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**FERN CREEK  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

*Reaching Up...*

*Reaching In...*

*Reaching Out...*

# The Disciple

**March 13, 2023**

## LINDA'S LINES

Please make the upcoming Holy Week Services a priority in your lives. How meaningful it is to journey with Jesus from the darkness of that week to the glory of dawn's new light on Easter Sunday! Please join us! Thanks, also, to those who are writing devotionals for this year's Holy Week Devotional Book.

I am so proud of our church for keeping our eyes on Jesus during a challenging time in dealing with the leadership of the Southern Baptist Convention. As you know from the "Town Hall" Meeting and our Business Meetings we will appeal their decision to disfellowship us. The deacons and I feel that we need to do so for several reasons:

- Southern Baptist Churches have historically held to the principles of the autonomy of the local church and the priesthood of the believers
- The young girls in SBC churches need to know that they can follow God's leading in their lives.
- We are very invested in supporting and praying for the missionaries in our convention who have nothing to do with the decision of these SBC leaders.
- As you gather in Business Meetings these reasons and others will be further explained.

Our church has received an overwhelming pouring out of love, support, and prayers from countless people, many of whom we do not even know. Continue to pray about the many decisions that our church will make in the near future.

On a similar note, as I am writing this article on Thursday evening, I just received an email from the Credentials Committee of the Kentucky Baptist Convention with a request to meet with the leadership of our church. It appears that the KBC leaders will attempt to do the same thing as the SBC leaders. We will keep you posted on these matters.

Will you join our deacons on **Sunday, March 19**, as we visit each of our homebound members and share the Lord's Supper with them? We have more homebound members than we have deacons; therefore, we need lots of help. Please meet us in the conference room at **4:45 p.m.** to divide into teams to visit these precious people among us. We hope that many of you will join us. They are very appreciative of visits!

Our Youth will be going to Crossings Camp at Cedarmore in Bagdad, Kentucky, this summer, **June 16 – 20**. The camp pastor will be John Nix from Memphis, Tennessee. The details will be sent to our youth soon. If you are interested in chaperoning our youth at camp, please contact me soon.

The "Young at Heart" trip to Ohio Amish Country will be **May 8-12**. We will know the itinerary and cost soon. Please mark your calendars for a great trip!

It's not too early to be thinking and praying about Vacation Bible School which will be held June 5-9. Please let us know soon how you would like to help this year! Our first meeting for workers will be **March 30, 6:30 p.m.**

Renee Bryant and I will lead a team to Guatemala in **September 2023** (probably the last week) to work with BMDMI missionaries, Mike and Sandra Little. The Littles spoke at our church this past fall. They are looking forward to us partnering with them. Watch for more details soon.

Please continue to pray for God's kingdom to come on earth! **Continue to pray, "Lord, awaken Your people and send a great revival!"**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



### **TORCHBEARERS: TAKING THE GOSPEL GLOBAL**

This year's Vacation Bible School is scheduled for **June 5-9, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Our first meeting will be **Thursday, March 30, 6:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Please sign up today to work by handing in the VBS form in today's bulletin.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**March 14 – April 18**

**Tuesday Nights, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

*"The Lies I Believed that Led to My Fall"*

Led by Rev. Patrick Garcia

Christian Life Center – Room 416

Join us and bring other men with you!



## EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday, April 1, 1:00 p.m.**

All children through 5th grade are invited!



We need hundreds of allergy friendly, individually wrapped (non-chocolate) candy filled eggs! Please place your donations in the collection bin area between the CLC & the Common Area by **Wednesday, March 29.**

We need MANY youth & adults to help with hiding eggs and leading the pre-hunt activities! Please sign up on the sheet in the common area. Any questions, please see Lisa Payne.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

### WEEK OF MARCH 19

#### DEACON OF THE WEEK

Phil Shewmaker 558-1003

#### TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Kevin Blansette 403-8173

#### NURSE ON CALL

Michele Crider 724-9627

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Joy Warren & Amber Barger

#### EXTENDED SESSION

Jeannie Kern & Marilyn Calvert

#### NURSERY

Donna Grimes & TBA

#### TECH TEAM

Director – Jon Heinrich  
Streamer – Bruce Ritchie  
Sound – Phil Shewmaker  
AV – Sam Frizzell

#### EVENING SERVICES

Sunday - Phil Shewmaker  
Wednesday - Lisa Payne

### WEEK OF MARCH 26

#### DEACON OF THE WEEK

Carolyn Simpson 558-8065

#### TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Adam Jenkins 593-5007

#### NURSE ON CALL

Lesley Hass 836-9691

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Joy Warren & Valerie Montgomery

#### EXTENDED SESSION

Jeannie Kern & Sharon Thompson

#### NURSERY

Donna Grimes & TBA

#### TECH TEAM

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

#### EVENING SERVICES

Sunday - Lisa Payne  
Wednesday - Sam Frizzell

## SPRING WORK DAY

**Saturday, March 18, 9:00 a.m.**

Join us as we work on the grounds and in the building of our church facility. Please meet in the Christian Life Center for job assignments:

- Yard work, inside and outside repairs, etc.: See Kevin Blansette, Trustee Chairperson
- Cleaning: See Sherese Caldwell or Cassie Schitter, Directors of Facilities
- Organizing rooms and cabinets: See Linda Popham.

