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**MEMORIAL
 TILES**

Our second panel is up!
 If you would like to purchase a Memorial Tile for our third panel, please put your form/money in the offering plate or give to Jodie Towles. Forms are located in the foyer area.

LINDA'S LINES

Our Discipleship Training classes during this Winter Session are going well. It is not too late to join a class! (See Winter Sunday Evening Classes.) We hope you will join us! Jesus has called us to grow as His disciples. These classes are designed to help with that in several different areas.

February 10 began the season of Lent. In early days Lent was a time of preparation of candidates for baptism on Easter Sunday. During the season of Lent these candidates prepared for this initiation into the Christian life. Lent for us is not only a time of preparation; it is also a time of prayer, repentance, sacrifice, soul-searching, self-denial, and service. Sundays, which are days for commemorating the resurrection, are omitted in counting the forty days of reflection and repentance. The color purple is used during this time to symbolize repentance and solemnity.

The forty weekdays in the season of Lent symbolize the forty-day fasts of Moses, Elijah, and Jesus. The focus of Lent is for Christians to imitate Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. The sacred 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.

In order to truly understand and experience this season to the fullest, we hope you will participate in each of our Holy Week Services: Palm Sunday (March 20), the Lenten Concert (Palm Sunday evening), Maundy Thursday (March 24), Good Friday (March 25), and Easter (March 27)!

And, as always, please pray: "Lord, Send a Great Revival!"



**SUNDAY
 SCHOOL**
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**MORNING
 WORSHIP**
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FEBRUARY 14, 2016

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 8,991.00
Budget Received	\$ 7,898.25
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 215,784.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 207,843.79

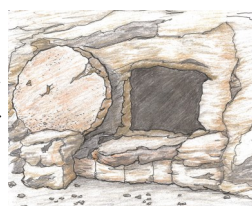
BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 60.00
Year-to-Date	\$ 1,191.01

HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONALS

Theme - *Hope for the Journey*

Please sign up at the shelf in the Common Area. Please turn in the devotionals to Joy Stelly or email her (joy@ferncreekbaptist.org) by **Friday, March 4**, or sooner. You may use any scripture that you would like or you may want to use one from the daily Bible readings which are next to the sign-up-sheet. Thanks!



LENTEN CONCERT PARTICIPANTS

The Annual Lenten Concert, "*Meditations of the Cross*", is quickly approaching on March 20 at 7:00 p.m. If you have a selection you would like to perform or need more information, please contact Greg Bruce no later than March 13.

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Joy Stelly 724-3317

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Joseph Montgomery 422-2208

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Chris McWhorter

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Terri Bosemer and Phyllis Moore

EXTENDED SESSION

Edith Briscoe, Linda Westmorland,
 and Lindsay Emert

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Ben Hale
 Wednesday - Jack Briscoe

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Chris Towles

WEEK OF MARCH 6

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Neal Tingle 593-9296

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Gary Kistner 419-5505

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Melissa Logsdon-Young

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jamie Houston and Alisha Bruce

EXTENDED SESSION

Joseph and Valerie Montgomery

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Steve Bruce
 Wednesday - Steve Bruce

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Caleb Anderson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2016

4:00 p.m. CLC Reserved

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2016

5:00 p.m. Honduras Fundraiser - Chili /
 Soup Cook-Off

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016

8:30 a.m. Instrumental Ensemble

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Youth Choir

6:00 p.m. Mission Friends

Girls in Action

Royal Ambassadors

Acteens & Challengers

Adult Discipleship Training

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016

7:00 p.m. GROW (ALL Teams)

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016

10:00 a.m. GROW (G Team)

2:30 p.m. Open Gym

6:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

6:45 p.m. All Committees

7:00 p.m. Administrative / Ministry
 Committees

8:00 p.m. Church Council

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016

4:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship

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

Children's Choirs

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016

7:00 p.m. Fern Creek High School and
 Carrithers Middle School
 Choir Concerts

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2016

10:00 a.m. World Day of Prayer Service

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016

8:00 a.m. Optical Training

10:00 a.m. Women on Mission (AGAPE)

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Youth Choir

6:00 p.m. Youth and Children's

Mission Studies

Adult Discipleship Training

7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016

7:00 p.m. GROW (G Teams)

