

**Fern Creek
Baptist Church**

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The Disciple

December 9, 2019

LINDA'S LINES

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The observance of Advent began on Sunday, December 1. We certainly started the season in great celebration as we adorned our sanctuary with beautiful decorations and sang the glorious songs of the season during our annual Hanging of the Greens service. Thanks to all who made this evening such a tremendous success!

Advent is a season of spiritual preparation for the celebration of the coming of Christ. The word Advent means "arrival" or "coming". Christ has come into our world; Christ is coming into our lives; Christ will come again! For the Christian, Advent is a season of celebration. Our celebration should lead to both an inward and outward sense of rejoicing as we commemorate the birth of Jesus for us, His birth in us, and His final coming in glory. I hope you will be present for each of the remaining worship services during this holy season. Join us as we celebrate our Savior!! Invite others to attend with you. There is no better place to be on these Sundays than in the House of the Lord. Please join us!

Thanks to those who wrote devotionals for this year's Advent / Christmas Devotional Book. Thanks for sharing your testimonies! Many people will read these devotionals and God will be glorified. We hope all of you will give these books away during this season. Please give them to friends, family, and, most importantly, to those who are not Christians.

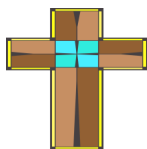
On December 24, 1912, foreign

missionary Lottie Moon died. She refused to see the Chinese people she loved go spiritually or physically hungry. Lottie was overwhelmed by the Foreign Mission Board's indebtedness and inability to help with relief during a Chinese famine; therefore, she stopped eating as a protest and gave her money to those who were suffering. Since the people were starving, Lottie felt that she could not eat either. She gave all she had to give, from her food to her last ounce of strength. Lottie Moon often comes to our mind during this season of giving. Motivated by her example, Southern Baptists have given to foreign missions through an offering that bears her name. We hope that you will give generously this season to spread the good news of Jesus Christ throughout the world. Will you give a sacrificial gift? The Christmas Offering for International Missions is in your offering envelope box. Many of you probably gave your offering during the Hanging of the Greens; however, it is not too late to give if you have not yet done so. Thanks for your generosity in giving so that others may hear the good news of Jesus!

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...





DECEMBER 1, 2019

SUNDAY SCHOOL
137
MORNING WORSHIP
168

OUR STEWARDSHIP	
Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,728.00
Budget Received	\$ 12,178.50
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 136,192.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 124,082.31
BUILDING FUND	
Weekly Total	\$ 112.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 3,029.48

Lottie Moon	\$ 907.76	SON	\$75.00
Sunrise	\$1,356.35	Honduras	\$75.50

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019

- 11:30 a.m. "Young at Heart" Christmas Luncheon
- 6:30 p.m. CLC Reserved

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019

- 7:30 p.m. FC / HUM Benefit Concert

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Brunch

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

- Jeff Street
- 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. Youth and Children's Choirs Christmas Program
- 7:00 p.m. New Members' Reception

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019

- 7:00 p.m. GROW (O Teams)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019

- 9:30 a.m. Sisterhood
- 7:00 p.m. CDC Four-Year-Old Christmas Program
- 8:00 p.m. Church Council

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019

- 5:30 p.m. Church Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Adult International Mission Study
Children's Choirs Parties
L.I.G.H.T. for Youth
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019

- 10:30 a.m. CDC Two and Three-Year-Old Christmas Program
- 6:00 p.m. Diabetes Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. CLC Reserved

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2019

- 6:30 p.m. Youth Christmas Party
Children's Christmas Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2019

- 10:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 1:00 p.m. Fruit Basket Deliveries

WEEK OF DECEMBER 15

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Becky Frizzell 876-1563

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Alex Gibbs 270-847-8227

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Kathy Russell, Holly Blansette,
and Jayla Grigsby

EXTENDED SESSION

Sharon Thompson, Tori Lawson,
Terry Schult, and Jeannie Kern

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Ben Hale

Wednesday - Lisa Payne

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Tyler Gregory

YOUTH SNACK SUPPER

Canceled - "Christmas Program"

WEEK OF DECEMBER 22

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Sam Frizzell 645-7792

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Chad Popham 759-2013

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Canceled - Choir Cantata

EXTENDED SESSION

Katie Sublett, Connie Sublett, and
CAROL SEWELL

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Phil Shewmaker

Wednesday - No Service

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Alex Gibbs

YOUTH SNACK SUPPER

Youth Choir Canceled

*With Deepest
Sympathy*

Our sympathy is extended to:

- Margaret Clater and family at the death of her brother, Arnold Moody;
- Pam Reid and family at the death of her brother-in-law, Zig Vaituzis;
- Kayla Beeler and family at the death of her grandfather, Tommy Vest;
- Keith and Sharon Peavler and family at the death of Keith's cousin, Tom Mobley.



