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FERN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

The Disciple

January 1, 2024

LINDA'S LINES

On behalf of our entire church staff, thank you for your kind expressions of love and support during this season and thanks, also, for the generous love offering. It is a joy for all of us to walk this journey of ministry with you. We are grateful for all of you!!

I hope you will all participate in reading through the entire Bible together this year. The Bible Reading Plans are available at both Welcome Centers. We will, also, email these to you. During most Sundays of the year, I will be preaching from a different book of the Bible, beginning with Genesis on January 7. We need wisdom from God's Word more than ever!!! *Psalm 119:105 says*, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." As we live in His Word, He will show us the way to go in all things! If you want a "head start" the first few weeks' readings are:

- **Week 1 – January 7** - Genesis 1:1-18:19, Matthew 1:1-6:24, Psalms 1:1-7:17
- **Week 2 – January 14** - Genesis 18:20-31:16, Matthew 6:25-10:26, Psalms 8:1-12:8
- **Week 3 – January 21** - Genesis 31:17-43:34, Matthew 10:27-14:13, Psalms 13:1-18:34

On a similar note, please participate in the many opportunities for growth that we provide during Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Choirs, Wednesday Evenings, etc. The more we are in the Word of God, the more we grow and experience the abundant life He came to give us. Please participate in these!

Thanks to all who participated in this past weekend's Prayer Vigil. God listens to His children as we pray. I certainly look forward to His responses to our many prayers as we continue to pray and seek Him. Let's, also, join in prayer together this **Sunday, January 7, 6:00 p.m.**, in the sanctuary as we pray together about how God spoke to us through the Prayer Vigil.

- Please pray for our church as we make decisions during the next few months decisions concerning our affiliations, partnerships, missions giving, programming, etc.
- Please pray for each other.
- Please pray for the lost to come to know Jesus as personal Lord and Savior.
- Please pray that each of us and our entire church family to follow God's will in all things.

As we heard on Sunday, when the gift of Jesus was given to the world, the Wise Men took gifts to Him. Thinking of gifts, Christina Rossetti wrote:

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet, what I can I give Him: Give my heart.*

Richard Foster (Christian theologian, author, and pastor) said, "Giving with a glad and generous heart has a way of routing out the tough old miser within us. Even the poor need to know that they can give. Just the very act of letting go of money or some other treasure does something within us. That something destroys the demon of greed." What will you give the Lord this New Year?

Please join me in anticipation of a glorious Lord's Day this Sunday! And as always, please continue to pray, "Lord, awaken Your people and send a great revival!"



MEN'S MISSION BREAKFAST

January 6, 7:57 a.m.
Golden Corral - Taylorsville Rd.
All men are welcome.
Questions? Contact Neal Tingle.

Homebound Communion

You are invited to join our deacons in sharing the Lord's Supper with our homebound members on **Sunday, January 7, 4:30 p.m.** Please meet in the Conference Room for visitation assignments.

"CIRCLE OF HOPE"

Monday, January 8 - 2:00 p.m.
All widows are invited.
Questions? Contact Karen Love.



"YOUNG AT HEART"

Chili Lunch and Games
Thursday, January 11
11:30 a.m.

The cost is \$5 per person to be paid on the day of the event. Please sign up at the shelf in the Common Area.



PUZZLE EXCHANGE



Puzzle exchange is up and going. Martha Blansette will be in Room 411 (Christian Life Center) for approximately 20 minutes after church each Sunday morning for anyone who wants to come and pick up a puzzle, CD or DVD.



Tuesday, January 16
9:30 a.m.
Metro Diner

Youth Party @ Foam Warriorz

5622 Bardstown Road

January 19
(Grades 6-12)

6:40 p.m. - Parent Drop Off
6:45 p.m. - Pizza in Party Room
7:30 p.m. - Indoor Foam Game
9:00 p.m. - Parent Pick Up



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

resumes on
January 4, 2023, 6:00 p.m

We will begin the evening with a Dinner in the Christian Life Center. The dinner will be followed by a time of worship. Then we will break up into the following classes:



CelebrateRecovery

Substance Abuse (Men and Women)
Sexual Integrity (Men)
Codependency (Women)
Hurts and Hang-Ups (Men and Women)

Celebrate Recovery is not just a program to help with addiction. It is a biblically balanced approach to help bring sustainable recovery and healing to hurts. It guides people toward new healthy truths and life-giving habits while repairing broken relationships. The eight principles of Celebrate Recovery are based on the Beatitudes in Matthew 5. Questions? Contact Joseph Schult.



