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Fern Creek Baptist Church

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Child Development Center

239-8952

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Pastor
239-6628

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239-0316 ext. 111

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239-0316 ext. 111

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CDC Director, ext. 108

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Joy Stelly
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Bookkeeper, ext. 102

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Director of Facilities, ext. 104

LINDA'S LINES

The observance of Advent begins Sunday, December 3. It is a season of spiritual preparation for the celebration of the coming of Christ. The word Advent means "arrival" or "coming". Christ has come into our world; Christ is coming into our lives; Christ will come again! For the Christian, Advent is a season of celebration. Our celebration should lead to both an inward and outward sense of rejoicing as we commemorate the birth of Jesus for us, His birth in us, and His final coming in glory. I hope you will be present for each of the worship services during this holy season. Join us as we celebrate our Savior!!

On December 24, 1912, foreign missionary Lottie Moon died. She refused to see the Chinese people she loved go spiritually or physically hungry. Lottie was overwhelmed by the Foreign Mission Board's indebtedness and inability to help with relief during a Chinese famine; therefore, she stopped eating as a protest and gave her money to those who were suffering. Since the people were starving, Lottie felt that she could not eat either. She gave all she had to give, from her food to her last ounce of strength.

Lottie Moon often comes to our mind during this season of giving. Motivated by her example, Southern Baptists have given to foreign missions through an offering that bears her name. We hope that you will give generously this season to spread the good news of Jesus Christ throughout the world. Will you give a sacrificial gift? The Christmas Offering for International Missions is in your offering envelope box. We will have a special time during the "Hanging of the Greens" Service on December 3 for you to put your offering under the tree.

We are excited that the church directory company gave us another day to take pictures. **Picture Day will be Friday, December 1.** If you were not able to get your pictures taken earlier, please call the church office today to sign up. Thanks for your cooperation!

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL
130
MORNING WORSHIP
178

OCTOBER 29, 2017

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,657.00
Budget Received	\$ 6,200.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 115,884.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 105,473.49

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 120.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 4,423.99

Sunrise

\$1,695.00

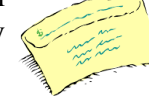
Year-to-Date Balance

\$ 4,423.99

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2018 offering envelopes in the common area between the church and the gym. If you have any questions, please see Jodie Towles.

Offering Envelopes



Sisterhood

Tuesday, December 19
9:30 a.m.
Cracker Barrel in
Fern Creek

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. for Sunday School. We have excellent classes for all ages.

FERN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

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



WEEK OF DECEMBER 3

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Jerry Walker 270-589-1510

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Gary Kistner 419-5505

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Joy Stelly

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Chad Popham, Lindsay Emert, and

Jayla Grigsby

EXTENDED SESSION

Donna Grimes, Susan Hudgins,
Jeannie Kern, and Mandy Jones

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Ben Hale

Wednesday - Sam Frizzell

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Scot Anderson

YOUTH SNACK SUPPER

No Snacks - "Hanging of the Greens"

WEEK OF DECEMBER 10

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Ralph Beard 445-6824

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Chad Popham 759-2013

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Renee Bryant

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Dana Adams and Teresa Kendall

EXTENDED SESSION

Linda Robinson, Michele Crider,
Dolores Rhea, and Jana Kistner

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Scot Anderson

Wednesday - Sam Frizzell

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Lucy Bickers

YOUTH SNACK SUPPER

Emily Butler

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017

7:00 p.m. WMU Cookie Exchange

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017

2:00 p.m. Church Directory Pictures

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017

10:00 a.m. "Hanging of the Greens" Dress Rehearsal

1:00 p.m. Fruit Baskets to Homebound

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Youth Choir

6:00 p.m. "Hanging of the Greens" and Reception

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017

4:30 a.m. CLC Reserved

7:00 p.m. GROW (G Teams)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017

10:00 a.m. GROW (G-3 Team)

2:30 p.m. Open Gym

6:00 p.m. CLC Reserved

6:45 p.m. All Committees

7:00 p.m. Administrative / Ministry Committees

8:00 p.m. Church Council

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017

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

Children's Choirs

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

GROW (G-4 Team)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017

8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017

9:00 a.m. Glasses Clinic

10:30 a.m. Staff Christmas Brunch

4:00 p.m. Adult Choir Fellowship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Youth Choir

6:00 p.m. Instrumental Christmas

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017

11:30 p.m. LRBA Retired Ministers' Luncheon

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

4:30 p.m. CLC Reserved

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017

10:30 a.m. CDC Two and Three Year-Old Christmas Program

2:30 p.m. Open Gym

6:00 p.m. CLC Reserved

7:00 p.m. Honduras Team Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship

L.I.G.H.T. for Youth

Children's Choirs

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thank You notes have been placed on the bulletin board from BMDMI and Emery and Betty Hobbs.



