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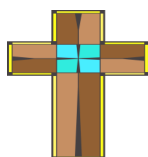
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**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST
CHURCH**



Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

The Disciple

May 12, 2020

LINDA'S LINES

Thanks so much to all of you who have been helping with Care Bag delivery. You have been amazing! We will be taking Care Bags to the neighborhood next to the church on Monday, **May 18, 2:00 p.m.** Please email Joy or me this week if you are willing to help. Delivery instructions will be sent to you.

This Sunday, **May 17, 10:45 a.m.**, is our last Drive-In Worship for now. We would love for all of you to attend! It is a totally safe experience.

Just as the federal and state governments are "rolling out" plans in phases, so is your church staff. Phase One consists of the following time period: **May 24 – June 13.**

Sunday Morning Worship

We will begin to worship inside our sanctuary on **May 24**. We will offer two morning worship services. The first service will be at **9:00 a.m.** and the second one will be at **10:45 a.m.** This will enable us to stay below the capacity guidelines. The second service will be livestreamed and we will also have overflow seating in the Christian Life Center. Our request is that those of you who are a part of our more vulnerable population would attend the first service. Thank you for honoring the following requests:

Please wear masks. If you do not have one, we will have masks available that you may then keep. Children under age two should not wear masks. We will send more information prior to May 24.

We request that families would sit together. Ushers will actually seat you so that we can ensure social distancing. Childcare will not be provided.

You may enter the front doors of the sanctuary or the doors under the drive-through canopy.

We assure you that the sanctuary and Christian Life Center will be thoroughly sanitized. We are also sanitizing between services. We are following social distancing guidelines and procedures. Some have asked, "Will I be safe?" You will be safer than going into a grocery store.

Sunday Evenings

There will be no on-site activities on the evenings of **May 24 and 31**. On **June 7, 6:00 p.m.**, Acteens, Challengers, Girls in Action, Royal Ambassadors, and Mission Friends will meet. They will be wrapping up the year's studies and preparing for the Missions Recognition Service which has been rescheduled for **June 14, 6:00 p.m.** Deacons' Meeting has been rescheduled for **June 14, 7:00 p.m.**

Sunday School

Sunday School classes will not meet on-site during these three weeks. Classes will not meet at the traditional times because of the multiple worship services, but will be offered either on Sunday afternoons or various times during the week online or by conference call. We are currently working with teachers in rescheduling these so that the classes do not conflict with each other. That is an issue because many households have only one computer.

Wednesday Evenings

We encourage you to join in prayer services in your homes during these three weeks. Prayer guides will be provided. Wednesday worship will resume on June 17. Other Wednesday activities are to be determined.

Other Activities

Committee Meetings on **June 2** are yet to be determined.

GROW will meet on **Monday, June 8**. The time is to be determined. We will meet in the Christian Life Center.

Thanks to those who joined us for our Prayer Vigil and for those who served as Security or Sanitizing Attendants. Thank you very much for what you are doing to help during this time. Thanks to all who are helping with the various ministries. Thanks to those of you who are praying! Thanks for continuing to pray: "Lord, Send a Great Revival!"





MAY 3, 2020

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,728.00
Budget Received	\$ 12,848.67
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 350,208.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 334,896.22
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	
Weekly Total	\$ 105.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 5,178.27

Annie Armstrong \$750.00
Fred Tucker \$215.00

WEEK OF MAY 17

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Nancy Shewmaker 296-2341

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Chad Popham 759-2013

WEEK OF MAY 24

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Phil Shewmaker 558-1003

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Kevin Blansette 403-8173

Please pray for members / attendees in the hospital / rehab as of May 8, 2020:

- Jack Briscoe – Louisville East - Room 110
- Margaret Ann Durham - Seneca Place - Room G-12
- Jay Hill - Audubon Hospital - Room 4902-2
- Junie Routt - Essex Nursing and Rehabilitation Center – Room 102A
- George Stapleton (Gayle Stapleton’s husband) – Signature Healthcare of Cherokee Park



With Deepest Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to:

- Mary Lou Felker & family at the death of her brother-in-law, Lonnie Mays;
- Valerie Johnson & family at the death of her sister, Patricia Johnson;
- George & Mary Kleber & family at the death of Mary’s brother-in-law, Lowell Graham (uncle of Kathy Russell).

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 - Zack Pickering | 11 - Sam Pickering | 23 - Donna Hayes |
| 3 - Shain Calvert | Geoffrey Young | Jeremiah Kearns |
| Jesse Capps | 13 - Becky Frizzell | Davidetta Konneh |
| Billy Record | Karen Love | Betty Meyer |
| Brian Spaulding | 15 - Gregory Stockman | Nicole Seraphine |
| 4 - Loren Been | 16 - Scotty Anderson | 24 - Jennifer Wrin |
| David Hudgins | 18 - Scott Been | 26 - Lesley Hass |
| 5 - Jackie Routt | Cara Martinez | George Kleber |
| 7 - Brandon Colvin | 19 - Susan Gray | 28 - Bruce Allen |
| Holland Kendall | Steve Marion | Hannah Miller |
| 8 - Pat Newton | Neil Rivers | 29 - Harrison French |
| 9 - Alex Gibbs | Sydney Smith | Mary Price |
| 10 - Amanda Fox | 21 - Steve Hale | 30 - Katrina Binda |
| Bud Purnell | Jaxon Popham | 31 - Dutch Kendall |
| Samantha Stone | | |

