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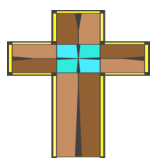
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**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**



Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

The Disciple

February 15, 2021

LINDA'S LINES

The season of Lent begins this very week. Ash Wednesday, the first day of this season, is February 17. Ash Wednesday gets its name from the Bible times when "sackcloth and ashes" were symbols of repentance and purification. It is common among some traditions to use ashes and to make the sign of the cross on the forehead for those who wish to publicly show their repentance. Ashes are a symbol of humility before God; they are a sign of God's grace for the penitent. Ashes remind us of resurrection. Our bodies will turn to ashes in the grave, but we look forward to the new bodies which God will give us.

In early days Lent was a time of preparation of candidates for baptism on Easter Sunday in which these candidates prepared for this initiation into the Christian life. Lent for us is a time of preparation, prayer, discipline, reflection, repentance, self-denial, sacrifice, and service. It is a time for remembering Christ's sacrifice. There are 40 weekdays in the season of Lent, which symbolize the 40-day fasts of Moses, Elijah, and Jesus. The holy season of Lent concludes with Holy Week. Holy Week is a time of reflection upon the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. Holy Week leads us to the joyous and glorious season of Easter. May this season of Lent be one in which we all grow closer to Jesus through sacrifice and devotion!

This year's Holy Week theme will be "Journey with Jesus". We will reflect upon the journey to the cross and beyond the cross. Thanks in advance for those of you who will volunteer to write devotionals for this week. We will be offering additional worship services and events, as well.

During the Lenten season the sermons will focus on Jesus' journey during the last month of His life on earth. This coming Sunday we will focus on when Jesus raised Lazarus from the grave. Let's remember Jesus' poignant words in this narrative: *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"* We must all answer the question: Do you believe?

Information about our Honduras Mission Trip is given in the inside of this newsletter. If you are interested in participating, please contact me soon.

One of our faithful youth, Jacob Heinrich, is working on his Eagle Scout project which will greatly benefit our youth and recreational ministries. Jacob is constructing a gaga pit which is an octagonal pit in which gaga is played. Gaga is a fast paced, high energy sport which is a variant of dodgeball. While trying to hit opponents with a ball below the knees, gaga combines the skills of dodging, striking, running, and jumping. Our youth enjoy playing this game each summer at Crossings Youth Camp. Jacob is currently raising funds for this project. If you would like to help him purchase the wood and other supplies, you may designate money and include with your Sunday offering. Please designate the amount on your envelope or online. The Trustees approved Jacob's project in 2019, but the pandemic has delayed the starting date. Please continue to pray for God's kingdom to come on earth! **Continue to pray, "Lord, send a great revival!"**



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 6 at 7:57 AM
Guest Speaker: **Rev. Tom Curry**

Food provided by Cracker Barrel
Reservations are required.
(Call the Church Office at 239-0316.)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021

2:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021

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

7:30 p.m. Vocal Ensemble

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021

10:00 a.m. WMU Sewing Group
6:00 p.m. Diabetes Support Group

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021

11:00 a.m. Cantrell Funeral (private)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
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 22, 2021

4:00 p.m. CLC Reserved
7:00 p.m. GROW (All Teams)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021

10:00 a.m. WMU Sewing Group
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
4:00 p.m. CLC Reserved

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
Wonderful Wednesday
L.I.G.H.T
7:30 p.m. Vocal Ensemble

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021

4:00 p.m. CLC Reserved

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training
Mission Friends
Girls in Action
Royal Ambassadors
Acteens & Challengers

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021

2:00 p.m. Circle of Hope

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 2

Please meet in the sanctuary.

6:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee

6:46 p.m. All Committees Meet

7:00 p.m. Administrative & Ministry Committees

8:00 p.m. Church Council Meet

SUNDAY EVENINGS: WINTER SESSION

February 14 – March 21

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

- **Youth Choir** (grades 6-12) – led by Steve Skaggs and Kristin Jones (Choir Room 306) (Snacks 5:45 p.m.) – Youth Choir resumes on March 7.