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016

2:30 p.m. Open Gym

6:30 p.m. Women on Mission (Group II)

Alcoholics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship / Adult

Mission Study

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

Children's Choirs

Women's Support Group

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

WINTER SUNDAY EVENING CLASSES

January 17 - March 20, 2016

ADULT CLASSES

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **Bible Study: Isaiah** – taught by Renee Bryant and Neal Tingle (Sanctuary)
- **Intentional Parenting: 10 Ways to be an Exceptional Parent in a Quick Fix World** (by Doug and Cathy Fields) – facilitated by Chris and Jodie Towles (Room 301/303)
- **Life's Healing Choices: Freedom from Your Hurts, Hang-ups, and Habits** (by John Baker) – facilitated by Scott Been (Room 304 – GROW Room)
- **Music 101: The Basics of Music Reading and Singing** – led by Greg Bruce (Room 306 – Choir Room)
- **Knowing the Bible 101: A Guide to God's Word in Plain Language** (by Bruce Bickel and Stan Jantz) – facilitated by Linda Popham and Charlie Grimes (Christian Life Center – Room 416)

Please pray for members in the hospital/rehab as of Feb. 21, 2016:

- Jack Briscoe – Franciscan – Room 409
- Lorys Edwards – Palm City Nursing Home & Rehab
- Al Thompson – Friendship Manor – Room 101



World Day of Prayer 2016

Friday, March 4, 2016

Registration-9:30 a.m.

Worship-10:00 a.m.

St. Gabriel Catholic Church

5505 Bardstown Road

ALL are invited - men and women

Questions? Contact Doris Ann Sea

CHILI / SOUP COOK-OFF

Saturday, February 27, 2016

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

The delicious entries need to be in the Christian Life Center no later than 4:00 p.m.

Please do not put your name on your entry.

Cake Auction begins at 6:00 p.m.

Door Prizes will be given at 6:30 p.m.

Silent Auction Tables

\$5 for youth & adults, \$3 for age 12 & under

(Dinner includes hotdogs, chips, and drinks.)

You can vote for the best chili / soup for \$.25 per vote. Prizes will be given for both categories.

Proceeds will be used for Honduras / Nicaragua Mission Trips.

Questions? Call Becky Frizzell (690-2716) or Terry Schult (296-3280).



WOMEN ON MISSION

The Agape Group will meet on Saturday, March 5, at 10:00 a.m. in the Christian Life Center in room 416.

Group II, Night Group, will meet on March 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center in room 416.

Please join one of these groups for a great time of learning about missionaries and doing mission projects.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

March 6 - 13, 2016



We hope that you will attend our North American Mission Studies. The Youth and Children's Mission Studies will be held during their regular Missions Classes on Sunday evening, March 6. The Adult Study will be during Wednesday Worship on March 9.

ATTENTION: INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

February 28th is Instrumental Ensemble. Please let Greg Bruce know if you are interested in participating. We will meet in the sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. on February 28.



Tuesday, March 1

(Childcare is provided.)

6:45 p.m. - All Committees

7:00 p.m. - Administrative and Ministry Committees

(Trustees, CDC, By-Laws, Ministry & Missions Center, Children's, Evangelism & Outreach, Preschool, Personnel, Recreation, Stewardship, Social, and Youth)

8:00 p.m. - Church Council

(All Committee Chairpersons & Heads of Organizations)

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. If you cannot attend the meeting, please inform your Committee Chairperson.



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 your reservation.

Adults.....	\$5.00	Children and Youth.....	\$4.00
Under age 6.....	Free	Family Maximum.....	\$16.00

(.50 additional charge for carry-outs)

March 2

Ritzy Chicken Rice Grilled Vegetables Rolls Dessert

March 9

Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes Brussel Sprouts Rolls Dessert

MUSIC NOTES

Greg Bruce - Minister of Music

Easter is quickly approaching; it is the time when we celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior. The music ministry is already preparing for all of the great events that are coming up. Now, it's your turn to get involved. On March 20, we will be celebrating Palm Sunday. The morning includes our children's processional and we encourage you and your children to be here. The children's choirs will be presenting music and celebration for this wonderful event. The evening will include our "Meditation on the Cross" Concert. If you play an instrument, sing a song, or would like to read, please let me know. We would love to have you be a part of this wonderful reflection of the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior. Maundy Thursday will feature our youth in "Reflections of the Master", an evening of reflection and music. Good Friday will feature the adult Choir in, "Hope for the Journey". That all leads up to Easter Sunday where we celebrate the resurrection. It's a busy time here at Fern Creek Baptist Church and we hope that you will jump right in and play a part.