Please pray for members / attendees in the hospital / rehab as of November 26, 2017:

- Linda Westmorland – Klondike Rehabilitation – Room 22
- George Nightingale - Oaklawn Rehabilitation - Room 137



ANGEL TREE GIFTS

If you took an angel off of the Angel Tree, please return your gifts (with the angels attached to the gifts) to the church by December 10. You may place your gifts under the tree or in Room 210 on the upper ramp. Thank you for showing God's love to the needy children in our community this Christmas.



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)

December 6

Chicken & Dumplings Vegetables Bread Dessert

December 13

Fried Chicken Potato Salad Green Beans Bread Dessert

Music Tots

Music Friends

Two & Three Year Olds (must be two by 8/01/17) Room 107	Four & Five Year Olds (must be four by 8/01/17) Room 101
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Music Makers / Young Musicians

First Grade - Fifth Grade

Children's Choirs

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

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

LIGHT (Grades 6-12)

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

Join us each Wednesday evening! Hope to see you! Bring your friends! Questions? Contact Linda Popham.

WMU SPONSORED COOKIE EXCHANGE

November 30, 7:00 p.m.

Please bring at least two dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies for sampling/trading. We will also make small boxes of cookies for our shut-ins. Teresa Hardymon will lead us in a short devotional for our meeting.



CHURCH DIRECTORY PICTURES – MAKE-UP DAY

If you did not get your picture made for our new Church Directory, we have good news. There is a make-up day. The date is:

• **Friday, December 1, 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

You may schedule your photography appointment today after worship at the Welcome Center in the Sanctuary Foyer; or you may call the church office (239-0316 ext. 100).

FRUIT BASKETS FOR HOMEBOUND

The deacons will be leading in the ministry of taking fruit baskets to our homebound members and others during the Advent season. You are invited to help them put together and deliver fruit baskets to these members on **Saturday, December 2, 1:00 p.m.** If you would like to help contribute to the cost of the fruit, please designate this on your offering envelope.



CDC HAPPENINGS

Terri Bosemer - CDC Director

I would like to invite all of you to our Child Development Center Christmas Programs. The Pre-K students will perform on Tuesday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m. The two and three-year-old classes will perform on Tuesday, December 12, at 10:30 a.m. Both programs will take place in the church sanctuary. There will be a reception in the Christian Life Center immediately following the programs. It is such a blessing to hear children singing praises about the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

December 3: The First Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Hope
6:00 p.m. – “Hanging of the Greens” and Reception (led by the Adult Choir, Youth Choir, Children’s Choirs, Handbell Choir, and Narrators)

December 10: The Second Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Peace
6:00 p.m. – Instrumental Christmas

December 12

10:30 a.m. – Child Development Center Christmas Program (Two and Three-Year-Olds)

December 17: The Third Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Joy
“Peace Has Come” (by Mary McDonald), presented by the Adult Choir
6:00 p.m. – Youth and Children’s Choirs Christmas Service
7:00 p.m. – New Members’ Reception

December 19

7:00 p.m. – Child Development Center Christmas Program (Four-Year-Olds)

December 20

6:30 p.m. – Service of Comfort and Hope

December 24: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. – Pancake Breakfast
11:00 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Love and the Christ Candle

December 31: The First Sunday of Christmas

10:45 a.m. – We Celebrate the Birth of Christ.
6:00 p.m. – Prayer Service

Childcare for preschoolers is available during all of these services.

OPEN GYM FOR YOUTH (Grades 6-12)

Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Christian Life Center
We hope to see many of our youth present as we reach other youth in our community and city for Jesus Christ.



- Adults who would like to help in any way (chaperoning, refereeing, giving devotionals, etc.), please contact Brenda Pennington or Linda Popham.
- If you would like to help provide/serve food, contact Doris Ann Sea.



Tuesday, Dec. 5

6:45 p.m. - All Committees

7:00 p.m. - Administrative and Ministry Committees (Trustees, CDC, By-Laws, Ministry & Missions Center, Children’s, Preschool, Personnel, Stewardship, Social, Evangelism & Outreach, and Youth)

8:00 p.m. - Church Council

(All Committee Chairpersons & Heads of Organizations)
Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. (Childcare is provided.)

WOMEN ON MISSION QUILTING GROUP

Thursday, December 7

10:00 a.m.

Christian Life Center

Please bring a friend or two; everyone is welcome!



**FREE GLASSES CLINIC
SPONSORED BY KENDALL OPTOMETRY
MINISTRY, INC.**

December 9, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Christian Life Center

Questions? Contact Holland Kendall or Sam Frizzell.



