

Fern Creek Baptist Church

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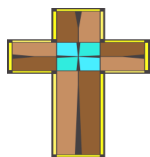
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FERN CREEK
BAPTIST
CHURCH



Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

The Disciple

March 17, 2020

LINDA'S LINES

Many in our world are panicking over COVID-19 (Coronavirus). It is wise to be cautious; however, it is unwise to panic. We serve a great God. He is able to carry us through this crisis that our whole world is facing. Your church leaders are committed to sharing the gospel and worshipping our Holy God; therefore, worship and Bible study opportunities will continue as usual. We do urge you to take the following steps to ensure that we are careful to not spread illnesses of any kind while we are gathered here:

- Refrain from handshakes and hugs during this season.
- Stay at home if you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Put your used tissue in a waste basket. If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands.
- Respect "the space" of others.
- Wash your hands often.
- Use hand sanitizer that you will find located in various areas of the building.

If you are unable to join us or feel that it is in your best health interests to avoid crowds, please remember that you can listen to the sermons by going to our website. You may give your offerings online from the website, as well. Above all, keep your

focus on Jesus! And hold on to the words of Psalm 46:1 – "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

The journey through the book of James has certainly been challenging. James clearly tells us how to live out our faith in Jesus Christ. He tells us how Christians are to act. Please continue reading, studying, and meditating on these words. The last of the sermons from James will be:

- March 22 – James 5:7-12 – "Are You Patient in Suffering?"
- March 29 – James 5:13-20 – "How is Your Prayer Life?"

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 16, 6:30 p.m., as several of the churches in our area gather to pray for revival and spiritual awakening. We will meet in the auditorium of Fern Creek High School. More details are forthcoming.

Please join me in anticipation of a glorious Lord's Day this Sunday! Come and study God's Word with your Sunday School class and join your church family in the corporate worship of God this Sunday morning. And, join us on Sunday evening as we seek to grow as His disciples! And as always, continue to pray, "Lord, Send a Great Revival!"



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 11, 11:00 a.m.

This event is for all children, preschool through 5th grade. We will have crafts, present the Easter Story, and hunt for candy-filled Easter eggs.

Bring your basket and come join the fun!

****(All children must have adult supervision.)****



SUNDAY SCHOOL
125
MORNING WORSHIP
135

MARCH 8, 2020

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,728.00
Budget Received	\$ 8,577.50
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 272,384.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 264,459.35
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	
Weekly Total	\$ 117.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 4,435.19

Annie Armstrong \$300.00

Abounding in the *Freedom of Giving* Rather than in the Obligation of Giving (Part Three)

If you have ever planted any seeds, you know if you only plant a few, you will not get bushels full of produce at harvest time. Paul in his second letter to people of the church at Corinth asked them to give generously.

Scripture: II Corinthians 4:6 says, *“Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”* NIV (New International Version)

Prayer: Great God who gives me the miraculous gift of life, I pray that you will put a desire in my heart to give generously to my church. Give me the courage to trust you to help me meet the needs of my family but also my church. I want to give so my church has the resources to plant seeds of ministry and reap a great harvest of souls for your kingdom.

Challenge: Make a promise to yourself and to God that you will regularly give something to our church out of your paycheck.



STEWARDSHIP

WEEK OF MARCH 22
DEACON OF THE WEEK

Becky Frizzell 876-1563

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Alex Gibbs 270-847-8227

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Dana Adams and Norma Routt

EXTENDED SESSION

Martha Falkner, Linda Westmorland, Mandy Jones, and Jeannie Kern

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Ben Hale

Wednesday - Lisa Payne

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Tyler Gregory

YOUTH SNACK SUPPER

Linda Barnes Popham

WEEK OF MARCH 29
DEACON OF THE WEEK

Sam Frizzell 645-7792

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Chad Popham 759-2013

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Renee Bryant and Brenda Pennington

EXTENDED SESSION

Mary Kleber, Jeannie Kern,

Joy Warren, and Geraldine Grigsby

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Phil Shewmaker

Wednesday - Sam Frizzell

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Jayla Grigsby

YOUTH SNACK SUPPER

Susan Hudgins

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020

- 9:00 a.m. Sisterhood
- 2:30 p.m. Open Gym Training
- 6:30 p.m. Honduras Team Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020

- 5:30 p.m. Church Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
Children’s Choirs
L.I.G.H.T. for Youth
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020

