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LINDA'S LINES

I hope you are all participating in *"40 Days of Generosity - Compassionately Loving Louisville!"* which began on October 16. It is exciting to hear the testimonies of those of you who have shared them. If you need more "pay it forward" cards, please pick them up from the baskets at either welcome center or come by the church office. Can you imagine the change that can take place in our city just by these intentional acts of kindness!! And more importantly, people can be transformed into faithful followers of Jesus Christ! I continue to pray that our congregation will all become more generous by performing various intentional acts of kindness. Please continue reading the devotionals for each day. They are powerful! May your heart be open to God's Word as you read these each day! If you have not been participating with us thus far, please begin today as we continue to join together in this endeavor through Thanksgiving Day! Thanks for joining together in very intentional and tangible ways to reach our city with the gospel of Jesus Christ!

Thank you for responding to the request of our Stewardship Committee by giving an additional \$40 gift to the church budget during these 40 days. There is an obvious difference in the offerings these past few weeks. With a few more weeks of giving like this, we can actually reach the budget goals the church voted on for this year's ministry. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

Also, during the *"40 Days of Generosity - Compassionately Loving Louisville!"* the Stewardship Committee invites you to join different ones of them in one of the upper ramp classrooms as they pray during the November morning worship services for this endeavor and as they pray for our worship services. The Apostle Paul reminds us that we are to *"devote ourselves to prayer being watchful and thankful"* (Colossians 4:2).

Let us continue to pray, *"Lord, Send a Great Revival!"*

NOVEMBER 6, 2016



SUNDAY SCHOOL
150
MORNING WORSHIP
199

OUR STEWARDSHIP	
Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,440.00
Budget Received	\$ 13,595.44
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 94,400.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 81,187.92
BUILDING FUND	
Weekly Total	\$ 178.00
Year-to-Date	\$ 5,143.44

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sponsored by the Fern Creek / Highview Ministerial Association

Tuesday, November 22, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

Fern Creek United Methodist Church

(6727 Bardstown Road)

Community Choir – Area Churches

(The choir will rehearse at 6:00 p.m.)

Childcare is available. A reception will follow.



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Joy Stelly 724-3317

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

TBA

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Ann Abney

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Pam Reid and Carole Nagle

EXTENDED SESSION

Robin Berry, Susan Hudgins, Dawn

Herbst, Lewana Sams, and

Edith Briscoe

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Alex Gibbs

Wednesday - No Service

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Scot Anderson

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Neal Tingle 593-9296

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Fred Rhea 749-3579

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jamie Houston

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Joe & Valerie Montgomery &

Brenda Pennington

EXTENDED SESSION

Donna Grimes, Pat McDonald,

Mary Kleber, and Judie Walker

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Ben Hale

Wednesday - Steve Bruce

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Chris Towles

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2016

4:30 p.m. CLC Reserved

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2016

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016

9:00 a.m. Men on Mission - Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Salvation Dolls Workshop

12:30 p.m. CLC Reserved

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016

Jeff St. #1

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. Thanksgiving Dinner

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2016

10:30 a.m. CDC Thanksgiving Feast

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2016

10:30 a.m. CDC Thanksgiving Feast

7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2016

CDC Closed

4:30 p.m. CLC Reserved

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2016

THANKSGIVING DAY

Church Office and CDC Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2016

HOLIDAY

Church Office and CDC Closed

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2016

9:00 a.m. Men on Mission - Bible Study

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016

8:30 a.m. Instrumental Ensemble

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" Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016

4:30 p.m. CLC Reserved

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2016

6:00 p.m. CLC Reserved

6:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2016

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2016

4:30 p.m. CLC Reserved

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016

7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016

9:00 a.m. Men on Mission - Bible Study

Fruit Basket Delivery

12:00 p.m. CLC Reserved

MEMORIAL TILES

If you would like to purchase a Memorial Tile for our third panel, please put your form/money in the offering plate or give to Jodie Towles. Forms are located in Welcome Center

Sisterhood

Tuesday, December 20

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...



MUSIC NOTES

Greg Bruce - Minister of Music

Great Expectations!

Psalm 37:7 – “Be Still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him.”

