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

The Disciple

March 29, 2021

LINDA'S LINES

Please join us this week for the remainder of our Holy Week Services as we journey with Jesus from the streets of Jerusalem...to the temple courts...the garden...the judgement hall...the cross...the tomb...and beyond the tomb. Let's "walk" each day where Jesus walked. I urge you to read the devotionals and scriptures listed in the devotional book depicting Jesus' journey each day of this week. This week is so much more meaningful as we truly seek to increase our understanding of His sacrificial love for us. All of the services and activities this week are designed for us to go forth from this week living in greater awareness of His mercy, grace, and love.

If we truly grasp what Jesus did on the cross for us, we would boldly share the gospel message to others. During this 40 Days of Prayer emphasis which kicks off "The Gospel To Every Home" initiative, we have the opportunity to be encouraged each day through the devotionals written by our Kentucky Baptist Convention staff. If you have not received a prayer guide/devotional book, please come by the church and pick one up or we can mail one to you. We are also sending out the daily devotionals by email. I was especially convicted when reading the devotional on Day 10 by DeAnna Terry, the Evangelism Team Ministry Assistant. Deanna prayed:

Father, please give Your church a burning desire to go and to share the good news of Jesus Christ. May it be that we not lay our heads down at night until we have shared the gospel with at least one person that day. Give us a passion and fervor to reach people with the gospel. In Jesus' name, Amen.

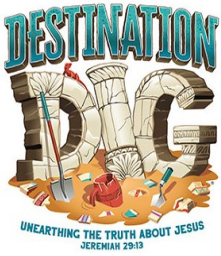
Have you shared the gospel with anyone today? Will you do so tomorrow? Will you continue to share what Jesus means to you with others?

We hope you will all join us in "The Gospel to Every Home" initiative as we will be visiting approximately 5,800 homes during the next couple of months. We will be delivering bags with the gospel message, brochures, etc. to each of these homes. Our Evangelism and Outreach Committee (Chairperson – Melissa Logsdon-Young) is leading in this endeavor. Please mark these dates on your calendar:

- **April 10, 10:00 a.m.** – We will begin in the sanctuary with a Rally/ Training and then we will divide into groups and go prayer walking or driving to the areas we will be visiting.
- **April 24, 10:00 a.m.** – The visits will begin to the assigned areas of our community. These visits will continue through **June 5.**
- **June 6, 10:45 a.m.** – Harvest Sunday – We gather to rejoice in all that God has done through this evangelistic emphasis.

We hope our entire church family will participate in this initiative! Please remember the words that Jesus spoke to His disciples in Matthew 9:37-38: **"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field"**. Will you be intentional about being workers in His harvest field?

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

Vacation Bible School is **June 7-11**. If you are willing to help in VBS, please turn in the VBS insert today by placing it in the offering plate or the church office bin. Or,

you may contact the following:

- Preschool – Terri Bosemer**
- Children – Jodie Towles**
- Youth – Martha Blansette**

Our first VBS meeting is **Thursday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.**, in the sanctuary.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021

- 6:00 a.m. Morning Prayers
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Ministry & Missions Training

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021

- 6:00 a.m. Morning Prayers
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
Wonderful Wednesday
L.I.G.H.T
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021

- 6:00 a.m. Morning Prayers
- 10:00 a.m. WMU (Sewing Group)
- 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Prayer Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021

- Church Office Closed
- 6:00 a.m. Morning Prayers
- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021

- 6:00 a.m. Morning Prayers
- 7:57 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. WMU (Agape Group)

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021

- 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
- 9:00 a.m. Easter Worship Service
- 10:45 a.m. Easter Worship Service
- 1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
(All Other Evening Activities Canceled)

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021

- 2:00 p.m. Circle of Hope

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021

- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
Children's Choirs
L.I.G.H.T
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. The Gospel to Every Home Rally and Prayer Walking



Our Sympathy Is Extended To:

- Robert Miles and Charlotte Freeman and families at the death of their father, Charles Miles (father-in-law of Gina Miles, grandfather of Christopher and Jacqueline Miles and Emily Bergren);
- Shirley Hill and family at the death of her great-nephew, Brian Green;
- Geraldine Grigsby and family at the death of her cousin, James Neil McClain;
- Joan Naylor and family at the death of her cousin, Geneva Kaye Raisor.

PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB AS OF MARCH 24, 2021

- Ann Abney – Nazareth Home Rehabilitation
- 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

WEEK OF APRIL 4

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Carolyn Simpson 558-8065

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Joseph Montgomery 422-2208

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

No Children's Church

EXTENDED SESSION

Donna Grimes and Jeannie Kern

TECH TEAM

- Director – Alex Gibbs
- Streamer – Chris Towles
- Sound – Phil Shewmaker
- AV – Jamie Gibbs
- P.M. - No Service
- Wednesday - Sam Frizzell

WEEK OF APRIL 11

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Chris Towles 468-7369

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Nate Blansette 533-8565

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jayla Grigsby and TBA

EXTENDED SESSION

Donna Grimes and Jeannie Kern

TECH TEAM

- Director – Jon Heinrich
- Streamer – Jacob Heinrich
- Sound – Phil Shewmaker
- AV – Chris Towles
- P.M. - Phil Shewmaker
- Wednesday - Lisa Payne



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 - Bettye Anderson | 9 - Brittney Catman | 19 - Lindsey Page |
| Robert Weaver | Jessica Catman | 21 - Amanda Fenwick |
| 3 - Paula May | Tony Lanham | Jon Heinrich |
| Linda Robinson | Keith Peavler | Zachary Mazat |
| 6 - Lisa Payne | 11 - Renee Bryant | Melanie Morris |
| Antwon VanMeter | Becky Griffin | Pam Napier |
| 7 - Joe Catman | 12 - Dave Sylva, Jr. | Angel Strausburg |
| Bill Green | 13 - Donnie Blake | 24 - Courtney Fox |
| 8 - Margaret Clater | Shawnita Hinkston | Joseph Schult |
| Robert Miles | Sharon Kelley | 25 - Debbie Fenwick |
| | 14 - Derek Anderson | 26 - Lynne Bell |
| | Marilyn Calvert | 27 - Josh McCune |
| | Sarah Packer | Tarin Norris |
| | 15 - Sierra Fruchtenicht | 28 - Robin Berry |
| | 16 - Paige Bosemer | Kimberly Gregory |
| | Christopher Stelly | 29 - Cheri Cunningham |
| | Judie Walker | Darrell Satterly |
| | 17 - Brandon Napier | 30 - Maria Bower |
| | 18 - George Kemp | Norma Boyd |
| | Andrew Shewmaker | |

Holy Week and Easter Services



MONDAY, MARCH 29

6:00 a.m. The sanctuary will be open until 8:00 a.m. each morning this week for Morning Prayers. You may come anytime during these two hours. A personal worship guide will be offered. Hear God speak to you in the beauty of His holiness.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

6:00 a.m. Morning Prayers (See Monday for details.)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

6:00 a.m. Morning Prayers (See Monday for details.)

THURSDAY, APRIL 1: MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:00 a.m. Morning Prayers (See Monday for details.)

6:00 p.m. The sanctuary will be open until 8:00 p.m. for prayer and meditation. You may come anytime during these two hours. You will receive a personal worship guide and have the opportunity to partake of the Bread and the Cup as we remember God's love for us and reflect upon Jesus' mandate to share His love with others.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2: GOOD FRIDAY

6:00 a.m. Morning Prayers (See Monday for details.)

7:00 p.m. We will join together in the sanctuary as we focus on the events of Christ's journey to the cross from Luke's gospel. These readings will be interspersed with beloved hymns and songs that accentuate the texts. Several of our talented church members will share in song through voices and instruments. The service will also be livestreamed and transmitted to the parking lot.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

6:00 a.m. Morning Prayers (See Monday for details.)

SUNDAY, APRIL 4: EASTER CELEBRATION

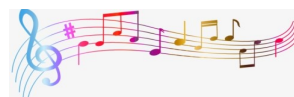
7:30 a.m. We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ through a Sunrise Service in the backyard of the church. The service will also be on Facebook Live. In case of inclement weather the service will be moved to the Christian Life Center.