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **Mission Friends** (ages 2-5) – taught by Terri Bosemer, Kristin Jones, and Kayla Beeler (Room 101)
- **Girls in Action** (girls, grades 1-5) – taught by Jodie Towles and Susan Hudgins (Room 204)
- **Royal Ambassadors** (boys, grades 1-5) – taught by Renee Bryant and Norma Routt (Room 206)
- **Acteens** (girls, grades 6-12) – taught by Melissa Logsdon-Young and Nancy Shewmaker (Christian Life Center – Room 414)
- **Challengers** (boys, grades 6-12) – taught by Warren Grumbley and Chris Towles (Christian Life Center – Room 413)
- **“Daring Faith”** by Rick Warren) – facilitated by Michele Crider and Linda Popham (sanctuary)
- **Childcare** – led by Jeannie Kern and Donna Grimes (available for babies and toddlers who are children of teachers or those attending the adult class) (Room 111 – First Floor of Education Building – Child Development Center)

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Danny Hass 836-9735

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Nate Blansette 533-8565

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

No Children's Church

EXTENDED SESSION

Jeannie Kern & Donna Grimes

TECH TEAM

Director - Alex Gibbs
Streamer - Chris Towles
Sound - Phil Shewmaker
AV - Jamie Gibbs
P.M. - Sam Frizzell
Wednesday - Sam Frizzell

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Holland Kendall 640-2227

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Alex Gibbs 270-847-8227

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No Children's Church

EXTENDED SESSION

Jeannie Kern & Donna Grimes

TECH TEAM

Director - Jon Heinrich
Streamer - Jacob Heinrich
Sound - Phil Shewmaker
AV - Chris Towles
P.M. - Lisa Payne
Wednesday - TBA

PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB AS OF FEBRUARY 12, 2021

- 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





Thank You Notes have been placed on the bulletin board from: Karen Love, Doris Ann Sea, Marilyn Calvert and Family, and Penny Pickering.

***With Deepest Sympathy
Extended To:***

- Earl Cantrell and family at the death of his wife, Shirley Cantrell;
- Bud and Karen Purnell at the death of Bud's nephew, David Hall.



HONDURAS MISSION TRIP 2021

We are looking forward to the opportunity to go to Honduras this summer, **July 31 – August 6**, with the team led by Dr. Marty Barnes, Pastor Linda's brother. 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 Pastor Linda as soon as possible.

MUSIC NOTES

Steve Skaggs - Interim Minister of Music

IT'S COLD OUT THERE

In one episode of the Andy Griffith Show, Sheriff Taylor and Floyd the barber were having a conversation that went something like this:

Sheriff Taylor: "Well, as Mark Twain said, everybody complains about the weather, but nobody does anything about it."

Floyd: "Did he say that?"

Sheriff Taylor: "Mm-hmmm."

Floyd: "I thought Calvin Coolidge said that."

Sheriff Taylor: "No, no Floyd, Calvin Coolidge didn't say that."

Floyd: (after a pause) "What'd Calvin Coolidge say?" [laughter]

The weather is something we talk about every day, especially this time of year. We might even complain about the "weather man" when he misses the forecast. It does seem like forecasting snow and ice can be especially hard. Still, it is amazing (to me, anyway) that scientists and weather forecasters do as well as they do. After all, they are only human.

Job 1:1 describes Job as a blameless and upright man who "feared God and shunned evil." Still, this righteous man, living in a fallen world, had to deal with the idea of bad things happening to good people. God spoke to Job in the last three chapters of the book, often asking rhetorical questions that had something to do with creation—with science, if you will.

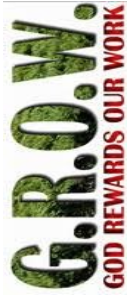
"From whose womb has come the ice? And the frost of heaven, who has given it birth?" asked God of Job in 38:29. God was reminding Job that He is The Creator and Sustainer of life. He alone has the ultimate understand of all things.

You and I live with the various branches of science everyday whether we think about it or not. The recent winter storms that have interrupted our lives are an annual occurrence. The Covid-19 pandemic, in contrast, is perhaps something that may happen only once a century or so.

Like Mark Twain, we complain about the weather, but have to admit that only God can do something about it. Like Job, we take our complaint directly to God concerning pandemics realizing He alone has the answers.

It is a blessing to work with the FCBC staff and volunteers during this time of uncertainty. We are planning ahead with the humble realization that only God truly has control of the future. Please join us in praying for "normal" to return soon. Maybe this is a time for us, like Job, to be reminded that God is ultimately in control of all things.

"Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know." Job 42:3 NIV



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!

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FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

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 17** 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.
- Morning Worship continues at **10:45 a.m.** in the sanctuary and online. The service is also transmitted to the parking lot.

SUNDAY EVENINGS

The regular Sunday evening activities of Discipleship Training and Missions have resumed. Watch for details.

REMAINING FEBRUARY EVENTS

- **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 27, 10:00 a.m.** – Children’s Committee Meeting
- **February 28 (after worship)** – Blood Pressure Checks

FEBRUARY 7, 2021



ATTENDANCE

MORNING WORSHIP - 65

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,731.00
Budget Received	\$ 13,526.19
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 223,813.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 226,516.14

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 66.52
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 6,719.78

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