We have jobs available for all! Let's keep God's House and Yard looking good!! A sandwich lunch will be provided.



## LIGHT Grades 6-12

Bring a friend and join us for Bible study and recreation each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Center.

## RECYCLE YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKS

If you have old Sunday School books that you would like to donate, please put them in the bin in the collection area marked "Used Sunday School Books". The books will be put to good use by Gospel Lights Mission. Questions? Contact Joy Warren.

## HOMEBOUND LORD'S SUPPER

**March 19, 4:45 p.m.**

Will you help our deacons as they visit our homebound members and share in the Lord's Supper with them? Please meet in the conference room for assignments.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**"Young at Heart" Events**

- April 27 – Hodgenville, Kentucky
- May 8-12 – Trip to Ohio Amish Country



*Sisterhood*

**Tuesday, March 21  
9:30 a.m.  
IHOP (Hurstbourne)**

**"CIRCLE OF HOPE"  
Afternoon Tea at Karen's House  
Monday, March 13  
2:00 p.m.**

All widows are invited.  
Questions? Contact Karen Love.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023

- 2:00 p.m. "Circle of Hope"  
7:00 p.m. GROW (R Teams)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023

- 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - CLC

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023

- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship  
Children's Choirs, LIGHT for Youth  
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023

- 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission (Sewing Team)  
2:30 p.m. CLC Reserved - Girl Scouts  
3:30 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry

### SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023

- 9:00 a.m. Church-Wide Work Day  
6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

### SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

- 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  
4:45 p.m. Homebound Communion  
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir  
6:00 p.m. Adult Discipleship Training  
Mission Friends, GAs, RAs,  
Acteens, Challengers

### MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023

- 7:00 p.m. GROW (O Team)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023

- 9:30 a.m. Sisterhood - IHOP (Hurstbourne Lane)  
12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - CLC

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023

- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship  
Children's Choirs, LIGHT for Youth  
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023

- 3:30 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry

### SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023

- 11:30 a.m. Ladies Tea - West Broadway Baptist  
6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

### SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 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  
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir  
6:00 p.m. Adult Discipleship Training  
Mission Friends, GAs, RAs,  
Acteens, Challengers

### MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023

- 7:00 p.m. GROW (W Teams)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023

- 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting - canceled  
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study - CLC



## HOLY WEEK

We hope you will join us for these Holy Week Services. Watch for more details.

- April 2, 10:45 a.m. – Palm Sunday Service
- April 2, 7:00 p.m. – Lenten Reflections
- April 6, 7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service (led by our Youth Choir and Deacons)
- April 7, 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Tenebrae Service (led by our Adult Choir)
- April 9, 10:45 a.m. – Easter Service

## READ THE NEW TESTAMENT TOGETHER

Will you join your church family in reading through the New Testament during the next few months? The reading plan began on Epiphany (January 6) and continues through the day before Holy Week (April 1). You may get a copy of the reading schedule at either Welcome Center or we can email it to you. We will have a great time discussing God's Word as we are reading "the same page". Please join us!!



### Music Friends

(ages 3 - K): Room 103  
(must be 3 by August 1, 2022)  
Linda Barnes Popham, director

**CHILDREN'S CHOIRS**  
Wednesday Evenings  
6:30 - 7:20 p.m.

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

For more information contact Karen Love or Linda Popham.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB AS OF MARCH 9:

- Bud Purnell – Glen Ridge – Room 102
- Bob Calebs – Franciscan Health Care Center – Room 114
- John Fraley - Nazareth (Newburg Rd.) - Room 285
- Nancy Calebs – Franciscan Health Care Center – Room 115
- Leon and Gloria Walden (Jon Heinrich's parents) – StoryPoint (Middletown) – Room 35

Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries  
is in great need of the following:

macaroni & cheese      crackers      pasta sauce      cereal  
canned beans (any kind)      Ravioli      toiletries

Please place your donations in the collection bin  
between the CLC and the Common Area.

## MARCH 5, 2023



### OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 10,649.00
Budget Received	\$ 14,896.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 275,265.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 263,262.48

### BUILDING FUND

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Weekly Total		\$ 96.00
Sunday School - 95	Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 12,449.67
Morning Worship - 136	Annie Armstrong	\$ 125.00

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### MARCH - MARKERS & CRAYONS

In order to plan for the next school supply giveaway, we are collecting markers and crayons during the month of March. Please place them in the bin in the collection area between the CLC and the Common Area.



### **SUNDAY EVENINGS: SPRING SESSION** March 5 – May 7, 2023



#### ADULT CLASS

**6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

- **“Relevant Topics for FCBC”** (Sanctuary)  
Facilitated by various people.

#### YOUTH CLASSES

**5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

- **Youth Choir** – led by Linda Popham and Karen Love (Room 306 – Choir Room) / Snacks at 5:45 p.m.
- **Acteens / Challengers** (grades 6-12) – taught by Jodie Towles and Nancy Shewmaker – Room 414)

#### 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 / Royal Ambassadors** (girls and boys, grades 1-5) – taught by Melissa Logsdon-Young and Sam Frizzell (Room 204)

#### 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 Renee Bryant, Norma Routt, and Amber Barger (Room 101)

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

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