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!

Children's Choirs



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

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

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



FERN CREEK / HIGHVIEW

UNITED MINISTRIES

CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT

Friday, December 13, 7:30 p.m.

Believers Church

(7905 Smyrna Parkway)

Join us as we support the Ministries and listen to some wonderful Christmas music by members from our congregation who will be singing on this evening.



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 11

Chili Peanut Butter Sandwiches Crackers Noodles Dessert

December 18

Taco Soup Rice / Fritos Salad Dessert

December 25

Dinner Canceled

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 15 – 6:00 p.m.

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



NEW MEMBERS' RECEPTION

December 15

(following the 6:00 p.m. Youth and Children's Christmas Program)

Please bring a snack food as we welcome the newest members among us.

Sisterhood

Tuesday, December 17

9:30 a.m.

Cracker Barrel in Fern Creek

HOP ABOARD THE JINGLE BELL EXPRESS

December 20, 2019, 5:45 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

All Youth (grades 6-12)

You are invited to a **free** evening of Food, Christmas Lights, Fellowship, and Fun!!

YOU MUST SIGN UP FOR THIS TRIP AND HAVE A SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP!!!

Sign up on the shelf in the common area. Deadline to sign-up for you and your friends is **December 15!!**

Don't get caught on the "naughty list" or you'll miss the "Jingle Bell Express"!

Questions? Contact Tonya Grigsby, 314-5145.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDY FOR ADULTS

Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 p.m.

Led by Melissa Logsdon-Young

We hope you will join us!

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

December 15: The Third Sunday of Advent

- 10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Joy
- 6:00 p.m. – Youth and Children's Choirs Christmas Service
- 7:00 p.m. – New Members' Reception

December 17

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

December 19

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

December 22: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Love
"Behold, A Savior!" (by Jay Rouse and Rose Aspinall), presented by the Adult Choir
- 6:00 p.m. – Service of Comfort and Hope

December 24: Christmas Eve

- 9:30 a.m. – Pancake Breakfast
- 11:00 a.m. – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
Lighting of the Christ Candle

December 29: The First Sunday of Christmas

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

Childcare for preschoolers is available during all of these services.



DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, December 19
6:00 p.m.

Christian Life Center, Room 416
Led by Norma Routt

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



1st - 5th grades

Friday, December 20

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

You are invited to a children's Christmas party. Second floor of Children's wing

We will watch "A Charlie Brown Christmas", play games, do crafts, and decorate cookies.

Questions? Contact Lisa Payne or Jodie Towles.

FRUIT BASKETS FOR HOMEBOUND



The deacons will be leading in the ministry of taking fruit baskets to our homebound members and others during the Advent season. You are invited to help them put together and deliver fruit baskets to these members on **Saturday, December 21, 1:00 p.m.** If you would like to help contribute to the cost of the fruit, please designate this on your offering envelope.

ADULT CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 22, 10:45 a.m.

Join us as the Adult Choir presents "Behold, a Savior!". You will hear the story of the birth of Jesus as told through scripture and dramatic first-hand accounts, all woven into beloved carols and original songs. Come be a part of the journey, from the longing of Zechariah, to the joy and acceptance of Mary, the courage of Joseph, and the accounts of the shepherds and the wise men. Everyone is invited to be a part of this wonderful service!





**SERVICE OF
COMFORT
AND HOPE**

*Sunday, December 22
6:00 p.m.*

*We will hear God's Word,
pray, sing, and remember.*

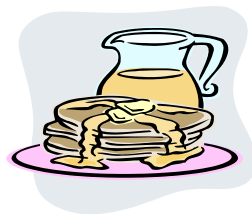
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

(all the pancakes you would like to eat)

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Christian Life Center



CHRISTMAS EVE

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



**BLOOD
PRESSURE
CHECKS**

December 29

12:15 p.m.

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



**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.

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.



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)**
- **February 1 – Rev. Todd Robertson (LRBA Mission Strategist)**
- **March 7 – Chris Towles (FCBC Deacon, SS Teacher, AV Chairman)**

All men are invited! Please bring friends!

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



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?





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, Jelly, Crackers, and Personal Items. 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!



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

Are you doing your share?

