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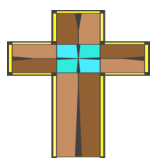
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**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**



Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

The Disciple

February 1, 2021

LINDA'S LINES

This year's Holy Week theme will be "Journey With Jesus". We will reflect upon the journey to the cross and beyond the cross. We will soon be sharing the details of that week. Also, we will be requesting devotional writers to step forward to write for our annual Holy Week Devotional Book. The church staff is working diligently on the different worship and service opportunities which will be offered during this season. We are excited about sharing these plans with you soon!

We also want to remind you of our February schedule:

- **Sunday Morning Worship** is offered at **10:45 a.m.** in our sanctuary. The service is also livestreamed. You may go to our website and click on the red Worship Livestream button to watch. The service is also transmitted to the parking lot. You may listen by turning your ignition to accessory and tuning in to 91.7 FM.
- **Sunday School** resumes on **February 21, 9:30 a.m.** Classes are offered for all ages. If you have questions, please contact George Popham.
- **Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. (beginning February 14)** offer Discipleship Classes for Adults and Missions Classes for Preschoolers, Children, and Youth.
- **Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m. (beginning February 10)** offer Wonderful Wednesday for Preschoolers and Children, LIGHT for Youth (grades 6-12), and Wednesday Worship for Adults.

We are excited about the opportunity to go to Honduras this summer. The trip is **July 31 – August 6**. We will be joining my brother Marty's team. We will be working with Pastor Gervacio Figueroa, our dear friend from the Transformation Baptist Church in La Esperanza. We will mainly participate in door-to-door evangelism in the outlying areas of the region. The trip will look much different than our normal trips because of not being able to gather in crowds; however, we will still have many opportunities to share the gospel in creative ways. If you are interested in participating, please contact me as soon as possible. We will also let you know soon when packing days will occur.

A special thanks to those of you who are leading and serving in the various areas of ministry going on at FCBC. Some of you are leading in "up-front" ways as others are serving "behind the scenes". Many of you are praying diligently for our church and for each other. Please know that your church family greatly appreciates all you are doing!

We hope you will all attend the Wintry Wednesday Chili Supper. Please also take advantage of this wonderful opportunity of reaching others with the gospel by inviting your neighbors and friends to attend. (See inside of The Disciple for details.) If you would like to help in any way, please contact me today.

Praise God for the vaccines that have been approved and are being distributed! Praise God for all He is doing among us! Please continue to cry out to Him for His mercy, grace, and favor! Please continue to pray for God's kingdom to come on earth! **Continue to pray, "Lord, send a great revival!"**

WINTRY WEDNESDAY CHILI SUPPER

February 3, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Please enter on the gas station side and drive around to the canopy drive-through of the common area entrance. A volunteer will bring your to-go soup order to your car. Please hold up a piece of paper with how many orders you need for your family. You are welcome to invite others.

The meal is free!! George Popham and his crew will prepare the meal and staff members and other volunteers will be packaging the meals and delivering them to your car. If any of you would like to help deliver chili orders to our homebound members, please email Donna (donna@ferncreekbaptist.org) or Linda (linda@ferncreekbaptist.org). Wednesday Worship is canceled on this evening.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

5:00 p.m. Chili Supper Drive-Through

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2021

10:00 a.m. WMU Sewing Group

4:00 p.m. CLC Reserved

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021

7:57 a.m. Men's Breakfast

10:00 a.m. WMU (AGAPE Group)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021

4:00 p.m. CLC Reserved

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
Wonderful Wednesday
L.I.G.H.T

7:30 p.m. Vocal Ensemble

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021

4:00 p.m. CLC Reserved

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2021

CDC Closed

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service

6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training

Mission Friends

Girls in Action

Royal Ambassadors

Acteens & Challengers

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021

CDC Parent/Teacher Conf.

4:00 p.m. CLC Reserved

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

2:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive

PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB AS OF JANUARY 27, 2021

- Shirley Cantrell – Valhalla Post Acute – Room 150
- Polly Ann Curry – Sycamore Heights Nursing Home – Room D-6
- Jenny Magruder – Traditions at Beaumont – Room 436
- Mary Redmond – Morning Pointe – Apt. 305
- Connie Fisher (Shannon Fisher's mother) – Creekside on Whipps Mill



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 - Linda Popham	11 - Jessica Couch	18 - Brenda McDowell
3 - Andy Stewart	Matt Gilkison	Jan Miller
Tina Taylor	Lyndsey Popham	Zachary Morrison
4 - Ralph Beard	Betty Tyler	20 - Lori Sharp
Guy Pigman	12 - Lydia Ayers	22 - Cheryl Lucas
Gordon Thompson	Patti Catman	23 - Shirley Decker
5 - Rich Adams	Shayla Kelley	24 - Mary Lee Jeck
6 - Dave Clem	Larry Segrest	25 - Brenda Kiper
Sharon Peavler	13 - Jodi Muhich	Jimmy Seraphine
7 - Jane Adams	14 - Tracy Bruce	26 - Steve Renn
Don Carter	Karen Houston	Vicki Swain
Erin Grimes	Jayda Hurt	27 - Kari Haller
Pam Reid	17 - Camera Squires	Saundra Segrest
8 - Terry Schult		29 - Babs Eilers
		Jeremy Kemp



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 6, 7:57 a.m.

