spirit in us.

MONDAY MESSAGES

HELLO
MONDAY

Tune in on Mondays at 8:00 a.m. for a Monday Morning Devotional Message. You may access these messages by going to our website and clicking the red Worship Livestream button.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKS



Please share the Advent/Christmas Devotional Books with others. Take as many as you would like and share the gospel by giving these books to other people.

MUSIC NOTES

Steve Skaggs - Interim Minister of Music

Christmas Is Coming

As kids, it can seem that Christmas will never get here hence the saying, “slower than Christmas.” For adults, when the last month of the year approaches, we sometimes can become frustrated with the hectic demands on our time. Now, in the year 2020, there is a different kind of chaos. We may actually decry the lack of intimate human contact as the pandemic interrupts our celebrations and traditions.

With these things in mind, let me offer some suggestions and reminders on ways to stay connected as we celebrate Advent and Christmas; the coming of Christ.

- ◆ Spend some quiet time each day with the “Journey to Bethlehem” worship guide from the church. Hearing from your fellow church members in the pages of the devotional book will be a blessing.
- ◆ Don’t forget “Open Windows: A Guide for Personal Devotions” published by LifeWay and available from the church. Reading daily devotions from folks you do not know personally can also be a blessing. Plus, the guide reminds us to pray for our missionaries on their birthday as they minister in the name of Jesus around the world.
- ◆ Tune in on line to the various worship opportunities that are available each week. And don’t forget, many of our services are available by listening on your FM radio in the parking lot. For those who do not have internet access, there will be special opportunities for you to see some of the worship services in other ways. Just call the church for more information.
- ◆ **Christmas Caroling** will be Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. Here is how it will work so that we can stay safe and healthy by following appropriate Covid 19 guidelines.
 - ◆ Carolers will be individuals or small family units that will sing outside the home and not make physical contact with the person being caroled to. Call the church office by December 14 if you or your family are interested in being a caroler.
 - ◆ If you are a homebound individual that would like someone to come to your individual residence, please call the church office by December 14.

Please join me in thanking the staff of FCBC and all of the volunteers that are working extra hard to carry on the ministries of the church.

Advent is a time of waiting with anticipation. Christmas *is* coming. But let’s not rush it (especially this year). Let us enjoy the Advent season as the Holy Spirit teaches us about the coming of the Messiah in the past, the present, and the future.

But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19 (NIV)

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

OUR STEWARDSHIP



Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,731.00
Budget Received	\$ 13,262.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 126,503.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 114,646.60

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 74.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 5,311.00

SUNRISE

LOTTIE MOON	\$ 80.00
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ATTENDANCE

Morning Worship - 63

RESPONSIBILITIES

Week of December 13

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Mary Kleber 262-8756

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Warren Grumbley 216-9981

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Kayla Beeler and Terri Bosemer

EXTENDED SESSION

Donna Grimes and Jeannie Kern

TECH TEAM

Director - Alex Gibbs

Streamer - Chris Towles

Sound - Phil Shewmaker

AV - Jamie Gibbs

Wednesday - Christmas Caroling

Week of December 20

DEACON OF THE WEEK

George Popham 419-8939

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Warren Grumbley 216-9981

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES

IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB AS OF DECEMBER 4, 2020:

- Linda Westmorland – Audubon Hospital – Room 5217
- Bill Green – Traditions at Beaumont – Room 104
- Jenny Green – Traditions at Beaumont – Room 204
- Ralph Beard – Baptist Health – Room 459
- Teresa Pierson – Baptist Health - Room 564
- Rosiland Morris – Nazareth Home (Clifton)
- Jenny Magruder – Traditions at Beaumont – Room 436
- Margaret Durham – Baptist Health – Room 444
- Mary Redmond – Morning Pointe – Apt. 305
- Connie Fisher (Shannon Fisher's mother) – Creekside on Whipps Mill



With Deepest Sympathy Extended To:

- ◆ Bob and Dot Hester at the death of Dot's sister-in-law, Marlene Devahser;
- ◆ Mark and Charlotte Freeman at the death of Mark's mother, Gloria Freeman (grandmother of Emily Ray Bergren).

I Wasn't Planning to Be a Widow...

Whether you've been a widow for weeks or years, you are invited to join in our time together on **Mondays, 2:00 p.m.**, in the Christian Life Center – Room 416. For two more weeks we will look at how we can move from unending grief to being surprised by joy at times. We each have our unique stories, but perhaps sharing together will inspire us carry on with greater hope, assurance, and strength. Questions? Contact the facilitator, Karen Love, 502-314-1591 or karenspecklove@aol.com.

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 8, 2020

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship

Children's Choirs

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

7:30 p.m. Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service

6:00 p.m. "Journey to Bethlehem"

Drive Through Event

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020

2:00 p.m. Widow's Grief Support Group

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020

6:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020

6:00 p.m. Diabetes Support Group

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service

6:00 p.m. Service of Comfort and Hope

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020

2:00 p.m. Widow's Grief Support Group

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2020

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

December 13: The Third Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Joy
6:00 p.m. – “Journey to Bethlehem”, a Drive-Through Event:
Please enter the driveway on the south side of the
property anytime between 6:00 and 7:00 pm.
Instructions will be given there.

December 16

6:30 p.m. – Christmas Caroling

December 22: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Love
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 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.

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

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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