

The Disciple

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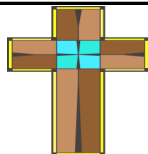
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FERN CREEK
BAPTIST
CHURCH



Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

LINDA'S LINES

As we have just finished our Sunday morning journey through the epistle of James, I hope you will remember all of the many truths we have learned together from this book. As we are in this waiting period of the anticipation of Jesus' return, we are also in a waiting period for COVID-19 to end. I remind you of what we learned in James 5:7-12. During this waiting period, James reminds us to be patient, stand firm, keep the unity, and speak with truth. And remember that God will never leave us or forsake us. He will hold us fast until at last He comes!

We are certainly learning many lessons during this time of suffering. One of the lessons we have learned as staff is that our Creator made us with the capacity to be creative. The next creative event that will be held will be our Palm Sunday Morning Worship Service on **April 5, 10:45 a.m.** We will have Drive-In Worship. Come to the church parking lot (playground side) on Sunday morning, stay in your car, and we will lead in worship from the steps of the Christian Life Center. Folks will bring the bulletins and Pastor's Pals to your cars. There will be crafts given to the children in your families that go along with the sermon. We hope that the whole neighborhood will hear the songs of praise and the proclamation of the Word. His Word will not return void!

The staff is putting together Care Bags for the children of our church. These will be delivered beginning at **2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 6.** If you are willing to help deliver these Care Bags, please email Joy (joy@ferncreekbaptist.org) or me (linda@ferncreekbaptist.org) and let us know if you can help. We will follow the same procedure that we did in delivering bags to our senior adults and CDC families.

The Lenten Concert on **April 5, 7:00 p.m.**, will be livestreamed. Individual musicians will lead you to reflect upon the cross. Go to the church's website and click on the red *Worship Service Livestream* button and join us.

The ministerial staff members are in the process of revamping the Maundy Thursday Service and the Good Friday Service. The Maundy Thursday Service will now be a Prayer Vigil (much like our Catholic brothers and sisters are having daily during this time). We will have a livestreamed Good Friday Service.

The Easter Egg Hunt on **April 11** is being transformed into a Drive-Through Easter Egg Event. The public will be invited to attend at the advertised time of 11:00 a.m. We invite our church family children to drive through at **10:00 a.m.** The CDC families will line their cars up after you at **10:30 a.m.** Everyone else will come after that. Please enter on the gas station side and drive around to the canopy drive-through of the common area entrance. Easter Bags for your children will be delivered to your car. We do not need Easter eggs or other supplies to be donated; however, we would appreciate monetary donations (checks written to FCBC and designated Easter Egg Event). (Please do not give to this event in place of your tithe.) Joy, Jodie, Terri, and I have ordered everything for the bags already. We feel that this is best in keeping everyone safe. We will follow the same extremely sanitary procedures with the Easter Bags as we have with the Care Bags. (We only touch the letters and supplies when we have gloves on our hands.)

Thank you all so much for what you are doing to help during this difficult time. From offering creative Sunday School classes to delivering Care Bags to making phone calls and everything else in between, you have been amazing servants. I know that you all join me in thanking Jon Heinrich and Alex Gibbs for the many long and tedious hours spent in enabling us to have livestreaming capabilities. We are also grateful for their streaming helpers, Jacob Heinrich, Chris Towles, and Jamie Gibbs.

Thanks to all of you who wrote devotionals for this year's Holy Week Devotional Book. Details are forthcoming as to how we will distribute these to you and our community. We will definitely have them available at the Drive-In Palm Sunday Service; however, for those who want them earlier, we will give an announcement soon.

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.

And as always, continue to pray, "Lord, Send a Great Revival!"



MARCH 22, 2020

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,728.00
Budget Received	\$ 6,720.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 291,840.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 277,200.85
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	
Weekly Total	\$ 55.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 4,600.69

Annie Armstrong \$460.00

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

The next time you are in a worship service look around to observe how many senior citizens you see. Then how many children and youth do you see? If you are somewhere between seniors and young people, realize that our older saints won't live forever, and their monetary support of the church will die with them. When enough of them are gone will our church die, too? Are you willing to contribute to the financial responsibility of the church that is being borne primarily by our seniors?

Scripture: James 1:25 says, "*But the man [person] who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this . . .*

will be blessed in what he [she] does." NIV (New International Version)

Prayer: O, God! Forgive me for neglecting to give to the church. I don't want my church to die when the seniors who are giving faithfully are gone! Help me to take responsibility to give abundantly and teach my children and the youth of our church the importance of giving.

