

**Fern Creek
Baptist Church**

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Center**
239-8952

The Disciple

March 4, 2019

STAFF



Rev. Linda Barnes Popham
Pastor
239-6628

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Minister of Music & Children /
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Wednesday, March 6, is the first day of Lent. Ash Wednesday is the name given to this day in which some Christians have ashes applied to their foreheads in the shape of a cross to signify an inner repentance. In early days Lent was a time of preparation of candidates for baptism on Easter Sunday. During the season of Lent these candidates prepared for this initiation into the Christian life. Lent for us is not only a time of preparation; it is also a time of prayer, repentance, sacrifice, soul-searching, self-denial, and service. Sundays, which are days for commemorating the resurrection, are omitted in counting the forty days of reflection and repentance. The color purple is used during this time to symbolize repentance and solemnity.

The forty weekdays in the season of Lent symbolize the forty-day fasts of Moses, Elijah, and Jesus. The focus of Lent is for Christians to imitate Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. During Lent some Christians make decisions to give up some food, activity, etc. These days are basically six weeks of self-discipline. Fasting can be a good thing, and God is pleased when we repent of sinful habits. However, we must remember that repenting of sin is something we should be doing all days of the year, not just during Lent. The sacred season of Lent concludes with Holy Week. Holy Week is a time of reflection upon the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. Holy Week leads us to the joyous and glorious season of Easter.

During the Lenten Season (and the Sunday prior to Lent) I will be preaching a sermon series entitled "Jesus' Seven Last Words from the Cross". The sermons are as follows:

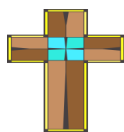
- March 3 – "The First: Words of Forgiveness" / Luke 23:26-38
- March 10 – "The Second: Words of Grace" / Luke 23:39-43
- March 17 – "The Third: Words of Love" / John 19:25-27
- March 24 – "The Fourth: Words of Loneliness" / Matthew 27:45-56
- March 31 – "The Fifth: Words of Suffering" / John 19:28-29
- April 7 – "The Sixth" Words of Victory" / John 19:30
- April 14 – "The Seventh: Words of Commitment" / Luke 23:44-49

My prayer is that the seasons of Lent and Easter will be times in which we all grow in our faith and commitment to Jesus Christ! Please read the Word of God daily, pray continually, and seek Him with all of your heart, not only during this season, but throughout the year!

The Stewardship Committee and I are requesting that all Deacons, Staff, Sunday School Teachers, Trustees, Personnel Committee Members, and any others who are willing to join in the sanctuary for 90 minutes on the following Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.: March 9, 16, 23, and 30. We will be studying and praying about being a Generous Church. The devotional books (*Leading a Generous Church: Making Disciples Without Chasing Money*) that go along with this time are available for purchase (\$10) in the church office and at the Sanctuary Welcome Center. Please start reading the devotional book on March 3 and read one devotional a day. Yes, this is a sacrifice of time that we feel will be worth it! We hope you will all be intentional about joining us!

Please join me in anticipation of a glorious Lord's Day this Sunday! And as always, continue to pray, "Lord, Send a Great Revival!"

**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**



Reaching Up...
Reaching In...
Reaching Out...



FEBRUARY 24, 2018

OUR STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL
142
MORNING WORSHIP
160

| | |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Weekly Budget Needs | \$ 10,081.00 |
| Budget Received | \$ 9,282.00 |
| Year-to-Date Budget Needs | \$ 262,106.00 |
| Year-to-Date Budget Received | \$ 251,084.84 |
| BUILDING FUND | |
| Weekly Total | \$ 196.00 |
| Year-to-Date Balance | \$ 3,246.91 |

Annie Armstrong \$ 50

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019

- 4:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
L.I.G.H.T. for Youth
Preschool & Children's Choirs
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
GROW (G-4 Team)

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019

- 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission / Quilting

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019

- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Retreat

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Retreat
- 1:00 p.m. Generosity Class

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019

- Daylight Savings Time - Spring Forward
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Worship Service
- 1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Mission Friends
Girls in Action
Royal Ambassadors
Acteens & Challengers
Discipleship Training Classes
- 7:05 p.m. Business Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

- 2:30 p.m. Open Gym
- 6:30 p.m. Gospel Lights Missions Mtg.
- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Comm. Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. "The Forge" Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019

- 11:00 a.m. "Young at Heart" Outing

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019

- 12:00 p.m. 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Begins

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

- 12:00 p.m. 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Ends
- 1:00 p.m. Generosity Class