The Holman Translation changes the word “patiently” to “expectantly”. The word “expectantly” means to wait with great anticipation or excitement. This is the time where we wait for many things to happen. It may be the birth of a baby, family to arrive, weddings, or other events that are milestones within your life. However, this is the time of year we need to sit back and first be thankful for everything that has been given us. We have been offered so much and sometimes we don’t even take a second to realize the good things around us. Secondly, we need to be looking ahead to the great season that stands before us. Christmas is coming and we should be waiting expectantly for all of the good things to come. It is a very exciting time around here and we want you to be involved and excited about the wonderful events that are happening all around you. First up, “Hanging of the Greens” is November 27th. This is a great time to be thankful for the season that is coming, as well as to be thankful for a church that is fully invested in the season of Christ’s birth. Next, we reach out to others and go Christmas caroling. It doesn’t matter if you can or cannot sing. Your mere presence is more than enough. After caroling, we will listen and be thankful for our children and youth as they present their Christmas selections on December 11th. The adult choir and instrumentalists bring Christmas to your hearts through music with the choir Christmas cantata, *A New Birth, A New Beginning*, and with our Instrumental Christmas concert on December 18th. On December 24th, we will have our annual pancake breakfast and Christmas Eve service as we celebrate the expectant birth of our Lord and Savior. If all of that isn’t enough, on Sunday, December 25th, we will celebrate and give thanks for the “King of Kings” who was born to bear our sins and transgressions. There is so much to be a part of that there is no reason for you to be left out.

I do hope you will be a part of all that we have to offer here at Fern Creek Baptist Church and look forward to seeing you in the pews as we worship during this time of great expectations!

YARD WORK TEAMS

ALL Teams are in charge of the yard work for November 17-19.

Thanks for your help!



SALVATION DOLLS WORKSHOP

Mark your calendar for November 19, 10:00 a.m. - noon, for the next Salvation Dolls Workshop in the Christian Life Center. There is something for everyone. So, bring the whole family and help share the Gospel with others. Questions? Please see Brenda Pennington or Melissa Logsdon-Young.

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)

November 23

No Dinner

November 30

Spaghetti Texas Toast Salad Dessert

SHOWER FOR DANIEL AND JENNIFER DAVIS

Celebrating the Upcoming Birth of Silas Daniel Davis

Friday, November 25, 4:00 p.m.

Home of George and Linda Popham

Hosted by:

Renee Bryant, Linda Popham, Lyndsey Popham, and Jodie Towles
(Males and females are invited.)

Registration is at Target and Babies-R-Us.

RSVP: Linda Popham at 239-6628.



ATTENTION: INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

November 27 is Instrumental Ensemble Sunday. Please let Greg Bruce know if you are interested in participating. We will meet in the sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. on November 27.

Our sympathy is extended to:

- Gary and Jamie Benningfield White and family at the death of Jamie’s father, Doug Benningfield;
- Brenda Pennington and family at the death of Ruth Lucas, the aunt of her late husband (Bud Pennington);
- Gordon Thompson and family at the death of his brother-in-law, Frantz Euziere, in Clearwater, Florida.



Please pray for members/attendees in the hospital/rehab as of November 11, 2016:

- Daniel Davis – Baptist Health – Room 480 (Park Tower)



PROVE THE TITHE

PROVE THE TITHE SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 27

We have been given so much by the Lord; therefore, it is our privilege to give back to Him what He has entrusted to us for the work of His church, the advancement of His kingdom, and the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth. If God chooses to do so, He could support this church by letting money “fall from heaven”. But, He doesn’t do it that way. He designed a different way through our tithes and offerings.

Sunday, November 27, has been designated by the Stewardship Committee as “Prove the Tithe” Sunday at our church. On “Prove the Tithe” Sunday, we are encouraging every church member / family to give a tithe to God’s church at FCBC. That means we are asking everyone to give 10% of a week’s earnings. If you normally give monthly that’s great, but please be willing to break your normal pattern of giving for the sake of this experiment. Of course, if you already give a tithe, we encourage you to continue or to give an extra offering on that Sunday. The idea is to see what the giving could be if all of our church members tithed biblically. We hope this will be the beginning of a life-long commitment to regular tithing.

The tithe is God’s method to get us on the path of giving. It’s a great place to start. Tithing is not the ceiling of giving; it’s the floor. Even if you have never tithed before, we are asking you to try it out on November 27. When we give according to God’s standards, we are truly blessed. *Malachi 3:10* says: “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessings that you will not have room enough for it.”

What can the tithe prove?