Challenge: Pray over your offering envelope as you put it into the collection plate this next Sunday that what it contains may be multiplied for God's glory by the good stewardship of all our church members.

WEEK OF APRIL 5

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Steve Hale 267-9907

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Kevin Blansette 403-8173

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Ben Hale

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Alex Gibbs

WEEK OF APRIL 12

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Danny Hass 836-9735

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

David Magruder 592-7306

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Phil Shewmaker

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Chris Towles

Congratulations to Joseph and Valerie Montgomery upon the birth of their daughter, Gianna Valerie Montgomery (7.5 lbs. 18 in.), who was born on March 16. The proud big brothers are Justin, JoJo, and Jaxson Montgomery.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

10:45 a.m. Palm Sunday, Drive-In
Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Lenten Concert

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday - Prayer
Vigil

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2020

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2020

11:00 p.m. Drive-Through Easter Egg
Event

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020

EASTER SUNDAY

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020

6:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee
Virtual Meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020

10:45 a.m. Worship Service



*With Deepest
Sympathy*

Our sympathy is extended to:

- Carolyn Simpson and family at the death of her cousin, Buford Akins;
- Dollie Dixon and family at the death of her sister, Mickie Yochum;
- Alice Glenn and family at the death of her great-niece, Debbie Hudson (cousin of Mindy Glenn-Ruiz and Steven Glenn);
- Gordon and Sharon Thompson at the death of Gordon's cousin, Phillip Thompson.



PALM SUNDAY DRIVE-IN WORSHIP

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LENTEN CONCERT

April 5, 7:00 p.m.

Individual musicians will lead you to reflect upon the cross and glorious resurrection. Praise God for His amazing love in sending Jesus to die for us!! The Lenten Concert will be livestreamed. Go to the church's website and click on the red Worship Service Livestream button and join us.



WAYS TO GIVE

There are three ways to give to Fern Creek Baptist Church:

- 1) Sunday's offering with your envelopes.
- 2) Through your bank online service.
- 3) Online via our website.

What's accepted:

- ACH - your bank account number & routing number
- Debit Cards
- Credit Cards

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



1 - Bettye Anderson Michael Middleton 3 - Paula May Linda Robinson 6 - Lisa Payne 7 - Joe Catman Bill Green 8 - Margaret Clater Robert Miles 9 - Brittney Catman Jessica Catman Tony Lanham Keith Peavler 11 - Renee Bryant Becky Griffin 13 - Donnie Blake Shawnita Hinkston	14 - Derek Anderson Marilyn Calvert Sarah Packer 15 - Sierra Fruchtenicht 16 - Paige Bosemer Christopher Stelly Judie Walker 18 - George Kemp 19 - Ben Hale 21 - Amanda Fenwick Jon Heinrich Zack Mazat Melanie Morris Angel Strausburg 24 - Joseph Schult 25 - Debbie Fenwick 26 - Lynne Bell	27 - Josh McCune Tarin Norris 28 - Robin Berry Kimberly Gregory 29 - Cheri Cunningham Darrell Satterly
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STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday
 April 14
 6:00 p.m.
 Virtual Meeting



Music Notes

Steve Skaggs - Interim Minister of Music

Paul wrote these words in I Corinthians 15:1: *“Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you have received and on which you have taken your stand”* [NIV]. This letter to the church in the important city of Corinth is sort of a corrective for the believers there. Just a few verses into the book the Apostle sternly warns them about divisions within their congregation. As his letter continues he addresses other problems within the church and at times gets pretty specific!

But, as Paul always does, he turns the focus to the message of the gospel and challenges the church to focus on that Good News, as well. In that wonderful chapter 15, Paul defines the gospel by the core things we should believe--that Christ died; He was buried; and, He was raised on the third day. Whatever differences we may have, believers should always be united by this Good News!

Several years ago I wrote a simple song for an Easter

sunrise service based on I Corinthians 15. Below is the first verse and the chorus.

Brothers and sisters I want to remind you about the gospel that has been preached. You have received it, hold fast and believe it; so that your faith will not be breached. What is this gospel we have received? What are these things we must believe?

*Jesus has died.
 Jesus was buried.
 But on the third day
 the ground gave away,
 He's alive forevermore!*

The coronavirus has divided us physically this spring. But, however long this physical separation lasts, let us give thanks that we are eternally united by the Good News of the gospel message. Jesus is alive! Hallelujah!