**WEEK OF MARCH 10
DEACON OF THE WEEK**

Chris Towles 468-7369

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Kevin Blansette 671-5351

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sandra Segrest and Katrina Binda

EXTENDED SESSION

Sharon Thompson, Linda Robinson,
Geraldine Grigsby, and Samantha Owens

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Ben Hale

Wednesday - Lisa Payne

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Alex Gibbs

YOUTH SNACK SUPPER

Tonya Grigsby

**WEEK OF MARCH 17
DEACON OF THE WEEK**

Ralph Beard 445-6824

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

David Magruder 592-7306

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Kayla Beeler and Renee Bryant

EXTENDED SESSION

Terry Schult, Chris Blair,
Terri Bosemer, and Alice Glenn

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Ben Hale

Wednesday - Sam Frizzell

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Chris Towles

YOUTH SNACK SUPPER

Renee Bryant

Thank You Notes
have been placed
on the bulletin
board from Leon
and Phyllis Taylor
and Jerry and Billie Faye Walker.



*With Deepest
Sympathy*

Our sympathy is extended to:

- Phil Lucas (Cheryl) and Phyllis Moore (Hank) at the death of their brother, Leonard Lucas.



**WOMEN ON
MISSION
QUILTING
GROUP**

Thursday, March 7 & 21,
10:00 a.m.

Christian Life Center

Please bring a friend or two;
everyone is welcome!



**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS TIME**

March 10

Set your clocks up one hour
before bed on Saturday night.

**Please pray for members / attendees in the hospital /
rehab as of March 4, 2019:**

- Dave Boam (Church guest) – Jewish Hospital – 5th Floor (Heart and Lung) – Bed 11
- Lorys Edwards – Okeechobee, Florida
- Gary Hall (Sandy Hall's husband) - Norton Women's & Children's Hospital - Room 540
- Sandy Hall – Signature East – Room 326
- Chris Towles - Audubon Hospital - Room 5118



Sunday Mornings - 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAYSCHOOL
Growing Together In Christ

Classes for all ages!

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 6

Fried Chicken Potato Salad Green Beans Bread Dessert

March 13

Chili Peanut Butter Sandwiches Crackers Dessert

March 20

Grilled Chicken Brown Rice Vegetables Bread Dessert

LEADING A GENEROUS CHURCH

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Music Tots

Two & Three Year Olds
(must be two by 8/01/18)
Room 107

Music Friends

Four & Five Year Olds
(must be four by 8/01/18)
Room 101

Music Makers / Young Musicians

First Grade - Fifth Grade
Room 204

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

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

BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, March 10
7:00 p.m.

Please be present as we
discuss the business of
God's church!



SUNDAY EVENINGS

Spring Session: March 10 – April 14, 2019

Questions? Contact Dollie Dixon, Discipleship Training Director, or Renee Bryant, WMU Director.

ADULT CLASSES

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **“Wild at Heart”** (continued from the Winter Session) by John Eldredge (for men only) – facilitated by Chris Towles (Christian Life Center – Room 416)
- **“Everyday Faith”** by Katie Orr (for women only) – facilitated by Deborah Lawrence (Upper Ramp – Room 210)
- **“Sermon on the Mount”** (continued from the Winter Session) – taught by Dollie Dixon and Linda Popham (Sanctuary)
- **Sign Language Class** – taught by Lewana Sams and Terry McDowell (Lower Ramp – Room 113)
- **Handbells** – taught by Rocky Hardymon (Adult Choir Room – Room 306)

YOUTH CLASSES

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **Acteens** (girls, grades 6-12) – taught by Lindsay Emert and Samantha Owens (Christian Life Center – Room 414)
- **Challengers** (boys, grades 6-12) – taught by Greg Bruce and TBD (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 Kayla Beeler (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.

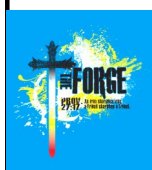
- **Mission Friends** (ages 2-5) – taught by Joy Stelly, Nate Blansette, and Tori Lawson (Room 101)

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

THE FORGE - MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

March 12, meeting at Momma's Mustard, Pickles, and BBQ
(119 S. Hurstbourne Lane)

We are studying the book of John.
Questions? Contact Chris Towles.





Youth Events

(GRADES 6-12)

- The youth will be going to Fern Bowl for a night of fun and fellowship on **March 13, 6:30 p.m.** We will go during L.I.G.H.T. and return to church at 8:30 p.m. Permission forms must be on file and you must attend Church and Sunday School on March 3 or March 10 to get your ticket to go.
 - The Youth will be hosting an Afterglow at the home of George and Linda Popham on **Sunday, March 17**, after missions classes. Come for a time of food and fellowship. Please have your parents pick you up from the Popham's home (9013 Artis Way) at 9:00 p.m.
- If you have any questions about any of these events, please contact Greg Bruce or Lindsay Emert, Youth Coordinators.

