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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

Please pray for the Nicaragua Mission Team as we travel soon to minister mainly to the children in the Emmanuel Home for Protection. We will fly to Managua, Nicaragua on January 23 and return to Louisville on January 29. The Emmanuel Home of Protection is a part of Baptist Medical and Dental Mission International and is located in the small town of Diriamba, Nicaragua, just thirty minutes south of the capital city of Managua. It is supervised by missionaries Karl and Beth Brassfield. The Emmanuel Home for Protection cares for girls mostly eighteen and under who have been subjected to abuse. Many of the girls still have families, but have been removed from their families because of the abuse they received. The goal of this ministry is to provide a secure and loving environment for these girls and to minister to them spiritually, emotionally, and physically with the love of Christ. Our team will be partnering with the Brassfields to do just that. Please pray for the team members: Kim and Rachel Been, Renee Bryant, Lyndsey Emert, Sam and Becky Frizzell, Linda Popham, Barbara Ruedel, Joy Stelly, and Ed and Betty Ward. (Jodie Towles will be our contact person while we are away.)

Alan Witham, a Consultant with the Kentucky Baptist Convention Church Consulting and Revitalization Team, will preach in my absence on the morning of January 24. Many of you know Alan as he has been our Church Revitalization Consultant. You will be blessed through his message that day.

I want to remind you that we have excellent Discipleship Training classes which were to begin last Sunday, but were delayed because of weather conditions. The classes will now begin on January 17. (See Winter Sunday Evening Classes.) Adults, my hope and prayer is that if you are not teaching a youth or children's class that you will be present in one of these studies. There is certainly a class for everyone. We also have excellent leaders. Jesus has called us to grow as His disciples. These classes are designed to help with that in several different areas.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2016

11:30 a.m. "Young at Heart" Luncheon
 4:30 p.m. CLC Reserved
 7:00 p.m. Nicaragua Team Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016

6:00 p.m. Open House for Eddie & Jackie Howell at the Popham's home
 7:00 p.m. CLC Reserved
 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016

8:00 a.m. Optical Training
 8:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast - Nicaragua Fundraiser

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016

Jeff St. #1
 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
 7:00 p.m. Youth Afterglow

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016

CDC Closed
 6:00 p.m. CLC Reserved
 7:00 p.m. GROW (O Teams)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016

9:30 a.m. Sisterhood
 2:30 p.m. Open Gym
 5:00 p.m. Culver's - Honduras Fundraiser
 6:00 p.m. CLC Reserved
 6:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:00 p.m. Vision Team Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016

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, JANUARY 21, 2016

4:30 p.m. CLC Reserved

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016

Nicaragua Mission Team Leaves

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 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, JANUARY 25, 2016

6:00 p.m. CLC Reserved
 7:00 p.m. GROW (W Teams)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016

2:30 p.m. Open Gym
 6:00 p.m. CLC Reserved

SUNDAY SCHOOL 135	MORNING WORSHIP 161	
JANUARY 3, 2016		
OUR STEWARDSHIP		
Weekly Budget Needs	\$	8,991.00
Budget Received	\$	10,838.01
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$	161,838.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$	163,686.90
Building Fund	\$	577.00

HOW TO FILL OUT YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPE

In September the *Bridging the Gap for God's Glory* loan became a line item in the church budget. Therefore, the money you have been giving to *Bridging the Gap* has been going into the church budget. Thank you for continuing to give and for adding your *Bridging the Gap* offering amount to your regular giving.