"Young at Heart" Trip

Moonlight BBQ / Owensboro, KY

Thursday, March 10

Cost - \$59

(Please write checks to Fern Creek Baptist Church and turn them in to Mary Berridge or the church office by Wednesday, March 2.)

We will depart FCBC at 8:30 a.m. and return at 6:00 p.m.

We will have a lunch buffet (included) and spend time shopping and going to a museum.

HONDURAS MISSION TRIP

July 23 – 30, 2016

We hope many of you will join us on our next Honduras Mission Trip. If you can go with us, please attend our team meeting in the sanctuary on **Thursday, March 17, 7:00 p.m.** Questions? Contact Linda Popham or Renee Bryant.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Fern Creek Baptist Church **Easter Egg Hunt: March 19, 10:00 a.m.** This event is for all children, preschool through 5th grade. We will be singing, listening to a Bible story, and, of course, finding Easter eggs. Bring your basket and come join the fun.
- **RAMCON 2016** for all Royal Ambassadors will be held **Saturday, March 19**. Cost is **\$10** if registered by March 11 and \$15 per person thereafter. Also, there is a \$5 per person fee to be collected at the event for those participating in the Royal Racers event. Participants can build and bring their own line glider, sail boat, turtle, and car for the events or can use one that is provided.
- Fern Creek Baptist Church **Youth "YARD SALE"** fundraiser will be held **Saturday, April 9** from **9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**. This fundraiser is to support our youth who will be attending Crossings Camp from July 4-8 in Cedarmore, KY. There are several ways you can participate: You can either donate items to be sold to the youth group on Friday, April 1, or you can participate by renting a booth for **\$10** and selling your own items. For more information contact Chris McWhorter at (843) 312-8757.
- **Kentucky Changers** will be **June 11-17**. That is a Saturday-Friday in Hopkinsville, KY with Changer's Pastor Joe Ball. Total cost to attend is **\$225** with a non-refundable deposit of **\$100 due by March 9**. Kentucky Changers goes way beyond a typical "summer camp" experience. Participants are challenged to become "On Mission" Christians as they live out their faith while getting their hands dirty doing hard work. Participants work on exterior home repairs for low-income families.
- **Crossings Camp** Registration: We currently have 14 youth enrolled to attend Crossings at Cedarmore **July 4-8** with 10 spots still available. Cost to attend is **\$300** per participant. Please register ASAP as these spots will fill soon. Fundraisers will be available periodically to help cover costs.

Our sympathy is extended to:

- Howard Faught and family at the death of his cousin, Jackie Maddox (Terri Bosemer's second cousin);
- Brenda Pennington at the death of her cousin, Paulette Cooper, and her aunt, Tennie Woodcock.



CDC HAPPENINGS

Terri Bosemer - CDC Director

REGISTRATION 2016-2017

Registration for fall preschool will begin February 22. This is for currently enrolled students and church members only. Registration will open to the public on March 1. We will again offer two, three, and four-year-old classes. It is important to reserve your child's spot for the upcoming year. Please see Ms. Alice Glenn or me for an enrollment form. Please make sure to fill out (front and back) and return to the office. Each application must include a \$100 non-refundable reservation fee in order for the application to be processed. No reservation will be made before the fee has been received. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call 239-8952 or e-mail terri@ferncreekbaptist.org.