"YOUNG AT HEART" EVENT

March 14, 11:00 a.m.

Carali's Rotisserie Chicken & the Popcorn Station

Meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. We will travel by bus to Carali's and then to the Popcorn Station. We will return to FCBC by 3:30 p.m.

The cost is \$7 which includes transportation and popcorn. (Please pay on the day of the trip.) Everyone will pay separately for their meals. (The average meal price is \$10.) Please sign up at the shelf in the Common Area by Sunday March 10.

24 HOUR GENEROSITY PRAYER VIGIL

Friday, March 15, noon – Saturday, March 16, noon
Sponsored by the Stewardship Committee

Please make sure that you participate as we continue to pray for generous hearts, revival, and renewal. You may sign up for an hour time-slot (or more) on the shelf in the Common Area.



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

March 12, 7:00 p.m.
Conference Room

HONDURAS PACKING

We will be packing clothing, shoes, medications, etc., on **Monday, March 18, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** (Lunch will be provided.)



INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIPS DINNER & AUCTION FUNDRAISER FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019



Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

\$20 ticket includes dinner and admission to the auction.
(Pork Roast with Gravy, Dressing, Green Beans, Corn, Pineapple Salad, Rolls, Cheesecake)

Entertainment provided by: Scott Been and Kristin Jones
Dinner Music by: Rocky Hardymon

All proceeds benefit our International Mission Trips to Honduras and Nicaragua.

Free Childcare and Children's Party - 5th grade and under
(For children of ticket purchasing adults)

Games, Pizza, Fun!

Call the Church Office (239-0316) by March 20 for tickets. You may also purchase tickets in either foyer after our morning worship service.

Tuesday, March 19 - 9:30 a.m.

Sisterhood

Cracker Barrel in Fern Creek

HONDURAS TRIP



You are invited to join us on our next Honduras Mission Trip. We will be going to La Esperanza, July 27 – August 3, 2019. We will work with Pastor Gervacio Figueroa, and the Transformation Baptist Church. Our last trip to La Esperanza was in 2014 when we were able to complete the construction of their church building. We will again be providing medical, dental, and optical clinics, as well as children's church, evangelistic services, a pharmacy, clothing / shoes distribution, and more. Our next team meeting will be **Thursday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.**, in the sanctuary. We hope that many more of you will join us.

Questions? Contact Linda Popham or Renee Bryant.

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. This year's theme is *"Jesus' Seven Last Words from the Cross"*. The suggested topics for each day are listed by the sign-up sheet. (Please take one of these sheets.) Please turn in the devotionals to Joy Stelly or email her (joy@fernreekbaptist.org) by **Wednesday, March 27**.

ATTENTION:

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

March 24 is Instrumental Ensemble Sunday. Please meet in the sanctuary as we rehearse for our Worship Service on Sunday, March 4. Please let Rocky know if you are interested in participating.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! GOSPEL LIGHTS MISSIONS

FUNDRAISER

March 30, 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Fish Fry and Cake Auction
Riverview Baptist Church

Entertainment – Glory Road Singers and More!

Please let Darrel Brooks know if you are willing to make a cake.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION



You are invited to join the deacons on **March 31** as they visit our homebound members and share the Lord's Supper with them. Please meet in the conference room at **4:00 p.m.** to divide into teams.

MISSION TRIP TO EASTERN KENTUCKY

Sponsored by Gospel Lights Missions

April 24 - 27, 2019

Please contact Darrel Brooks (457-9949 / darrelandolya@twc.com) from Parkland Baptist Church if you are interested in joining the team. The next Gospel Lights Team Meeting is **March 12, 6:30 p.m.**, in our Christian Life Center – Room 416.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

March 31, 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.



CROSSINGS CAMP AT CEDARMORE

Bagdad, Kentucky - July 2-6, 2019

- Cost - \$300 (The church will cover \$50 for each camper.)
- The \$50 deposit is due **NOW**. Please give your checks (written to Fern Creek Baptist Church) to Linda Popham or Jodie Towles by that date. You may make payments to your account at any time.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

CrossPoint@theCreek

(Grades 6-12)

April 26, 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Fun, Fellowship, and so much more!

Watch for details.



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 10.

