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Organist

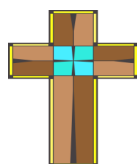
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**FERN CREEK  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**



Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

# The Disciple

**MAY 10, 2021**

## LINDA'S LINES

Thanks to all of you who are participating in "The Gospel To Every Home". Aren't you glad that God has entrusted us to be about sharing the good news of Jesus Christ! As you have heard often during this GTEH initiative, we are all commanded by Jesus to share the gospel. We are called to go to the people who need Jesus. We are to be fishers of people. Mark 1:17 says: "Then Jesus said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.'" We are to be looking for people with whom to share. We are to be bringing people to Jesus. Have you fished during this past week?

Hear again the words from author Max Lucado which I shared with you on Sunday: *When those who are called to fish don't fish, they fight. When energy intended to be used outside is used inside, the result is explosive. Instead of casting nets, we cast stones. Instead of extending helping hands, we point accusing fingers. Instead of being fishers of the lost, we become critics of the saved. Rather than helping the hurting, we hurt the helpers.*

*When those who are called to fish, fish – they flourish! Nothing handles a case of the gripes like an afternoon service project. Nothing restores perspective better than a visit to a hospital ward. Nothing unites soldiers better than a common task.*

The odds are that if you are not actively sharing Christ right now, you are "fighting" with someone. If we have our focus where it needs to be we will not have time to get bent out of shape about things that do not matter eternally. Please join us in this unified effort of sharing the gospel through "The Gospel To Every Home". Please share the gospel everywhere you go!

We still have a need for Vacation Bible School teachers and workers. If you are willing to serve, please contact Terri Bosemer (preschool), Jodie Towles (children), or Martha Blansette (youth). You may also call the church office to volunteer. VBS is an amazing ministry which reaches thousands of people throughout our country with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Please hear again 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 help?

Please pray for God to "raise up" more deacons in our congregation. You have the opportunity during this month to nominate those in whom you see deacon qualities. The definition of deacon is servant. Even though all Christians are called to be servants, our deacons are to lead in this area by providing servant leadership. Our church needs many more people to answer "yes" to this calling. Is God calling you?

Please attend the Missions Recognition Service on Sunday, May 23, 6:00 p.m. We will hear from our Acteens, Challengers, Girls in Action, Royals Ambassadors, and Mission Friends as they share with us. Brian Hinton, the Baptist Campus Minister from the University of Louisville, will be our guest speaker. Please encourage our youth and children by your presence at this service.

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



**Thursday, May 13, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Monday, May 24, 7:00 p.m.**

**Meet in the Christian Life Center.**

Join us as we visit our community to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. We invite all of you to join us!



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship  
 Wonderful Wednesday  
 L.I.G.H.T

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021

10:00 a.m. Gospel Bag Assembly

6:30 p.m. The Gospel To Every Home

### FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2021

6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved - Valor

### SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
 1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service  
 2:00 p.m. Handbells  
 6:00 p.m. Mission Friends, GAs, RAs,  
 Acteens, Challengers  
 Discipleship Training for Adults

### TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021

9:30 a.m. Sisterhood  
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting - Canceled

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship  
 Children's Choirs  
 L.I.G.H.T

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021

10:30 a.m. CDC Spring Program  
 4:30 p.m. Diabetes Support Group  
 7:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School Meeting

### SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
 12:15 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks  
 1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service  
 2:00 p.m. Handbells  
 6:00 p.m. Missions Recognition Service

### MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021

6:30 p.m. The Gospel To Every Home  
 7:00 p.m. GROW (All Teams)

### TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. CDC Graduation

## RESPONSIBILITIES

### WEEK OF MAY 16

#### DEACON OF THE WEEK

Holland Kendall 640-2227

#### TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

TBA

#### 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. - Lisa Payne  
 Wednesday - Sam Frizzell

### WEEK OF MAY 23

#### DEACON OF THE WEEK

Mary Kleber 262-8756

#### TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Joseph Montgomery 422-2208

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

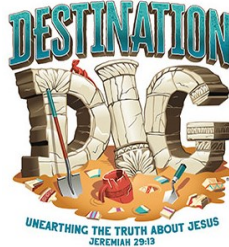
Terri Bosemer and TBA

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#### TECH TEAM

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 Streamer – Chris Towles  
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 AV – Jamie Gibbs  
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 Wednesday - Lisa Payne



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

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

Our next VBS meeting is **Thursday, May 20, 7:00 p.m.**, in the sanctuary.

## DEACON NOMINATION FORM

### Eligibility and Qualifications

Resident members who have been active members in the church for at least one (1) year prior to the time of nomination and who are 21 years of age or older, and who support the church financially, by presence, and spiritually are eligible to serve as deacons.

Qualifications shall be found in the scriptures: Acts 6:1-6 and I Timothy 3:8-12.

The church encourages your recommendation of deacon nominees. Please complete the form below and take or mail the form to the church office by June 1

The following people who are currently serving as deacon should not be nominated:

Michele Crider Danny Hass George Popham Carolyn Simpson  
 Becky Frizzell Holland Kendall Nancy Shewmaker Chris Towles  
 Sam Frizzell Mary Kleber Phil Shewmaker

It is my belief that the following persons meet the high ideals and expectations of a deacon:

My Nominations: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER ENROLLMENT



Call Terri Bosemer as soon as possible if you would like to enroll your child in our Child Development Center Summer Fun Program or Fall Preschool (239-8952 ext. 108).