- 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission /
Sewing Group
- 6:00 p.m. Diabetes Support Group

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020

- 8:30 a.m. Instrumental Ensemble
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- 1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
- 4:00 p.m. Handbell Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Children’s Sign Language
Class
Discipleship Training
Classes
- 6:00 p.m. Mission Friends
Girls in Action
Royal Ambassadors
Acteens & Challengers
Adult Sign Language Class
Discipleship Training
Classes

- 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020

- 2:30 p.m. Open Gym

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2020

- 5:30 p.m. Church Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
Children’s Choirs
L.I.G.H.T. for Youth
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020

- 7:00 p.m. VBS Meeting

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020

- 9:00 a.m. Work Day
- 4:30 p.m. Gospel Lights Missions
Fundraiser



Sunday Mornings - 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAYSCHOOL
Growing Together In Christ

Classes for all ages!

Please pray for members / attendees in the hospital / rehab as of March 13, 2020:



- Margaret Ann Durham – Glen Ridge – Room 110

With Deepest Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to:

- Glenda Barton at the death of her cousin, Kenneth Meredith;
- Laura Been and family at the death of her nephew, Gordon Lee Hamlin (cousin of Scott and Jeff Been);
- The family of Clara Arnold at her death;
- Deborah Lawrence, Joy Warren, and family at the death of their cousin, Charlie Walls;
- Lyndsey Popham and family at the death of her grandfather, Frank Gentry (great-grandfather of Jaxon and Stella Popham);
- Leonard and Linda Westmorland and family at the death of Leonard's brother, Jackie Westmorland.

HONDURAS TRIP

Pastor Linda's brother, Dr. Marty Barnes, will be leading a Mission Trip to Honduras this year, **July 25 – August 1, 2020**. This will be a small team that will travel to remote villages from our "home base" of La Esperanza. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Linda as soon as possible. We will have a team meeting on **Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 p.m.**



Children's Choirs



Wednesday Evenings - 6:30 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.

For more information contact
Kristin Jones, 239-0316, ext. 116.

Music Tots

Two & Three Year Olds
(must be two by 8/01/19)
Room 103

Music Friends

Four & Five Year Olds
(must be four by 8/01/19)
Room 101

Music Makers / Young Musicians

First Grade - Fifth Grade
Room 204

Sisterhood

Tuesday, March 17
9:30 a.m.

Cracker Barrel in
Fern Creek

OPEN GYM

**Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.,
Christian Life Center**



We hope to see many of our youth present as we reach other youth in our community and city for Jesus Christ.

- Adults who would like to help in any way (chaperoning, refereeing, giving devotionals, providing/serving food, etc.), please contact Linda Popham or the church office. Gary White will be the Open Gym leader this season.
- There will be a **training session for all Open Gym workers on Tuesday, March 17, 2:30 p.m.**, in the Christian Life Center.
- Thanks for your help with this amazing ministry.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

5:30 p.m.



Thank you for letting us know who wants to have a standing reservation for every week. Please call the church office (239-0316) by noon on Monday to make or cancel your reservation.

Adults.....\$5.00	Children and Youth.....\$4.00
Under age 6.....Free	Family Maximum.....\$16.00

(.50 additional charge for carry-outs)

March 18

Taco Soup Rice / Fritos Salad Dessert

March 25

Chicken and Gravy Rice Vegetables Biscuits Dessert

April 1

Salisbury Steaks Mashed Potatoes Vegetables
Biscuits Dessert

SUNDAY EVENINGS

Winter Session Two: **NOW – March 29**

Questions? Contact Pastor Linda or Renee Bryant,
Women's Missionary Union Director.

ADULT CLASSES

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- **Handbell Choir** – led by Steve Skaggs (Room 306 – Choir Room)

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

- **“God's Love Put Into Action”** (for men only) – taught by Rick Pryor (Kentucky Baptist Convention) (CLC – Room 416)
- **“Life Lessons from Women in the Bible”** (for women only) by Rhonda Harrington Kelley – taught by Deborah Lawrence (Room 210 – Upper Ramp)

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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- **The Minor Prophets** – taught by Linda Barnes Popham (Sanctuary)
- **Sign Language Class** – taught by Lewana Sams and Terry and Brenda McDowell (Lower Ramp – Room 113)



