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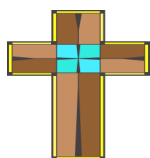
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**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**



Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

The Disciple

January 18, 2021

LINDA'S LINES

When Pharaoh had released the Israelites and when they had begun their march out of Egypt, they were filled with hope for the future. God's presence was with them through the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. Memories of God's faithfulness and deliverance were fresh on their minds. But how soon they forgot! Aren't we sometimes the same?

The Israelites' hope had turned to despair. Their faith collapsed as they looked up at Pharaoh's army coming after them. They cried out accusations and complaints to Moses.

Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today." Moses continued and said, "The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; be still." The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites to move on."

What a startling message. *Move on – Go forward!* "Forward" was into the sea. With the sea before them and Pharaoh's army behind them the Israelites thought they were stuck. There was no place to go. Maybe there have been those times in your life where you felt stuck. Devastation seemed to be before you and behind you, so you just didn't know which way to go.

Perhaps some of you feel stuck today...with the pandemic behind us and the pandemic ahead of us. When the pandemic started, most of us probably didn't think it would still be going on, but it is; however, we must not "get stuck". Whether you are stuck in problems, uncertainty, sin, trials, doubt, depression, despair, isolation, fear, or other difficulties, the Lord is with you! He will never leave you!

The Israelites were stuck – stuck between the sea and Pharaoh's army. They could not turn back. They could not go forward. But God was saying, "Move on!" How could they? Wouldn't they drown?

Yes, Fern Creek Baptist Church must move on. We must go forward. We must plunge ahead even with the "seas" before us. God has a glorious future for us. He wants to bless His church. He wants us to be obedient. He wants us to move on!

Moses was obedient. He did what God said and the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. The Israelites finished crossing the sea and Moses was commanded to stretch out his hand again. The wind stopped blowing; the sea waters rushed back into the dry land and swept over the Egyptian forces. The Lord saved Israel from the Egyptians. (Please read Exodus 14 to be reminded of this narrative.)

God will part the waters for FCBC when we fix our eyes on Jesus and follow Him into the future. Let's move into the future being the faithful and obedient church that God would have us be! And, continue to pray, "Lord, send a great revival!"

MUSIC NOTES

Steve Skaggs - Interim Minister of Music

MULTIPLE CHOICE

I know this is just what you've been watching the mail box for — a test in this edition of *The Disciple*. The good news, though, is that the test is multiple choice. So, if you do not know the answer, you can just give it your best guess!

Question #1: How are you staying in communion with your church family at Fern Creek Baptist as we begin a new year?

- I attend in-person gatherings while observing CDC safety guidelines and honoring the policies of the church.
- I attend morning worship on the church campus but participate by listening to the service from the safety of my car in the parking lot.
- I attend virtually—that is, I listen to and participate in worship services through internet resources.
- I am engaged with my church family in other significant ways.
- All of the above.
- None of the above.

The little “test” I offer is intended to be a fun way to get us to think about how we can participate in the worship and work of our church family during this time of pandemic. I believe Hebrews 10:19-39 contains appropriate words to guide us in considering this question. It is labeled in my New International Version of the Bible as “A Call to Persevere.” I hope you will take time to read the entire passage. Here are two of the more memorable verses (24 & 25) from that passage quoted from The Living Bible: “In response to all he [God] has done for us, let us outdo each other in being helpful and kind to each other and in doing good. Let us not neglect our church meetings, as some do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near.”

Like the people of God that the writer of Hebrews intended his letter for, we are living in uncertain times. We need to hear this “call to persevere.” The multiple choice answers I offer above nowhere near offer all of the ways you and I can stay engaged while “encouraging and warning each other” during this pandemic.

Join me in giving thanks for the technologies that allow us to stay connected. But more than being thankful, let us take advantage of every opportunity God is giving us.



With Deepest Sympathy Extended To:

Keith and Sharon Peavler at the death of Keith's aunt, Barbara Peavler; Dollie Dixon and family at the death of her sister-in-law, Shirley Ragan; Rocky and Teresa Hardymon at the death of Rocky's nephew; Earl and Shirley Cantrell at the death of their son-in-law, Felix Miller.



