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

The Disciple

June 18, 2023

LINDA'S LINES

Since many of you did not have access to listening to the proceedings of the SBC, see the next paragraphs of words of my appeal: (I was "cut off" and was not able to share the last two paragraphs.):

Fern Creek Baptist Church was birthed as a Southern Baptist Church on October 24, 1954, nearly 70 years ago. FCBC is a very conservative, evangelical, mission-minded, Great Commission church like many of you. We know that Jesus is the only way to the Father. We believe that the Bible is God's perfect Word. We, also, believe that the Spirit gives illumination to our minds; therefore, we don't all interpret every passage the same. We believe that the Bible allows women to serve in ways in which all of you do not agree. That's ok. But, we should still be able to partner together as the prophet said by enlarging the place of our tent and lengthening our cords.

I have been a Southern Baptist my entire life – giving my life to Jesus as an eight-year-old child in my home church of York Terrace Baptist in Sheffield, Alabama where I was taught to love Jesus, follow Jesus wherever He might lead, to share the gospel, and to be a student of His Word. I have served for over 51 consecutive years on the staff of Southern Baptist churches beginning at age 16. I have served FCBC for over 40 years, the last 33 as first Interim Pastor and then Pastor. So, why now?

We are not here to seek to convince any of you to call women as pastors of your churches. We disagree with some of you and your faith practices – especially extreme Calvinists and those who closed their churches during Covid. But, FCBC doesn't want to kick you out of the family. Our desire has been to partner with you in proclaiming Jesus Christ to the world.

The Southern Baptists who mentored me were "all about Jesus" and upheld the tenets of the priesthood of the believers and the autonomy of the local church. They viewed the Baptist Faith and Message as a confession, not a creed. FCBC affirms the 1963 BFM and the Bible is our sole authority. We have a faith and practice which identifies more closely with the BFM than many other SBC churches. I, personally, am more conservative than most Baptist pastors I know.

Satan loves dividing us. He is tearing this convention apart. He loves all those deeds done in darkness. He loves seeing religious leaders sitting on protected and padded pontifical thrones, being consumed by tradition, opinions, power, and non-salvific issues. There are millions of people groping in darkness, needing to know the good news of Jesus Christ, while some are working in the shadows, seeking political power, covering up sexual offenses, and diverting attention away from what they are doing by trying to silence the voices of faithful churches – and even doing it through unbiblical methods. And I sadly quote words from Jesus Himself as spoke to the religious leaders, "*Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You have neglected the more important matters.*" This convention must get back to the more important matters.

Hypocrisy is rampant among us. A couple of years ago, when contacted by the Credentials Committee for the first time, they deemed us in friendly cooperation with the SBC. But, their spokesperson who made the call to me told me not to tell anyone. But today the whole convention needs to hear the truth. What changed in SBC politics in the last few years? What is going on? Who "pulls the strings" now?

Jesus said, "*By this shall all people know that you are my disciples, by the love that you show to one another.*" They'll know we are Christians by our love. Think of all the people who would come to know Jesus Christ if all Southern Baptists showed love to one another! Let's love one another! Let's love like Jesus! And, in love, let's take the gospel – together – to the ends of the earth!

THE FRIENDS GOSPEL QUARTET IN CONCERT

Sunday, June 25, 6:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary



The Friends Quartet will bring the uplifting sounds of Southern Gospel music to Fern Creek Baptist Church. Greg Altman, Eddie Black, Jim Durham, Junior Gardner, Steve Skaggs, and Charlie Witty, longtime friends from central Kentucky, bring a combined 400 years and more of gospel singing experience with them! Join us for this inspirational concert with church family and friends.



JUNE SCHOOL SUPPLIES SCISSORS AND RULERS

In order to plan for the next school supply giveaway, we are collecting scissors and rulers during the month of June. Please place the supplies in the bin in the collection area between the CLC and the Common Area.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Theme - "Fidgets of Faith"

June 14 – August 9

6:30 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.



WEEK OF JUNE 25

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Sam Frizzell 645-7792

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Kevin Blansette 403-8173

NURSE ON CALL

Dr. Mary Kleber 262-8756

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jayla Grigsby & Tiffany Keranen

EXTENDED SESSION

Marilyn Calvert & Jeannie Kern

NURSERY

Donna Grimes & TBA

TECH TEAM

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

EVENING SERVICES

Sunday - Same as AM Service
Wednesday - Sam Frizzell

WEEK OF JULY 2

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Danny Hass 836-9735

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Adam Jenkins 593-5007

NURSE ON CALL

Shirley Powers 551-6786

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Joy Warren & Dr. Mary Kleber

EXTENDED SESSION

Jayla Grigsby & Tiffany Keranen

NURSERY

Donna Grimes & TBA

TECH TEAM

Director – Jon Heinrich
Streamer – Jacob Heinrich
Sound – Phil Shewmaker
AV – Lisa Payne

EVENING SERVICES

Sunday - No Service
Wednesday - Lisa Payne

YARD WORK TEAMS

Team Three (Shannon Fisher's Team)

is in charge of the yard work: June 22-24.

Team Four (Kevin Blansette's Team)

is in charge of the yard work: June 29-July 1.