YOUTH CLASSES

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **Acteens** (girls, grades 6-12) – taught by Melissa Logsdon-Young and Pam Reid (Christian Life Center – Room 414)
- **Challengers** (boys, grades 6-12) – taught by Warren Grumbley and Chris Towles (Christian Life Center – Room 413)

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

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

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

- **Sign Language Class** – taught by Lewana Sams and Terry and Brenda McDowell (Room 204)

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **Girls in Action** (girls, grades 1-5) – taught by Jodie Towles and Roberta Anderson (Room 204)
- **Royal Ambassadors** (boys, grades 1-5) – taught by Tyler Anderson and Holland Kendall (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 Joy Stelly, Chrissy Creech, Nate Blansette, and Tori Lawson (Room 101)

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



CHILDREN'S SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

Sunday Evenings

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Room 204

Taught by Lewana Sams and Terry and Brenda McDowell



WOMEN ON MISSION

SEWING GROUP

Thursday, March 19

10:00 a.m.

Christian Life Center

HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONALS

- If you are willing to write a devotional for our Holy Week Devotional Book, please sign up at the foyer shelf in the common area foyer. This year's theme is **“Shadows of Holy Week”**. Thank you for using scripture from the daily Bible readings as we reflect on the shadows that loomed over the earth at the time of Jesus' death. Let's, also, reflect on the light and life of the resurrection. (The daily Bible readings are next to the sign-up sheet.) Please turn in the devotionals to Joy Stelly or email her (joy@ferncreekbaptist.org) by **Wednesday, March 18**, or sooner.

SEEKING: Fern Creek Baptist Church is seeking Summer Ministries' Interns. Applicants must be college or seminary students pursuing careers in ministry, music, teaching, or related fields and must have completed one year of college. Send 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 March 18, 2020. Questions? Call 239-0316 ext. 103 (Linda Barnes Popham).

SEEKING: Fern Creek Baptist Church is seeking Full-Time and Part-Time Ministerial Staff in the following areas: Music, Youth, Children, and Preschool. According to the applicant's gifts and skills, two of these areas will 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. Send 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 March 18, 2020. Questions? Call 239-0316 ext. 103 (Linda Barnes Popham).

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, March 19
6:00 p.m.
Christian Life Center
Room 416
Led by Norma Routt



WOMEN'S SPRING FEST

This event will be postponed to a summer date. Many of those who had purchased tickets/tables were senior adults whose immune systems do not need to be compromised. Questions? Contact Becky Frizzell.

ATTENTION: INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

March 22 is Instrumental Ensemble Sunday. Please let Steve Skaggs know if you are interested in participating. Please meet in the Sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. on March 22.



FAMILY SPRING WORK DAY

Saturday, March 28, 9:00 a.m.

Please meet in the Christian Life Center for assignments. If you want to work on inside maintenance projects or do outside projects / yard work, see Gary Kistner. See Leonard Westmorland for inside cleaning projects. A pizza lunch will be provided.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING

Thursday, March 26, 7:00 p.m.

We will meet in the sanctuary.

All workers are asked to be present. If you have not signed up to work and would be willing to do so, please contact the following:

- Preschool – Terri Bosemer
- Children – Jodie Towles
- Middle School – Martha Blansette

All workers are asked to be present.



GOSPEL LIGHTS MISSIONS FUNDRAISER

March 28, 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Fish Fry and
Cake Auction

Riverview Baptist
Church

(1850 Louisville Rd.
Cox's Creek, KY)

Entertainment – Victory Road





BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

March 29, 12:15 p.m.

Have you checked your blood pressure lately? Norma Routt will be doing blood pressure checks in the Common Area following the morning worship service.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 4, 7:57 a.m.

Christian Life Center

Speaker: Rev. Steve Skaggs

(Our Interim Minister of Music)

All men are invited! Please bring friends!

Questions? Contact Bud Purnell, Chris Towles, or Warren Grumbley.



CANDY DONATIONS

We are in need of donations for the Easter Egg Hunt:



Pre-filled eggs, NO chocolate please!!

Please place your donations in the bin in collection area between the CLC & the Common Area by Wednesday, April 8. If you have any questions, please see Joy Stelly or Lisa Payne.

"Young at Heart" Event

April 14, 10:00 a.m.

Trip to LaGrange

(Lunch, Shopping, etc.)

Watch for details.



CrossPoint@theCreek

for grades 6-12

Friday, June 12, 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars with the date change.

Invite your friends for a great evening!!