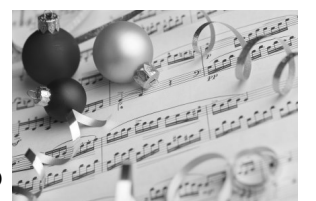
ADULT CHOIR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 9

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Home of Scott & Kim Been

Bring an appetizer or dessert and a wrapped \$5 present if you would like to participate in the gift exchange.





INSTRUMENTAL CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 10 – 6:00 p.m.

As you are all aware, there has been a great tradition of having an Annual Instrumental Christmas program here at Fern Creek Baptist Church.

If you would be interested in playing at this concert, please let Rocky Hardymon.

HONDURAS TEAM MEETING

Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.

We hope many of you will join us for this initial meeting to discuss plans for our next mission trip to Honduras which is **July 28 – August 4, 2018**. Questions? Contact Linda Popham or Renee Bryant.



“Young at Heart” Luncheon

Thursday, December 14, 11:30 a.m.

Wildwood Country Club (5000 Bardstown Road)

Entertainment – Rocky Hardymon

Please sign up at the shelf in the common area foyer. The cost per person is \$15 (includes the buffet luncheon, tax, and gratuity). The money will be collected at the luncheon. Please bring a gift for the gift exchange (\$7-\$10 cost). Questions? Contact Brenda Pennington.



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY (Grades 6-12)

Friday, December 15

6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

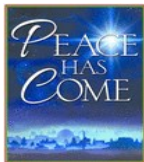
Watch for details!



ATTENTION ADULT CHOIR & DRAMA TEAM

“Peace Has Come” Cantata

Dress rehearsal for the Choir and Drama cast will be Saturday, December 16, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



NEW MEMBERS’ RECEPTION - December 17

(following the 6:00 p.m. Youth and Children’s Christmas Program)

Please bring a snack food as we welcome the newest members among us.



SERVICE OF HOPE AND COMFORT

Wednesday, December 20, 6:30 p.m.

We will hear God’s Word, pray, sing, and remember. We will light candles in memory of our loved ones.



HOLIDAYS

The Church Office will be closed for Christmas on December 25 and December 26, 2017. We will also be closed for New Year’s Day on January 1, 2018.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

(all the pancakes you would like to eat)

Fundraiser for our next Honduras Mission Trip

Sunday, December 24, 2017

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Christian Life Center

Donations accepted.

Thank you for helping those in Honduras to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ!



CHRISTMAS EVE

We hope you will all join us for our Christmas Eve service on **December 24, 11:00 a.m.**



HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

You are invited to join the deacons on **December 31** as they visit our homebound members and share the Lord’s Supper with them. Please meet in the conference room at **4:30 p.m.** to divide into teams.



FERN CREEK / HIGHVIEW UNITED MINISTRIES NEEDS

The ministry is in need of the following: toilet paper, dish liquid, laundry detergent, shampoo, canned meats, canned green beans, canned corn, and empty water bottles. Please place your donations in the marked bin in the breezeway. Thank you for helping those in our community. All donations are greatly appreciated!



EXERCISE CLASS FOR ADULTS

The Exercise class will resume on **Thursday, January 4, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

Questions? Contact Geraldine Grigsby or Sandra Segrest.



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).

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



DONATIONS NEEDED

The Baptist Fellowship Center is making food baskets for Christmas. They have asked us to collect canned mixed vegetables. Please place your donations in the basket in the CLC breezeway. Thank you in advance for helping those in need!

REQUEST FROM THE TRUSTEES

There are many times during the winter season that we need people to help with shoveling snow off of sidewalks, etc. If you are willing to be a part of the Snow Removal Team, please call the church office (239-0316) or Joe Murphy, Trustee Chairperson (777-1632), or sign up at the foyer shelf in the Common Area. Thanks for your help!



ROCKY’S BEAT

Rocky Hardymon - Minister of Music

“O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.”
Isaiah 25:1

The season of Advent is upon us and there are many ways to exalt His name! It’s the time of year that we focus on the birth of Christ and worship Him with expectation and hope. One of the ways we do that at Fern Creek is through our Hanging of the Greens service. This service helps us prepare for the season by reminding us of the everlasting life we have in Christ. We hope you will join us on Sunday evening, December 3, at 6:00 p.m. for this special time of celebration.

December is a month-long time of sharing the Christmas Spirit in our church family. One event is an evening of instrumental music on Sunday, December 10. If you would like to share your musical talents in this celebration, please call the church office and ask for Rocky.

We are also busy preparing for our Christmas cantata and can’t wait to share it with you. We have added drama this year!

As you prepare for the Christmas season in your homes and families, please leave room on your calendar for joining us in praising His name and all the wonderful things He has done for us!