Fern Creek / Highview United Ministries

Presents

“Pennies from Heaven”

Annual 2019 Gala Auction & Dinner

Saturday, May 11, 6:30 p.m.

St. Gabriel Catholic Church

5505 Bardstown Road

Silent Auction Live Auction CATERED Dinner Concert

Tickets \$30.00

Questions? See Joy Stelly or Becky Frizzell.

KENDALL OPTOMETRY MINISTRY NEEDS

YOUR HELP!



Can you help clean or measure glasses? Kendall Optometry has 1,000s of pairs of glasses needing to be cleaned or measured to ship to missionaries all over the world. Training will be provided. There is a room at FCBC for measuring or they can set you up in your own home.

Questions? Contact Holland Kendall, 640-2227

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

Please mark your calendar for our 65th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration which will be held on **Sunday, October 27, 2019**. If you would like to serve on the Homecoming Committee, please contact Linda Popham in the near future.

OPEN GYM FOR YOUTH

Grades 6-12

Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Christian Life Center



We hope that many of our youth will join us as we reach other youth in our community and city for Jesus Christ. We need more helpers.

- Adults who would like to help in any way (chaperoning, refereeing, giving devotionals, etc.), please contact Linda Popham or Katrina Binda.
- If you would like to help provide/serve food, please contact Doris Ann Sea. We still need two more food teams to join us.

Thanks for your help with this amazing ministry.

FOOD CLOSET NEEDS

Our church's Food Closet currently has the following needs:

- Canned Goods / Beans / Rice
- Spaghetti / Pasta
- Tuna Helper / Macaroni & Cheese
- Peanut Butter / Jelly

Please put these items in the appropriate bin between the Common Area Foyer and the Christian Life Center. Thanks for your help. If you have questions, please contact a member of the Ministry and Missions Center Committee (Chairperson Katrina Binda, Norma Routt, Terry Schult, Doris Ann Sea, Sharon Thompson, or Gary White).

FERN CREEK / HIGHVIEW UNITED MINISTRIES NEEDS

The ministry is needing the following: bar soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dish liquid, laundry detergent, deodorant, razors, and shampoo. Please place your donations in the marked bin in the breezeway. Thank you for helping those in our community. All donations are appreciated!



PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Chris Blair - Interim Preschool Minister

"And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward." At that time Jesus said, *"I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children."* Isn't it interesting how Jesus calls his adult disciples "children"? Why would He do that? I believe it's because He wants to remind us that the way into the kingdom of God is by becoming a little child. We have a lot in common with preschoolers, we'd be good to remember that.

Go ahead and put it on your calendars Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13th at 11:00 a.m. Bring your preschoolers and invite others! We're going to have a blast!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| March 2019 | | | | | 1 | 6:30 pm Carrithers Concert |
| | | | | | 2 | 8:00 am Optical Training 10:00 am Women on Mission (AGAPE Group) 11:15 am Youth Basketball Game |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 4:30 pm Writers' Group 7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting | 7:00 pm GROW (G Teams) | 10:00 am GROW (G-3 Team) 6:45 pm All Committees 7:00 pm Admin. / Ministry Committees 8:00 pm Church Council | 4:30 pm Staff Meeting 7:30 pm GROW (G-4 Team) | 10:00 am Women on Mission (Quilting Group) | 7:00 pm Adult Choir Retreat | 9:00 am Adult Choir Retreat 1:00 pm Generosity Class |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME - SPRING FORWARD 7:00 pm Business Meeting | 7:00 pm GROW (R Teams) | 6:30 pm Gospel Lights Missions Meeting 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting | | 11:00 am "Young at Heart" Carali's Rotisserie Chicken and the Popcorn Station | 12:00 pm 24-Hour Prayer Vigil Begins | 12:00 pm 24-Hour Prayer Vigil Ends 1:00 pm Generosity Class |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| Jeff St. 1 4:00 pm Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal 7:00 pm Youth Afterglow | 10:00 am Honduras Packing 7:00 pm GROW (O Teams) | 9:30 am Sisterhood | | 10:00 am Women on Mission (Quilting Group) 7:00 pm Honduras Team Mtg. | 6:30 pm Honduras Fundraiser | 1:00 pm Generosity Class |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 8:30 am Instrumental Ensemble 7:05 pm VBS Workers' Mtg. | 7:00 pm GROW (W Teams) | | | | | 1:00 pm Generosity Class 4:30 pm Gospel Lights Missions Fish Fry |
| 31 | | | | | | |
| 12:15 pm Blood Pressure Checks 4:00 pm Homebound Communion | | | | | | |