We are so blessed to live in a country where we have the freedom to worship (or not) as we please. If you are a member of Fern Creek Baptist Church, you know you are blessed. We do so much for this community in many different ways. We have a food closet to help feed those less fortunate than we are. We have a gym where young people can come on Tuesday afternoon to not only play basketball and get a meal, but also to hear the Word of the Lord. We have supper and worship on Wednesday night and many times we feed families for free. We have Son-Day Fun-Day in the summer for the neighborhood children where they not only have a blast and receive many fine gifts and a free meal, but they also hear about Jesus.

Many times people knock on our door who are down and out and just can't seem to get back on their feet financially. Do we turn them away? No, indeed. We do whatever we can to help them get back on their feet.

These are some of the things this church does that make me proud to be a member. The church and many of its members are extremely generous and go above and beyond to help others.

We have not met our budget goals for the past three months, which has put us in a spending freeze. The Lord asks for a tenth of what we earn. If we received this tithe from all of our members we would be able to pay our bills and minister to the needs of even more of those less fortunate. Please don't just count on those members who are generous and go above and beyond to keep this church going. We need EVERYONE. I know this is what Jesus wants. I ask again ...

Are you doing your share?

Sharon Thompson
and the Stewardship Committee



24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

Tuesday, December 31, 2019, noon –
Wednesday, January 1, 2020, noon
Sponsored by the Deacons
Watch for more details!

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.



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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - Jimmy McCune | 13 - Bobby Cundiff | 18 - Akim Jackson |
| 2 - Patty Adams | Mark Freeman | 19 - Lisa Curtis |
| Ashley Anderson | Bailey Record | Martha Falkner |
| 3 - Tyler Gregory | Cameron Schildknecht | 22 - Ballard Anderson |
| 4 - Melissa Crittenden | 14 - Allison Magruder | Joan Naylor |
| 5 - Kathy Fraley | Debbie Watson | 23 - Barbara Parker |
| 8 - Lorenza Callahan | 15 - Dollie Dixon | 24 - Perry Joyce |
| Joshua Grigsby | Shawn Gilpin | 25 - Hunter Murphy |
| 9 - Autumn Cox | Bella Kaelin | 26 - Jasmine Ayers |
| Chelsea Warfield | Gayle Stapleton | Marie Kemp |
| 12 - Nancy Kleehamer | 16 - Jayla Grigsby | 28 - Al Thompson |
| Martha Montgomery | 17 - Moe Sams | 29 - Meredith Ward |
| Natalea White | Linda Westmorland | 30 - Samantha Sullivan |
| | | 31 - Emily Butler |



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
1 6:00 pm Hanging of the Greens & Reception	2 7:00 pm GROW (G Teams)	3 10:00 am GROW (G-3 Team) 6:45 pm All Comm. 7:00 pm Admin. / Ministry Comm. 8:00 pm Church Council	4 4:30 pm Staff Meeting 7:30 pm GROW (G-4 Team)	5 10:00 am Women on Mission (Quilting Group) 6:30 pm CLC Reserved	6	7 7:57 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Women on Mission (AGAPE Group) 1:30 pm Preschool Event
Lottie Moon Week of Prayer for International Missions						
8 6:00 pm Instrumental Christmas Service	9 11:30 am LRBA Retired Minsters' Luncheon 7:00 pm GROW (R Teams)	10	11	12 11:30 am "Young at Heart" Christmas Lunch at Wildwood Country Club 6:30 pm CLC Reserved	13 7:30 pm FC/HUM Benefit Concert The Believer's Church	14 10:00 am Staff Brunch
15 Jeff St. 6:00 pm Youth and Children's Choirs Christmas Program 7:00 pm New Members' Reception	16 7:00 pm GROW (O Teams)	17 9:30 am Sisterhood 7:00 pm Fours CDC Christmas Program	18 6:30 pm Children's Choirs Parties International Mission Study for Adults	19 10:00 am Women on Mission (Quilting Group) 10:30 am Twos and Threes CDC Christmas Program 6:00 pm Diabetes Support Group	20 6:30 pm Youth Christmas Party Children's Christmas Party	21 10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal 1:00 pm Fruit Basket Delivery
22 8:30 am Inst. Ensemble 10:45 am Adult Choir Christmas Cantata 6:00 pm Service of Comfort and Hope	23 7:00 pm GROW (W Teams)	24 9:30 am Breakfast 11:00 am Christmas Eve Service	25 Christmas Day	26	27 6:30 pm Adult I Christmas Party	28 12:00 pm Bridal Shower for Loren Been and Denver Pascua
Church Office Closed						
CDC Closed						
29 Jeff St. 2 12:15 pm Blood Pressure Cks. 4:00 pm Homebound Comm. 6:00 pm Adult I SS Party	30 7:00 pm GROW (All Teams)	31 12:00 pm 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Begins	<h1>December 2019</h1>			
CDC Closed						