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**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH**
*Reaching Up...
Reaching In...
Reaching Out...*

The Disciple

LINDA'S LINES

January 3, 2022

A beautiful Christmas story is that one-act opera called *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. The Wise Men were on the way to Bethlehem, and they came to the home of a poor woman who had a little boy named Amahl. Amahl was crippled; he could not walk without a crutch.

One evening their humdrum existence was interrupted by a loud knocking at their door, and his mother said to Amahl, "Go see who is at the door." Amahl went to the door, and he came back and said, "Momma, a king is there."

She lashed him with her tongue for exaggerating so much and sent him back to the door, and he came back the second time. He said, "There are two kings out there." He was in big trouble by then. So for a third time she sent him to the door, and he said, "Momma, there are three kings out there."

Eventually, the Wise Men came in. After much conversation Amahl's mother wished she had something to send with them, but she was very poor. Amahl, sensing what was happening all around him, had nothing at all to send but wanted to send something. He decided, "I will send my crutch." The one thing that was indispensable to him, he was going to give away. So he lifted up his crutch and gave it to the Wise Men.

He gave what he had; he gave it personally; he gave it completely. And then a miracle occurred. His mother noticed first that he could then walk. The giving away of the most valuable treasure that Amahl had was the thing that freed him from the need of having to use it.

Yes, a crippled boy was willing to give the most valuable thing he had – his crutch – as a gift to Christ. The story continues that as a result of his generous offer, he was healed. The message is so clear. It is in giving our most precious gifts that we find healing, love, and mercy.

What will you give Jesus this New Year?

- Are you returning your spiritual gifts to the One who gave them to you?
- Are you giving your time, talents, tithes, offerings, and resources for use in God's church?
- Are you giving love, mercy, and forgiveness to others?
- Have you given Him your heart - your life - your all - as the One who paid the price for your redemption?

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.*

We hope many more of you will make the commitment to be on a GROW Team this year. (GROW Teams meet on Mondays at 7:00 p.m., the first Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., and the first Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.) Please let me know this week or just show up for a team during the month of January.

Please join me in anticipation of a glorious Lord's Day this Sunday! And as always, continue to pray, "Lord, Send a Great Revival!"

MONDAY MESSAGES

Tune in on Mondays at 8:00 a.m. for a Monday Morning Devotional Message. You may access these messages by going to our website and clicking the red Worship Livestream button.



“YOUNG AT HEART”
Luncheon and Games
Thursday, January 13, 11:30 a.m.
Christian Life Center
Watch for more details.

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

- Joellen Johnston
- The family of Barbara Dean
- Linda Simpson



Tuesday, January 18
9:30 a.m.
Fern Creek Cracker Barrel



“CIRCLE OF HOPE”

Monday, January 10, 2:00 p.m.
Christian Life Center
All widows are invited.
Questions? Contact Karen Love.

BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, January 9
7:00 p.m.

Please join us as we conduct the business of God’s church.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDIES

The focus of this season’s International Mission Study is Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic. Though the city is nicknamed the City of a Hundred Spires, less than 10% of its residents enter a church even once a month. We hope you will participate in these studies:

The study for preschoolers and children will be on **Sunday, January 9, 6:00 p.m.**

The study for youth and adults will be on **Wednesday, January 12, 6:30 p.m.**



Join us as we learn more about what God is doing globally through international missions.

DEACONS’ MEETING

Sunday, January 16
7:00 p. m.

DECEMBER 26, 2021



ATTENDANCE
MORNING WORSHIP
70

OUR STEWARDSHIP

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| Weekly Budget Needs | \$ 9,968.00 |
| Budget Received | \$ 28,957.00 |
| Year-to-Date Budget Needs | \$ 169,456.00 |
| Year-to-Date Budget Received | \$ 159,051.89 |

BUILDING FUND

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| Weekly Total | \$ 182.50 |
| Year-to-Date Balance | \$ 5,228.30 |
| Lottie Moon | \$ 1,360.00 |
| Honduras | \$ 4 0.00 |
| SON | \$ 130.00 |

DONATIONS FOR CHILDREN OF THE SOIL



Children of the Soil International, a ministry founded by our own Bill Montgomery and others, is mainly reaching out to help the children of Liberia. To learn more about this ministry, please visit their website at www.chotsinternational.com. We are currently collecting the following items for them to send to Liberia: textbooks, notebooks, pencils, crayons, and other school supplies. Please put these in the bin labeled School Supplies for Liberia; the bin is located between the Christian Life Center and the Common Area.

JANUARY

PENCILS / PENCIL CASES / PENS



In an effort to plan for the next school supply giveaway, we are collecting pencils, pencil cases, and pens during the month of January. Please place them in the bin in the collection area between the CLC and the Common Area.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

- CDC Closed
6:30 p.m. Gym Rented
7:00 p.m. GROW (G Team)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022

- 10:00 a.m. GROW (G2 Team)
6:30 p.m. Gym Rented

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022

- 1:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting
All Evening Activities Canceled

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022

- 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission (Sewing Group)
6:30 p.m. Gym Rented

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
6:00 p.m. International Mission Study for Preschoolers and Children
Prayer Service for Adults and Youth
7:00 p.m. Business Meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022

- 2:00 p.m. "Circle of Hope"
6:30 p.m. Gym Rented
7:00 p.m. GROW (R Team)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022

- 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting
6:30 p.m. Gym Rented

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022

- 6:30 p.m. International Mission Study for Youth and Adults
Children's Choirs
LIGHT (Grades 6-12)
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022

- 11:30 a.m. "Young at Heart" (CLC)
6:30 p.m. Gym Rented

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022

- 8:00 a.m. Optical Training (GROW Room)
10:00 a.m. "Gospel to Every Home" Visits

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

- 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, Youth on Mission
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022

- CDC Closed
6:30 p.m. Gym Rented
7:00 p.m. GROW (O Team)

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:



- Phyllis Taylor and family at the death of her husband, Leon Taylor (brother of Lillian Crume);
- Tonya Grigsby and family at the death of her mother, Geraldine Grigsby (grandmother of Jayla and Josh Grigsby);
- Ann Abney and Diane and Alan Cox at the death of their sister-in-law, Sharon Abney.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES
IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB AS OF DECEMBER 30:**

Al Thompson - Jefferson Place - Room 111

GOSPEL TO EVERY HOME

Mark your calendars now as we go out into our community and share the good news of the gospel. We need your help! Please meet in the Christian Life Center the following times and get with a team of folks who will guide you in this endeavor.

Saturday, January 15, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 26, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

There are so many people eager to hear the gospel? Will you help?



GROW

Meet in the GROW Room

Monday, January 3, 7:00 p.m. (G Team)
Tuesday, January 4, 10:00 a.m. (G2 Team)

Join us as we reach out to our community with the good news of Jesus Christ.

RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF JANUARY 9

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Nancy Shewmaker 296-2341

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Phil Lucas 413-1731

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Joy Warren & TBA

EXTENDED SESSION

Donna Grimes & Jeannie Kern

TECH TEAM

Director – Jon Heinrich
Streamer – Jacob Heinrich
Sound – Phil Shewmaker
AV – Chris Towles

EVENING SERVICES

Sunday - Sam Frizzell
Wednesday - Lisa Payne

WEEK OF JANUARY 16

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Phil Shewmaker 558-1003

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Gary Kistner 419-5505

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