### Son-Day Fun-Day School Supplies Give-Away Sunday, July 25

We are now collecting school supplies for Son-Day Fun-Day. Please place your donations in the bin located in the Christian Life Center.

pencil sharpeners  
erasers (pencil top or regular)  
pencil boxes/bags  
rulers  
glue sticks  
scissors (children's)  
backpacks  
packs of paper (wide and college ruled)  
notebooks (wireless and composition)  
pocket folders (with or without prongs)  
pencils (#2 wood or mechanical)  
pens (black, blue, or red)  
markers (8 box large or thin)  
crayons (24 box preferred)

Thank You Notes have been placed on the bulletin board from:

Judie Walker  
Sharon Thompson  
The Miles Family  
Gina Miles  
The McAdams Family



### *Our Sympathy Is Extended To:*

Sheres Caldwell and family at the death of her great-aunt, Farris Rose McTier.

**KY WMU Changers Kids presents  
a Mission Opportunity  
for Children grades 3-5**

**Saturday, June 5  
9:30 am – 2:30 pm**

**Fern Creek/Highview  
United Ministries**

**Church is covering the \$10 cost.**

**Sign-up TODAY!**

**Questions, see Jodie Towles**

## MUSIC NOTES

Steve Skaggs, Interim Minister of Music



### GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

*Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.* Romans 12:2 (NIV)

As the virus numbers continue to improve, there is a lot being said about getting back to normal. We probably each have our own idea of what this means and perhaps many of us have embraced what some people call “a new normal.” But does it mean something different for the Christian? And, what does “getting back to normal” mean for Fern Creek Baptist Church?

You probably know the verse above. In that passage, the Apostle Paul is arguing that Christians should be different from non-believers. We should be “transformed.” We should be more like God, doing His will, and less like those who do not believe in God or accept and practice His teachings. Jesus taught this (see John 17:15-18, for example) as did the Apostles. Peter quoted from Leviticus 11:44-45, “Be holy, for I am holy,” when he urged the readers of his first epistle to be set-apart or, as Leviticus puts it, to be “consecrated” (I Peter 1:16). So, perhaps being a “normal” Christian is actually being quite different from the rest of the world!

What about FCBC? What should it mean for us to be normal? Here are some things I would ask you to consider.

- Encourage the church pastor and staff.
- Encourage the church leadership—and the church “fellowship.”
- Be intentional about greeting new visitors. Make them feel welcome.
- Be intentional about worship. Whether in person or through the use of technology, prepare your heart to be led into worship by the Holy Spirit.
- Continue to respect others' space and feelings about the virus. Find new ways to greet one another and stay close while respecting physical distance.
- Testify to the goodness of God and how He is significant in your life.
- Testify to how you love the church. Ephesians 4:29 is just one of many verses that teach us we should “build up” our brothers and sisters in Christ rather than tear them down.
- Let us pray for God's will to be accomplished in assembling the staff. He would have to lead this church. Ask Him to reveal His will — His “normal”—in assisting Pastor Linda in ministry to this church and community.

“Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

### PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB AS OF MAY 5.

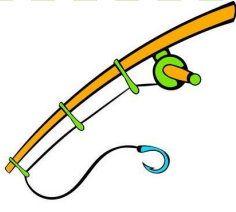
- Mary Berridge – Sanders Ridge Health Campus – Room 508
- Rosiland Morris – Sanders Ridge Health Campus – Room 409
- Polly Ann Curry – Sycamore Heights Nursing Home – Room D-6
- Jenny Magruder – Traditions at Beaumont – Room 436
- Mary Redmond – Morning Pointe – Apt. 305
- Connie Fisher (Shannon Fisher's mother) – Creekside on Whipps Mill



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## **DONATIONS FOR SPRING MEADOWS**

We are collecting new or gently used fishing poles for Spring Meadows. The request is preferably for closed face reels / spincast reels. If you are able to donate one, please put the "pole" in the collection area on the top shelf. The boys at Spring Meadows are looking forward to fishing trips this summer. Please donate by **June 1**.



## **MAY 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
- The Adult Choir rehearses 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. See inside for details.

### **MAY EVENTS**

- **May 20, 10:30 a.m.** – CDC Program
- **May 20, 4:30 p.m.** – Diabetic Support Group
- **May 20, 7:00 p.m.** – VBS Meeting
- **May 23 (after worship)** – Blood Pressure Checks
- **May 24, 7:00 p.m.** – GROW
- **May 25, 7:00 p.m.** – CDC Graduation

**MAY 2, 2021**



### **ATTENDANCE**

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 87  
MORNING WORSHIP - 115

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG**

**FRED TUCKER**

### **OUR STEWARDSHIP**

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,731.00
Budget Received	\$ 9,700.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 340,585.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 332,477.85

### **BUILDING FUND**

Weekly Total	\$ 451.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 22,605.50
<b><u>ANNIE ARMSTRONG</u></b>	\$ 1,755.30
<b><u>FRED TUCKER</u></b>	\$ 120.00

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