On your offering envelopes for 2016, you have seen a new designation: **Building Fund**. During the August business meeting, the church voted to create this fund to help with future projects as determined by the church. **This building fund will not be used to pay off the Bridging the Gap loan.**

WEEK OF JANUARY 17
DEACON OF THE WEEK
 Jim Sallee 239-7083
TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK
 Gary Kistner 419-5505
CHILDREN'S SERMON
 Renee Bryant
CHILDREN'S CHURCH
 Danny Hass and Pam Reid
EXTENDED SESSION
 Edith Briscoe, Suyapa McWhorter,
 Jana Kistner, and Judie Walker
SOUND TECHNICIAN
 Sunday - Scot Anderson
 Wednesday - Sam Frizzell
AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN
 Jeremy Roberts

WEEK OF JANUARY 24
DEACON OF THE WEEK
 Lesley Hass 231-3735
TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK
 Chad Popham 759-2013
CHILDREN'S SERMON
 Chris McWhorter
CHILDREN'S CHURCH
 Ernie and Dana Adams
EXTENDED SESSION
 Pat McDonald, Donna Grimes,
 Jamie Houston, and Roberta Anderson
SOUND TECHNICIAN
 Sunday - Steve Bruce
 Wednesday - Sam Frizzell
AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN
 Rachel Been



NICARAGUA TEAM MEETING

Please pray for our Nicaragua Mission Team which will serve at the Emmanuel Home of Protection, a ministry of BMDMI. The trip is **January 23-29, 2016**. Our next team meeting is **January 14, 7:00 p.m.** We will meet in Room 416 in the Christian Life Center.

YOU ARE INVITED

OPEN HOUSE FOR EDDIE AND JACKIE HOWELL

(They are moving to Michigan.)

Drop by anytime between **6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.** on **Friday, January 15.**

Appetizers will be served.

Home of George and Linda Popham, 9013 Artis Way, 40291



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

(all the pancakes you would like to eat)

Nicaragua Mission Trip Fundraiser

Saturday, January 16, 2016

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Fern Creek Baptist Church

Christian Life Center

Adults - \$5 - Children age eight and under - \$3

Children age five and under - Free

Thank you for helping those in Nicaragua to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ!
Questions? Call 239-0316.

Sisterhood

Tuesday, January 19 - 9:30 a.m.

Meet at Cracker Barrel

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)

YOUTH CLASSES

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

- **Youth Choir** (grades 6-12) – led by Greg Bruce (Choir Room 306) (Snack Supper – 5:45 p.m.)

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **Acteens** (girls, grades 6-12) – taught by Becky Frizzell, Teresa Kendall, and Suyapa McWhorter (Christian Life Center – Room 414)
- **Challengers** (boys, grades 6-12) – taught by Chris McWhorter and Kevin Blansette (Christian Life Center – Room 413)

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

The classrooms are located on the second floor of the Education Building.

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **Girls in Action** (girls, grades 1-5) – taught by Melissa Logsdon-Young, Pam Reid, Sandy Hall, and Davidetta Konneh (Room 204)
- **Royal Ambassadors** (boys, grades 1-5) – taught by Tyler Anderson and Jim Sallee (Room 206)

PRESCHOOL CLASSES

The classrooms are located on the first floor of the Education Building / CDC.

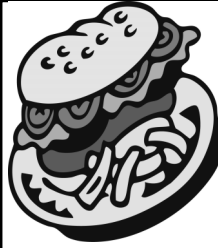
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **Mission Friends** (ages 2-5) – taught by Brenda Pennington and Amanda Fox (Room 107)

Childcare (led by Jeannie Kern and Carole Nagle) is provided for babies and toddlers who are accompanying adults attending the classes. (Room 111 – First Floor of Education Building – Child Development Center)

Please pray for members in the hospital/rehab as of January 9, 2016:

- Aggie Montfort - Suburban - room 412;
- Shelby Owens - Kosair Children's Hospital - room 406;
- Lorys Edwards - Palm City Nursing Home and Rehab Center;
- Al Thompson - Baptist Health - Room 614.



HONDURAS FUNDRAISER - CULVER'S

Stop in at Culver's of Louisville
(4630 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy.)

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 - 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

10% of all sales will be donated to the Fern Creek Baptist Church Honduras Mission Team in support of their Mission Trips.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Chris McWhorter - Minister of Youth and Children

As the once distant 2016 made its way to present, I was reminded of an illustration I want to share with you.

Every year thousands travel by cruise ships through the Inside Passage of Alaska stopping at the old gold rush town of Nome. For those fortunate enough to visit during the winter months, they are met by an amazing spectacle. Neither words, nor pictures, can truly describe the beauty that is seen. As the snow blankets everything that it touches, objects are transformed by the snow into pristine, timeless, captivating forms. Some even venture to say that it is "Heaven's touch on Earth!"