Speaker - Jason "Bubba" Stewart

Food provided by Cracker Barrel Reservations are required.

Questions? Contact Bud Purnell.

WOMEN ON MISSION

February 6, 10:00 a.m. in the Christian Life Center

Please join us for a great time of Bible Study,

Prayer, Missions, and Fellowship!

Questions? Contact Melissa Logsdon Young or Renee Bryant.



AMERICAN RED CROSS

GIVE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.

Blood Drive

Tuesday, February 16, 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.



To schedule an appointment, head to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor keyword: **fbclouky** or call **1-800-RED CROSS. (1-800-733-2767)**.

GROW

February 22, 7:00 p.m. in the GROW Room

Join us as we reach out to our community
with the good news of Jesus Christ!

Wonderful Wednesday

6:30 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.

Grades 1 - 5 - room 204

Preschoolers – Kindergarten - room 101

Wednesday, February 10
we'll get started with....



Then the next seven weeks will
be just what you requested!

Through it all we'll be wearing our masks, social distancing, and learning so much looking at Emoji Prayers! It's going to be a great time, especially with YOU there! Questions? Contact Karen Love.

RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Becky Frizzell 876-1563

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Warren Grumbley 216-9981

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

No Children's Church

EXTENDED SESSION

Donna Grimes & Jeannie Kern

TECH TEAM

Director - Jon Heinrich

Streamer - Jacob Heinrich

Sound - Phil Shewmaker

AV - Chris Towles

P.M. - Lisa Payne

Wednesday - Sam Frizzell

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Sam Frizzell 645-7792

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Joseph Montgomery 422-2208

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

No Children's Church

EXTENDED SESSION

Donna Grimes & Jeannie Kern

TECH TEAM

Director - Alex Gibbs

Streamer - Chris Towles

Sound - Phil Shewmaker

AV - Jamie Gibbs

P.M. - Phil Shewmaker

Wednesday - Lisa Payne

MUSIC NOTES

Steve Skaggs - Interim Minister of Music

THE LOVE OF GOD

Valentine's Day, or perhaps, more completely, Saint Valentine's Day, is approaching. There are many legends associated with the day and with one or more Christians from the early Roman period that may have been the "saint" whose feast day would be celebrated on February 14. Sometime around the 14th or 15th centuries the festival became associated with courtly love and here we are in the 21st century still celebrating love on this day! But, as we approach this day, I want to share with you the story of a song that tells us of the greatest love—God's love.

There is a gospel song or hymn titled "The Love of God" that was written by a man named Frederick M. Lehman in 1917. For me, the definitive performances of the song were given by George Beverly Shea in many of the Billy Graham Crusades through the years. Shea would begin with the first stanza written by Lehman, singing in his inimitable style.

*"The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell.
Oh, love of God, how rich and pure How measureless and strong;
It shall forevermore endure the saints and angel's song."*

Shea would then recite this poem as the organist continued to play quietly:

*"We can only see a little of the ocean as we stand on the rocky shore,
but out there beyond the eye's horizon, there's more, there's more;
We can only see a little of God's loving, a few rich treasures from His mighty store,
but out there beyond the horizon, there's more, there's more."*

George Beverly Shea had a marvelous bass/baritone voice of which he had masterful control. After the recitation, he would begin to sing the third stanza of Rev. Lehman's song (omitting the second stanza).

*"Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made;
were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill, and ev'ryone a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;
nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky."*

According to Lehman he had borrowed the words of this stanza that had been found written on the walls of a prison cell around 200 years earlier. Many years later a man named Alfred B. Smith, who had been a classmate of Billy Graham at Wheaton College, discovered that the final stanza of "The Love of God" had apparently been translated from a Hebrew poem written by Meir Ben Isaac, a Jewish Rabbi, around 1,000 AD.

It is amazing how God uses various people to remind us of His love. His love is truly "greater than any tongue or pen can tell."

"This is love; not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." I John 4:10.

JANUARY 24, 2021



ATTENDANCE

MORNING WORSHIP - 93

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,731.00
Budget Received	\$ 7,988.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 204,351.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 206,091.95

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 155.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 6,508.17

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FEBRUARY EVENTS

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

- Wednesday Worship continues at **6:30 p.m.**
- Wonderful Wednesday for preschoolers/children and LIGHT for youth (grades 6-12) will resume on **February 10** in the regular classrooms.
- Ensemble Rehearsal continues at **7:30 p.m.**

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School is scheduled to resume onsite on **February 21** at the normal time of **9:30 a.m.** If you have questions, please contact George Popham, Sunday School Director.

SUNDAY EVENINGS

The regular Sunday evening activities of Discipleship Training and Missions will resume on **February 14**. Watch for details.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- February 3, 5:00 p.m.** – Wintry Wednesday Chili Supper
- February 6, 7:57 a.m.** – Men’s Breakfast
- February 6, 10:00 a.m.** – Women on Mission
- February 16, 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** – Red Cross Blood Drive
- February 18, 6:00 p.m.** – Diabetic Support Group
- February 22, 7:00 p.m.** – GROW
- February 28 (after worship)** – Blood Pressure Checks

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