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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

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

Speaker - Jason “Bubba” Stewart,

Food provided by Cracker Barrel

Reservations are required.

(Call the Church Office at 239-0316.)

Questions? Contact Bud Purnell.



CIRCLE OF HOPE

(FOR WIDOWS OF ALL AGES/STAGES!)



We meet the first Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in room 415 of the Christian Life Center. This month we are collecting food/toiletries for the Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries, as well as sharing a time of updates and encouragement. All widows are invited! Questions, call Karen Love 502-314-1591.

FROM THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

We are trying to provide as many ways as possible for people to hear about FCBC and all of the wonderful ministries going on here. If you are on Facebook, we hope you will “like” our Facebook pages and become a regular follower. If you have any questions, please contact Warren Grumbley.

- Here is the link for our church page: <https://www.facebook.com/FCBCLouisville/>
- Also, here is the link to the CDC page: <https://www.facebook.com/fcbcdc777/>



Save the Date
Saturday, December 11, 2021
For the Wedding of
Kayla Beeler and Jacob Hass

<u>RESPONSIBILITIES</u>	
<p><u>WEEK OF JANUARY 24</u></p> <p><u>DEACON OF THE WEEK</u> Chris Towles 468-7369</p> <p><u>TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK</u> Kevin Blansette 403-8173</p> <p><u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u> No Children's Church</p> <p><u>EXTENDED SESSION</u> Donna Grimes & Jeannie Kern</p> <p><u>TECH TEAM</u> Director - Jon Heinrich Streamer - Jacob Heinrich Sound - Phil Shewmaker AV - Chris Towles P.M. - Lisa Payne Wednesday - Sam Frizzell</p>	<p><u>WEEK OF JANUARY 31</u></p> <p><u>DEACON OF THE WEEK</u> Michele Crider 724-9627</p> <p><u>TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK</u> Warren Grumbley 216-9981</p> <p><u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u> No Children's Church</p> <p><u>EXTENDED SESSION</u> Donna Grimes & Jeannie Kern</p> <p><u>TECH TEAM</u> Director - Alex Gibbs Streamer - Chris Towles Sound - Phil Shewmaker AV - Jamie Gibbs P.M. - Phil Shewmaker Wednesday - TBA</p>



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021**
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting - Canceled
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021**
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
7:30 p.m. Vocal Ensemble
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021**
10:00 a.m. WMU Sewing Group
4:00 p.m. CLC Reserved
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021**
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
- MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021**
7:00 p.m. GROW (All Teams)
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021**
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021**
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
7:30 p.m. Vocal Ensemble
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021**
4:00 p.m. CLC Reserved
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021**
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021**
2:00 p.m. "Circle of Hope"
4:00 p.m. CLC Reserved
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021**
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting



JANUARY 10, 2021	
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
MORNING WORSHIP - 64	
<u>OUR STEWARDSHIP</u>	
Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,731.00
Budget Received	\$ 8,474.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 184,889.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 191,006.20
<u>SUNRISE</u>	\$ 605.00
<u>LOTTIE MOON</u>	\$ 1097.50
<u>NICARAGUA</u>	\$ 50.00
<u>HONDURAS</u>	\$ 2.50
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	
Weekly Total	\$ 106.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 6,194.17



CDC HAPPENINGS
 Terri Bosemer - CDC Director
REGISTRATION 2020-2021

It's not too late to register for our Child Development Program!!! We again are offering two, three, and four-year-old classes. Please see 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 email terri@ferncreekbaptist.org or call 502-239-8952.



Thank You Notes have been placed on the bulletin board from:
 Joellen Johnston
 Shirley Hill

GROW

All teams will meet on
Monday, January 25, 7:00 p.m.
 GROW will meet in the
 GROW Room and other basement.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES
 IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB AS OF JANUARY 13, 2021**

- Leonard Westmorland – Signature Healthcare South – Room 108-B
- 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

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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. (The youth and children will continue to join the adults for Wednesday Worship on January 20 and 27.)
- Ensemble Rehearsal continues at **7:30 p.m.**

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School is scheduled to resume onsite on **February 7** 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** – Red Cross Blood Drive

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