9:00 a.m. We celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ! God's Word will be spoken through proclamation and music from the Vocal Ensemble.

10:45 a.m. We continue the celebration of Christ's resurrection as God's Word is proclaimed through His Word and music by the Adult Choir. This service will also be livestreamed and transmitted to the parking lot.

THE OLD, OLD STORY

*Tell me the old, old story;
Tell me the old, old story,
Tell me the old, old story
Of Jesus and His love.*



MUSIC NOTES

Steve Skaggs

Interim Minister of Music

Many of us that are of a certain age will remember the gospel hymn refrain above. The hymn text is written as if a person needing to hear the gospel message is making a plea such as this in the second stanza: "Tell me the story slowly, / That I may take it in- / That wonderful redemption, / God's remedy for sin." Then, the refrain issues its petition as each repetitive statement, "Tell me the old, old story," seems to add to the urgency. The gospel of Jesus Christ truly is God's remedy for sin!

Are you and I telling the old, old story? Right now, we are participating with Kentucky Baptist Churches in an effort called "The Gospel to Every Home." That title should need no explanation. We are to pray for and actively participate in taking the good news of "Jesus and His love" to every home.

I believe there is no better time than Holy Week and Easter to do that. People are more open to an invitation to come to church—to come to Jesus—during this time than any other time of the year. And even though we are still in the pandemic, things are improving somewhat and people are getting out more and more. Plus, for those who are uncomfortable attending in person in the building, technology is allowing us to share God's message of redemption through old and new methods.

So, what do we need to do? Here are suggestions.

- Get engaged. Listen to that "call-em-all" from Pastor Linda...even if you think you know exactly what she is going to say.
- Act on what she and others are sharing through the phone messages or other means.
- Get excited! In I Corinthians 15 Paul reminds the church that the gospel should always be our focus and should draw us together. "Death has been swallowed up in victory" (verse 54b) is the best news anyone could hear! That is the news of the old, old story.
- Share the good news with others. Walk next door or meet your neighbor over the fence. Forward a link to our services by email or in your social media. These things include (but not limited to):
 - ◇ Sunday morning and Holy Week services.
 - ◇ Monday Messages.
 - ◇ Karen's "Peaceful Piano Praises."

It is Holy Week! It is Easter! Let us join together to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love!

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APRIL ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

The following activities are at **6:30 p.m.**:

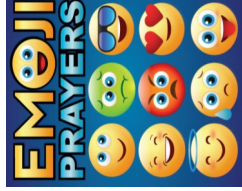
- Wednesday Worship in the sanctuary
- Children's Choirs for preschoolers/children
- LIGHT for youth (grades 6-12) in the CLC
- Adult Choir rehearsals at **7:30 p.m.**

SUNDAY MORNINGS

- Sunday School is at **9:30 a.m.** There are classes for all ages.
- Morning Worship continues at **10:45 a.m.** in the sanctuary and online. It is also transmitted to the parking lot.

SUNDAY EVENINGS

The regular Sunday **6:00 p.m.** activities of Discipleship Training and Missions continue.



Wonderful Wednesday

6:30 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.

Grades 1 - 5 - room 204

Preschoolers – Kindersgarten - room 101

Mar 31 - Thanking God for our home on earth and in heaven.

Questions? Contact Karen Love.

**THE GOSPEL TO EVERY HOME
RALLY AND PRAYER WALKING**

**Saturday, April 10
10:00 a.m.**

Meet in the sanctuary as we have a brief training and time of inspiration. Then we will go to our assigned areas and pray as we walk or drive through the neighborhoods. Questions? Contact Melissa Logsdon-Young or Pastor Linda.



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MARCH 21, 2021



ATTENDANCE
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 69
MORNING WORSHIP -81

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	9,731.00
Budget Received	\$	8,405.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$	282,199.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$	283,470.85

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$	141.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$	7,535.38
ANNIE ARMSTRONG	\$	639.30