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

March 29, 4:00 p.m.



Please meet the deacons in the Homebound conference room at 4:00 p.m. to get assignments. We have many people to visit. We encourage others to join our deacons in this ministry.

Music Notes

Steve Skaggs - Interim Minister of Music

Singing at Christmas seems like such a natural thing to do. After all, from the angelic host to Mary, singing is included in the nativity stories of Matthew and Luke. But what about singing during Lent? Is it appropriate? If we are to sing, what types of hymns and songs are appropriate? I believe Isaac Watts, often called "the father of English hymnody," gives us a great example of what to sing during Lent in his hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross".

Watts originally titled this hymn, "Crucifixion to the world by the cross of Christ". If that thought sounds familiar it may be because Watts was inspired to write this hymn by the well-known words of Paul in Galatians 6:14: *"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."* [KJV]

At the end of the first stanza, Watts says that he should "pour contempt on all [his] pride." In Galatians 6, Paul, the self-described "Pharisee of Pharisees," is arguing that his circumcision, his peculiar physical mark as a member of the Jewish family, was nothing compared to what Christ did for him on the cross. Watts takes that Biblical thought and challenges us to consider forsaking our own pride and rest solely in the grace of God.

Pouring contempt on our pride is a worthy consideration during the season of Lent. So, yes, sing and consider the words of the Apostle Paul and Isaac Watts.

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY: April 5, 10:45 a.m.

We remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and into our lives. The children will lead the Palm Sunday Processional and present musical offerings.

LENLEN CONCERT: April 5, 7:00 p.m.

Individual musicians and ensembles will present musical offerings in "The Shadows of Holy Week", a Lenten Concert.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 9, 7:00 p.m.

Please join us on Maundy Thursday as the Youth Choir leads us through the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His disciples. We will partake of the Bread and the Cup as we remember "the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God".

GOOD FRIDAY: April 10, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for "The Shadows of Good Friday", a Holy Week worship experience which includes scripture, hymns, anthems, prayers, and dramatic moments. Luke 9:51 tells us, "Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem." Thus began His long journey to the cross culminating the events of Good Friday that we will remember in this special service.

EASTER SUNDAY: April 12, 10:45 a.m.

We celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ! God's Word will be spoken through proclamation and music. Alleluia!!

MEMORY WALL

Our Memory Wall certainly enhances the beauty of our church building. The time is drawing near to put up the next panel of memory tiles. (The cross is actually already full for the third panel.) Forms are available at the Welcome Center in the Sanctuary Foyer if you would like to order a tile in memory of a loved one. The instructions are on the forms; however, if you have additional questions, please contact Jodie Towles (239-0316 ext. 102). The deadline to turn in forms for the next panel is March 29.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting	2 7:00 pm GROW (G Teams)	3 10:00 am GROW (G-3 Team) 6:45 pm All Comm. 7:00 pm Admin. / Ministry Committees 8:00 pm Church Council	4 4:30 pm Staff Meeting 7:30 pm GROW (G-4 Team)	5 10:00 am Women on Mission (Quilting Group)	6	7 7:57 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Women on Mission (AGAPE Group) 1:00 pm Montgomery Baby Shower
Week of Prayer and Mission Study for North American Missions - Annie Armstrong Easter Offering						
8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME - SPRING FORWARD 7:00 pm Business Meeting	9 7:00 pm GROW (R Teams)	10	11	12 11:00 am "Young at Heart" Progressive Dinner Luncheon 4:30 pm Youth Committee Meeting	13	14 10:00 am Salvation Dolls Workshop 1:00 p.m. "Gather the Sheep"
15 Jeff St. #1	16 7:00 pm GROW (O Teams)	17 2:30 pm Open Gym Training 9:30 am Sisterhood 6:30 pm Honduras Meeting	18	19 10:00 am Women on Mission (Quilting Group) 6:00 pm Diabetes Support Group	20 Creative Ministries Festival	21
22 8:30 am Instrumental Ensemble 7:00 pm Trustee Meeting	23 7:00 pm GROW (W Teams)	24 2:30 pm Open Gym	25	26 7:00 pm VBS Meeting	27 CDC Closed	28 9:00 am Work Day
29 12:15 pm Blood Pressure Checks 4:00 pm Homebound Communion	30 7:00 pm GROW (ALL Teams) CDC Closed - Spring Break	31	March 2020			