However, for those tourists who visit during the summer, they are met with a huge disappointment. What was once beautiful and near magical has been revealed for what it truly is. Due to the harsh winters, permafrost, and limited landfill area, litter is left in front of many houses. Wrecked cars and broken down snowmobiles sit and rust on grassless front yards. Abandoned appliances, outgrown toys, and assorted refuse contribute to the unsightly landscape until the winter snows blanket them again. The melted snow revealed what was hidden underneath.

Many of us are like this illustration. We tend to hide the hurt, disappointments, pain, the broken relationships, our inadequacies, frustrations, addictions, shortcomings, and failures under a façade. We walk into a room with great big smiles but hidden underneath the mask is something that's so much different. When the cover is removed, it reveals what is hidden underneath.

Luke 8:17 reads: *For everything that is hidden or secret will eventually be brought to light and made plain to all.*

Sounds scary, does it not? Man, we don't want the light to reveal what is hidden in our lives. We don't want certain parts of our lives to be exposed. What would people think? What would people think if they could see the real you, the part of you that is covered up? What would God think? Fear, worry, and anxiety are probably just a few of the emotions that would flood your mind. Thankfully, this passage is not talking about embarrassing us, or hurting us, or exposing us for who we really are. This passage was written, rather, to reveal something very important to us. This is something that was once hidden, but has been revealed to us. Jesus was talking to His disciples and others in parables, and many didn't understand what was being said. It wasn't until later that the disciples understood what Jesus was telling them.

Romans 16:26 – *But now as the prophets foretold and as the eternal God has commanded, this message is made known to all Gentiles everywhere, so that they might believe and obey Christ.*

What message was made known? Romans 10:8-11 *Salvation that comes from trusting Christ - which is the message we preach - is already within easy reach. In fact, the Scriptures say, "The message is close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart. For if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved. As the Scriptures tell us, Anyone who believes in him will not be disappointed."*

What was once secret was brought to light for us to understand. The truth isn't buried or mistaken for something it is not. It doesn't have to be covered up or hidden. The truth is for us to see and understand. Only Jesus Christ can change us and transform us into whom He destined us to be. What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun! (II Corinthians 5:17)

As the new year ticks on, how will this message impact you? Would you be willing to be transformed by the saving power of Jesus Christ? Make it a resolution this year to start out on the right foot and put Jesus Christ first in your life.

Our sympathy is extended to:

- Leonard and Linda Westmorland and family at the death of Leonard's sister, Roseanna Skaggs;
- Gary and Sandy Hall and family at the death of Gary's brother-in-law, Butch Chambers;
- Howard and Mary Jo Faught at the death of their sister-in-law, Gloria Mills (aunt of Terri Bosemer);
- Junie and Jackie Routt at the death of Junie's son, Darren Routt (brother of Tracy Estes; step-great nephew of Mary Berridge and Rosiland Morris);
- Ann Abney and family at the death of her husband, Rich Abney (father of Matt and Valerie Abney, brother of Diane Cox).



HONDURAS MISSION TRIP

July 23 – 30, 2016

If you are interested in joining us on our next Honduras Mission Trip, please meet in the sanctuary on **Thursday, January 21, 7:00 p.m.** This will be a traditional medical trip with the normal ministries that we lead.

Questions? Contact Linda Popham or Renee Bryant.

VALENTINE BANQUET FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Friday, February 12, 7:00 p.m.
Wildwood Country Club



Cost-\$50 per couple (includes meal, program, & photograph of couple). The evening will also include door prizes and surprises.

Guest Speakers - Terry and Sandy Wilder

Your money serves as your reservation. Checks should be written to Fern Creek Baptist Church. Reservations must be received in the church office by February 8. Also, let the church office know your choice of the entrée.

Free childcare will be provided at the church beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Menu: To be decided. Questions? Contact George or Linda Popham.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
CHILI / SOUP COOK-OFF**

Saturday, February 27, 2016

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Christian Life Center

Cake Auction begins at 6:00 p.m.