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GUATEMALA

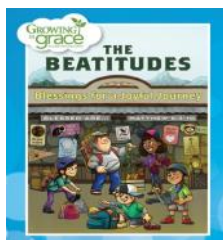
If you are interested in participating in a mission trip to Guatemala, **May 4-10, 2024**, please attend the organizational meet on **Tuesday, January 16, 6:30 p.m.** in the Sanctuary. (If you cannot attend this meeting, please contact Pastor Linda.) This trip will be taken in partnership with Baptist Medical and Dental Mission International. We will work under missionaries Mike and Sandra Little.

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. and the first Tuesday of the month 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?



CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

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



Music Friends
(ages 3 - K): Room 103
(must be 3 by August 1, 2023)
Marcie Wright, director

Young Musicians
(grades 1 - 5): Room 204
Karen Love, director

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- Jim Sallee and family at the death of his wife, Shirley Sallee.
- Judy and Walter Hughes at the death of Judy's stepdaughter, Kim Cotterell.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

12:00 p.m. 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Ends
Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

10:00 a.m. GROW (G2)
12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. Adult II Sunday School Party - CLC
6:30 p.m. Filipino Bible Study - CLC

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

10:30 a.m. Staff Christmas Party
6:30 p.m. Personnel Meeting - Conference Room
Evening Activities Canceled

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024

10:00 a.m. Women on Mission - Sewing Group
3:30 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

7:57 a.m. Men's Breakfast - Golden Corral
6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
3:00 p.m. Congolese Worship Service
4:30 p.m. Homebound Communion
4:45 p.m. CDC Meeting - Conference Room
6:00 p.m. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024

2:00 p.m. "Circle of Hope"
5:30 p.m. Gym Rental
7:00 p.m. GROW (G & R Teams)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. Gym Rental
6:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting-Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024

11:00 a.m. Academy Meeting - Conference Room
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
LIGHT & Choirs

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

11:30 a.m. "Young at Heart" - Chili & Games
3:30 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
3:00 p.m. Congolese Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Business Meeting

Thank you notes have been placed on the bulletin board from:

- † Betty Hobbs
- † BMDMI
- † Carolyn Simpson
- † Chuck & Heidi Sage
- † David & Susan Hudgins
- † Dorothy Curtis
- † Gene & Joanna Wright
- † George, Marie, & Jeremy Kemp
- † Jean Brookshire
- † Jim, Bonnie, & Becky Griffin
- † John & Kathy Fraley
- † Joy Warren
- † Karen Love
- † Mary Jo Faught
- † Ryan Kiekhoefer



RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF JANUARY 7

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Lesley Hass 836-9691

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Kevin Blansette 403-8173

NURSE ON CALL

Martha Blansette 533-9666

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Tiffany Keranen &
Jayla Grigsby

EXTENDED SESSION

Jeannie Kern &
Crissy Creech

NURSERY

Donna Grimes & TBA

TECH TEAM

Director – Jon Heinrich
Streamer – Jacob Heinrich
Sound – Sam Frizzell
AV – Lisa Payne

WEEK OF JANUARY 14

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Dr. Mary Kleber 262-8756

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Adam Jenkins 593-5007

NURSE ON CALL

Michele Crider 724-9627

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Joy Warren &
Dr. Mary Kleber

EXTENDED SESSION

Jeannie Kern &
Eleonor Ritchie

NURSERY

Donna Grimes & TBA

TECH TEAM

Director – Chris Towles
Streamer – Bruce Ritchie
Sound – Phil Shewmaker
AV – Sam Frizzell

DECEMBER 24, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Morning Worship - 150

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 10,991.00
Budget Received	\$ 6,156.11
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 186,847.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 158,840.06

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 181.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 4,951.89

Central America Missions	\$375	SON International	\$100
Sunrise	\$1783	Lottie Moon	\$175



**Living
In
God's
Holy
Truth**

*"For you were once in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of the light."
Ephesians 5:8*

We seek to provide an environment that supports Christian values. We agree to encourage behavior, both in ourselves and each other which represents Christian attitudes, resulting in the positive representation of Fern Creek Baptist Church, and meaningful Christian fellowship.

"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

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