“TACO SOUP TUESDAY” / MAY 12, 4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Please enter on the gas station side and drive around to the canopy drive-through of the common area entrance. A volunteer will bring your to-go soup order to your car. Please hold up a piece of paper with how many orders you need for your family. (If you walk to the church, please go to the back door of the gym to receive your meal.) You are welcome to invite others. **The meal is free!!** George, Linda and Chad Popham will prepare the meal and staff members and other volunteers will be packaging the meals and delivering them to your car. If any of you would like to help deliver soup orders to our homebound members, please email Joy (joy@ferncreekbaptist.org) or Linda (linda@ferncreekbaptist.org).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020

4:30 p.m. Taco Soup Tuesday

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020

10:45 a.m. Drive-In Worship Service

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020

8:00 a.m. Monday Messages

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2020

Church Office Closed - Memorial Day

8:00 a.m. Monday Messages

YARD TEAMS

Please help us by signing up for one of the seven different yard work teams. Each team works every seven weeks. You may join a team by calling Joy in the church office or by emailing Joy (joy@ferncreekbaptist.org) or Linda (linda@ferncreekbaptist.org) as soon as possible. The teams have already been working for several weeks. The Trustees serve as Yard Work Team Captains. Thanks for your help!

ATTENTION: GRADUATES

If you will be graduating from high school, college, or any other institution of higher learning, please call the church office (239-0316 ext. 100) or email Joy Stelly (joy@ferncreekbaptist.org) by Friday, May 15, and give us the name of your school, degree, etc. Each graduate is also requested to email a picture of yourself to Joy. We will recognize graduates during the 10:45 a.m. worship service on June 7.

It's all about the ANNIE ARMSTRONG gospel EASTER OFFERING

If you have not yet given your Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions, it's not too late! There is an envelope for this in your offering box; or you may choose to give online. Thanks for giving to help missionaries in our own country in sharing the good news of the gospel. Thanks for giving by the end of this month.

MONDAY MESSAGES

We are launching devotional / inspirational messages on Monday mornings at 8:00 a.m. throughout the month of May. If you are a late sleeper during these days, you may tune in later in the day. You may access these messages by going to our website (www.ferncreekbaptist.org) and clicking the red Worship Livestream button (just like you do for our worship services). We pray that these messages will be helpful for you.

Music Notes

Steve Skaggs - Interim Minister of Music

In my experience through the years, church people have not been shy in expressing their views on the use of music in worship. Complaints are especially memorable and usually have to do with musical style or the subject of the text. "I don't like to sing sad songs" is one universal protest I have heard. But is that a legitimate request? Should we avoid sad songs in corporate worship?

Psalms 137 describes the mood of God's people upon being taken captive by their enemies and led to a foreign country. The text says they sat and wept by the rivers of Babylon. They refused to sing the joyful songs of worship they had employed in the temple on Mount Zion.

So what did they sing? Perhaps a song of lament such as Psalm 60. To lament is to express deep sorrow, grief, or regret. Thus a song or psalm of lament is a prayer that may allow the believer to share a particular struggle that an individual or a group of believers is encountering. Let's take a look at Psalm 60.

*You have rejected us, O God, and burst forth upon us;
you have been angry--now restore us!
You have shaken the land and torn it open;
mend its fractures, for it is quaking.*

In these first two verses we see this is meant to be sung by a group of worshipers ("we"). The complaint is stated by the group who feels judged or abandoned by God.

On down in verse five a petition is stated: "Save us and help us with your right hand, that those you love may be delivered." The final two verses continue the request for help and acknowledge that God is the only source of victory.

The following psalm, Psalm 61, is a personal lament. "Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer" it begins. It, too, issues a complaint and a confession of faith and concludes with praise: "Then will I ever sing praise to your name and fulfill my vows day after day."

During this pandemic we will continue to sing songs that remind us of God's promises that never fail. We will sing "Victory in Jesus" with great joy! But we'll also sing songs that remind us that we need to cry out to God in confession and plead for deliverance. We need to lament.

*Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

Thanks so much to our tech team and all who are leading in worship. You are greatly appreciated by all of us!

CDC HAPPENINGS

Terri Bosemer - CDC Director

Please continue to pray that Almighty God will give us a clear vision of how to safely reopen the Child Development Center! My prayer is that we will be able to open our Summer Fun Program as scheduled on June 16. I am asking my church family to pray along with me. I have no doubt that our preschool is in the hands of an All Powerful, All Knowing, and All Loving God who will direct our paths! So let us open our ears and hear what HE and HE alone tells us to do.

Thank You Notes have been placed on the bulletin board from Doris Ann Sea and Mike and Linda Simpson.



WELCOME SUMMER INTERNS

The Personnel Committee is happy to announce that our Summer Ministries Interns will be coming aboard during the next few weeks. We are having them begin at different phases of our reopening. Steven Rascoe is the first intern who has joined our ranks. Steven and his wife, Michelle, are active members/leaders in the International Christian Fellowship (our Filipino congregation). Steven, a graduate of Murray State University and the University of Louisville, has taught school for many years. He served at Sullivan University (1998-2017) as the Mathematics Department Chair and University Instructor. Steven's main areas of leadership for us this summer will be in the areas of children's ministry and tutoring (a service we will be offering this summer). He will also be assisting in other areas. Steven and his precious wife, Michelle, will be a tremendous asset to our summer ministries.



MORE WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ON SUNDAYS

In addition to our Livestream and Drive-In Worship, you may listen to the previous week's sermon on WJIE-FM Radio (88.5) at 1:00 p.m. Also, you may view the worship service on WBNA Television (LIGHT TV 21.3 / Spectrum 285) at 3:00 p.m.

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.

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

Ralph Beard	Holland Kendall	Phil Shewmaker
Becky Frizzell	Mary Kleber	Carolyn Simpson
Sam Frizzell	George Popham	Joy Stelly
Steve Hale	Jim Sallee	Chris Towles
Danny Hass	Nancy Shewmaker	

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

My Nominations: _____

My Name: _____