Silent Auction Tables

\$5 - youth & adults, \$3 for age 12 & under
(Dinner includes hotdogs, chips, and drinks.)

Proceeds go toward the July 23 – 30, 2016 Honduras Mission Trip.

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



REQUEST FROM THE TRUSTEES

There are many times during the winter season that we need people to help with shoveling snow off of sidewalks, etc. If you are willing to be a part of the Snow Removal Team, please call the church office (239-0316) or Jerry Walker, Trustee Chairperson (270-589-1510), or sign up at the foyer shelf in the Common Area. Thanks for your help!



CDC HAPPENINGS

Terri Bosemer - CDC Director

Now that the holiday break is over and the children and staff are well rested, we plan to push ahead to accomplish the educational goals we have set for our students. Our theme for the month of January is "Winter Wonderland". The children are introduced to the concept of seasonal cold, hibernation, and healthy living. To coincide with these concepts we do a "marshmallow snowball fight" in the gym. The children have so much fun running and throwing marshmallows at each other and the teachers. It is great exercise to emphasize healthy living.

To coincide with our hibernation unit, we will have pajama parties. So don't be alarmed if you see children and teachers wondering the church in their "jammies". The pajama parties will take place on January 28 and 29. We will be going on a bear hunt and hibernating while enjoying a special movie.

As you can see, January will be filled with lots of fun learning experiences for the children. Our goal at Fern Creek Baptist Child Development Center is to first teach the children about the love and grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST! Second, to make sure they have fun while learning!

Thank you notes have been placed on the bulletin board from: Karen Love, Friendship International, Joellen Johnston, and Joy Stelly.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



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| 2 - Linda Popham | 7 - Jane Adams | 21 - Courtney Callahan |
| 3 - Suyapa McWhorter | Don Carter | 22 - Cheryl Lucas |
| Andy Stewart | Erin Grimes | 23 - Shirley Decker |
| Tina Taylor | Pam Reid | Agnes Montfort |
| 4 - Ralph Beard | 8 - Terry Schult | 24 - Mary Lee Jeck |
| Guy Pigman | 11 - Jessica Couch | 25 - Jimmy Seraphine |
| Gordon Thompson | Matt Gilkison | 26 - Steve Renn |
| 5 - Richard Adams | Lyndsey Popham | 27 - Kari Haller |
| 6 - Deena Beard | 12 - Patricia Catman | Saundra Segrest |
| Dave Clem | Shayla Kelley | 29 - Barbara Eilers |
| Elizabeth Fox | 13 - Jodi Muhich | Jeremy Kemp |
| Taylor Hass | 14 - Tracy Bruce | |
| Sharon Peavler | Karen Houston | |
| | Jayda Hurt | |
| | 17 - Camera Squires | |
| | 18 - Brenda McDowell | |
| | Martha Middleton | |
| | 20 - Lori Sharp | |



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 pm GROW (G Teams)	2 10:00 am GROW (G Team) 2:30 pm Open Gym	3 4:30 pm Staff Meeting	4	5	6 10:00 am Women on Mission (AGAPE Group)
7 Guest Preacher Terry Wilder 7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting	8	9 2:30 pm Open Gym 6:30 pm Women on Mission Group II	10 6:30 pm Women's Support Group	11 11:30 am "Young at Heart" Potluck Luncheon	12 7:00 pm Couples Valentine Banquet	13 Children's Ministry Day
Focus on WMU						
14	15 7:00 pm GROW (O Teams)	16 9:30 am Sisterhood 2:30 pm Open Gym	17	18	19	20 Focus on WMU Our Hearts for Mission Tea - St. Matthews Baptist Church
21 Guest Speaker Linda Cooper Jeff St. #2	22 7:00 pm GROW (W Teams)	23 2:30 pm Open Gym	24	25	26 4:00 pm CLC Reserved	27 5:00 pm Honduras Fundraiser Chili-Soup Cook-Off
28 8:30 am Instrumental Ensemble	29 CDC Closed	February 2016				