SUMMER FUN PROGRAM

Our Summer Fun Program is offered to two, three, and four-year-olds. It is a wonderful way to keep your child learning through the summer months. We do many educational and hands-on learning activities that are fun. The program starts on June 14 and runs through July 28. The total cost is \$275. A \$50 enrollment fee is due at the time of registration and then the balance of \$225 is to be paid at the start of the program. The Summer Fun Program will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Registration will start at the end of February.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 - Barbara Dean | 10 - Sharon Morehead | 20 - Mandy Jones |
| Amy Shelton | 11 - Gary White | 21 - Tyler Anderson |
| 5 - Bob Hester | 12 - Rocky Hardymon | 23 - Kristi White |
| Dennis Starks | David Williams | 24 - Rosiland Morris |
| 6 - Scot Anderson | 13 - Michaela DeJaynes | Kylie Seraphine |
| George Popham | 14 - Betty Ward | 26 - Josh Schult |
| 8 - Cody Ryan | 15 - Christy Becker | 27 - Zach White |
| Tina VanMeter | Jamie Houston | 28 - John Fraley |
| 9 - Lori Bedard | 16 - Tracey Estes | 29 - Centrell Kelley |
| Billy Blandford | Fred Rhea | 30 - Terry Bruce |
| Terry Kaelin | 17 - Sandy Hall | Melissa Cundiff |
| Chris McWhorter | 18 - Al Ryan | Lori Fraley |
| Gayle Monin | James Thacker | Joyce Shelton |
| | 19 - Pam Weixler | 31 - Erin Crittenden |

FROM THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Dollie Dixon (chairperson), Mary Berridge, Bev Crittenden
The church adopted the following policy in our business meeting on
January 31, 2016:

Policy on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Genesis 1:27) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Genesis 2:18-25) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (I Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a male and a female.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matthew 15:18-20; I Corinthians 6:9-10) We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Fern Creek Baptist Church as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the members of our church and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Fern Creek Baptist Church or Fern Creek Baptist Child Development Center in any capacity, or who serve as elected leaders, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. (Matthew 5:16, Philippians 2:14-16, I Thessalonians 5:22)

We believe that Scripture requires that every person should be shown compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Hateful and harassing behavior and attitudes directed toward any person are not in accordance with Scripture.

As a local church, we believe that wedding ceremonies on church property are spiritual acts of worship of the God who created this divine institution. As such, weddings on church property shall be officiated by ordained ministers of the Gospel. The church may decline to make its facilities or ministers available for any wedding if it is determined that one or both of the parties are not biblically qualified to marry. Such determination may be made by the pastor, deacons, or wedding committee subject to the direction of the church. If a couple desires a minister from another church to officiate their wedding, approval must be given by the pastor or deacons.

No minister or employee of the church shall officiate at any marriage ceremony on or off of the church property unless such marriage is consistent with this policy.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 2016						
		1 10:00 am GROW (G Team) 2:30 pm Open Gym 6:45 pm All Committees 7:00 pm Administrative / Ministry Committees 8:00 pm Church Council	2 4:30 pm Staff Meeting	3 Fern Creek High School and Carrithers Middle School Choirs Concert	4 10:00 am World Day of Prayer Service	5 8:00 am Optical Training 10:00 am Women on Mission (AGAPE Group)
6 6:00 pm Youth & Children's Mission Study 7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting	7 7:00 pm GROW (G Teams)	8 2:30 pm Open Gym 6:30 pm Women on Mission Group II	9 6:30 pm Adult Mission Study Women's Support Group	10 8:30 am "Young at Heart" Trip to Owensboro	11 Creative Ministries Festival (Youth) Bowling Green	12 9:00 am CLC Reserved
Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering						
13 10:45 am Children's Choirs Sunday 7:00 pm Business Meeting Annie Armstrong	14 CDC Closed—Parent / Teacher Conferences 7:00 pm GROW (R Teams)	15 9:30 am Sisterhood 2:30 pm Open Gym	16	17 7:00 pm Honduras Team Meeting	18	19 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt RAMCON (RA boys), Hopkinsville
20 PALM SUNDAY JEFF ST. #1 7:00 pm Lenten Concert	21 7:00 pm GROW (O Teams)	22 2:30 pm Open Gym	23	24 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	25 Church Office and CDC Closed 7:00 pm Good Friday Service	26 2:00 pm CLC Reserved
27 EASTER SUNDAY 8:30 am Instrumental Ensemble No Evening Activities	28 7:00 pm GROW (W Teams)	29 2:30 pm Open Gym	30	31 BCM Lunch at UofL		