Team Five (Adam Jenkins' Team)

is in charge of the yard work: July 6-8.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER FALL REGISTRATION 2023-2024

Registration for the fall is open. We will again offer two, three, and four-year-old classes on the same days and times as this year. It is important to reserve your child's spot for the upcoming year. Enrollment forms are available on the church website or let me know if you need one. Please make sure to fill it out (front and back) and return to the office. Each application must include a \$100 non-refundable reservation fee (check or money order) for the application to be processed. No reservation will be made before the fee has been received. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact terri@ferncreekbaptist.org.

CROSSINGS YOUTH CAMP AT CEDARMORE

Please pray for our youth and chaperones who are at Crossings Camp until Tuesday. Pray for the Spirit's working in the hearts of all!

JULY SECOND MORNING WORSHIP

During the morning worship service on **July 2**, we will dedicate a portion of the service to thank those who have served in the armed forces. If you would like to submit a photo (in uniform if possible) of family members who are currently serving or have served in the U.S. military, please put the picture(s) in an envelope with your name and the name of the person pictured, along with his/her branch and dates of service, and email or give to Tiffany Keranen (tiffany@ferncreekbaptist.org) no later than **June 22**. If you submitted a photo during a previous year, we still have it and will be using that one.

PATRIOTIC PICNIC

Please mark your calendars for the Patriotic Picnic which will follow the Patriotic Worship Service on July 2. Michelle Rhea will again cater our meal.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. GROW (O Team)

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023

9:00 a.m. Terrific Tuesday
Preschool Summer Fun
9:30 a.m. Sisterhood

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
Wonderful Wednesday
LIGHT for Youth
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023

9:00 a.m. Preschool Summer Fun
11:30 a.m. "Young at Heart" Luncheon

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2023

6:30 p.m. Youth Game Night

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023

1:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Rob Streander
6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
3:00 p.m. Congolese Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Friends Quartet in Concert

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. GROW (W Team)

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023

9:00 a.m. Terrific Tuesday
Teen Tuesday
Preschool Summer Fun

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
Wonderful Wednesday
LIGHT for Youth
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023

9:00 p.m. Preschool Summer Fun
3:30 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2023

12:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023

6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Patriotic Picnic
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
3:00 p.m. Congolese Worship Service

MONDAY, JULY 3, 2023

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. GROW (G Team)



"YOUNG AT HEART"

Thursday, June 22, 11:30 a.m.
Meet for lunch at
Mark's Feed Store.

PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES

- Bob and Nancy Calebs – Franciscan Health Care Center – Room 308
- Leon and Gloria Walden (Jon Heinrich's parents) – StoryPoint – Room 35

"CIRCLE OF HOPE"

Monday, July 10 - 2:00 p.m.
All widows are invited.
Questions? Contact Karen Love.



FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Fern Creek Baptist Church is seeking the following: **Part-time and/or full-time Ministerial Staff in the following areas: Music, Youth, Children, or Education.** According to the applicant's gifts and skills, two of these areas could be combined for a **full-time position.** Applicants must exemplify a growing relationship with God, spiritual maturity, responsible authority, fervent evangelism, sound theology, and effective communication skills with all age groups. Applicants should have experience and education in ministry. Anyone seeking the music position must be an excellent musician, worship leader, and educator. Please resumes to: Fern Creek Baptist Church, Attention: Personnel Committee, 5920 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY 40291, or email to linda@ferncreekbaptist.org. Resumes will be received through **July 31.** Questions? Call 239-0316 ext. 103 (Linda Barnes Popham, Pastor).

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER STAFF OPENINGS

The Fern Creek Baptist Child Development Center is seeking the following:

- Dedicated and dependable teachers for the 2023-24 school year. The position requires experience or education in the field of Early Childhood Development. Most importantly, the position requires a passion for Christ and children. An applicant must be an active church member at a Bible based church.
- A part-time Administrative Assistant. The position is approximately 15 hours a week. An applicant must be a spiritually mature Christian and active church member and must have several years of administrative experience with strong computer skills. The applicant should be proficient in Word, Publisher, and Excel.

Interested persons for these positions should submit resumes to Terri Bosemer, terri@ferncreekbaptist.org. Questions? Call Terri at 239-8952 ext. 109.

JUNE 11, 2023



OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 10,649.00
Budget Received	\$ 6,173.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 424,351.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 376,794.54

BUILDING FUND

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	Weekly Total	\$ 201.00
Sunday School - 91	Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 14,708.17
Morning Worship - 123	Fred Tucker	\$ 390.00



Kendall Vision Ministry, Inc. Announcing a Free Glasses Clinic



A free Glasses clinic will be provided from 9AM until 4:30PM (later if needed) on July 21st, 2023 at Fern Creek Baptist Church. The sole service provided will be fitting the patients eyes with glasses out of an inventory of nearly 4500 pairs in an effort to improve their vision. An optical professional will be available.



Measure their eyes



Find the right pair



out of 4500 pairs



Fit the glasses



← And watch for the smiles →

To sign up: Talk to your local Social service agency.

Clinic Location:

Fern Creek Baptist Church.

5920 Bardstown Road, Fern Creek, Ky 40291

Or just show up.

6-5-2023

For further information: Call: 502-640-2227

Or E-Mail: hollandkendall@kendaloptoministry.org

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