- It proves how much we trust the Lord.
- It proves that God blesses His children when we are obedient.
- It proves that God’s Word is true when we see how He blesses us when we tithe.

Will you accept God’s challenge set forth in *Malachi 3:10*? God asks us to test Him in the area of tithing. Are we really supposed to test the Lord? Yes, in tithes and offerings! Test Him! And get ready to receive the blessing! Let’s “Prove the Tithe”!

CDC HAPPENINGS

Terri Bosemer - CDC Director

The Child Development Center is preparing for our “Thanksgiving Feast”. The children will share several songs that they have been practicing with their music teacher, Pastor Linda. They will dress as pilgrims and Indians in costumes they create. Each class will decide on a food to prepare and share with everyone at the feast. All the tables are decorated with festive crafts also made by the children.

During the month of November, we do a “Family Turkey Project”. All the colorful turkeys will be on display in the Christian Life Center during the event. The Pre-K students will celebrate their feast on November 21, at 10:30 a.m. The two and three-year-old classes will have theirs on November 22, at the same time. Families and friends are welcome to join us. We can guarantee these precious little ones will bring smiles to many faces. Hopefully, all our families will leave with grateful hearts!

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His Love endures forever!” Psalm 136:1

L.I.G.H.T. for Youth (Grades 6-12)

We hope to see you each Wednesday night for L.I.G.H.T. Each Wednesday consists of a great evening of worship, Bible study, recreation, and surprises!!! Please meet in the Christian Life Center at **6:30 p.m.** L.I.G.H.T. is over at **7:30 p.m.** Questions? Contact Linda Popham.

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 3, 9:00 a.m.**



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

December 4, 6:00 p.m.

Please meet in the Christian Life Center as we divide into groups to go to area nursing homes, etc. We will return for hot chocolate and apple cider.



6:45 p.m. - All Committees

7:00 p.m. - Administrative and Ministry Committees

(Trustees, CDC, By-Laws, Ministry & Missions Center, Children's, Evangelism & Outreach, Preschool, Personnel, Recreation, Stewardship, Social, 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.)

Tuesday, Dec. 6

"YOUNG AT HEART" CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Thursday, December 8, 11:30 a.m. at Wildwood Country Club

Watch for details!

Nicaragua Mission Trip

We will be taking a mission team again to work with the girls in the Emmanuel Home of Protection in Diriamba, Nicaragua. The dates for the trip are: January 3-9, 2017. We will also need a construction crew to put the roof on at the Baptist Church in San Gregorio. (We worked some with this church last year.) If you are interested, please contact Linda Popham or Renee Bryant within the next few days.



MEN ON MISSION

Join us on each **Saturday, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.**, as we study through the Bible from Genesis through Revelation; every week we will pick up where we left off. We meet in the Christian Life Center - Room 407. All men are encouraged to attend. Questions? Contact Sam Frizzell (645-7792).

MEMORIAL TILES

If you would like to purchase a Memorial Tile for our third panel, please put your form / money in the offering plate or give to Jodie Towles. Forms are located at the front welcome center.

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 Jerry Walker, Trustee Chairperson (270-589-1510), or sign up at the foyer shelf in the Common Area. Thanks for your help!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 - Jimmy McCune | 12 - Nancy Kleeamer | 18 - Akim Jackson |
| 2 - Patty Adams | Martha Radford | 22 - Ballard Anderson |
| Jaylan Hurt | Natalea White | Joan Naylor |
| Ashley Miller | 13 - Bobby Cundiff | 23 - Barbara Parker |
| 4 - Melissa Crittenden | Mark Freeman | 24 - Perry Joyce |
| 5 - Kathy Fraley | Bailey Record | 25 - Hunter Murphy |
| 7 - Chase Downs | Cameron Schildknecht | 26 - Jasmine Ayers |
| Lorys Edwards | 14 - Deborah Macias | Marie Kemp |
| Stephen Sorg | Allison Magruder | 28 - Al Thompson |
| 8 - Lorenza Callahan | Debbie Watson | 29 - Meredith Ward |
| CPL Joshua Grigsby | 15 - Ray Alexander | 30 - Samantha Riley |
| Christa Meeker | Dollie Dixon | |
| 9 - Autumn Cox | Shawn Gilpin | |
| | Gayle Stapleton | |
| | 16 - Jayla Grigsby | |
| | 17 - Moe Sams | |
| | Linda Westmorland | |



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 2016				1	2	3 9:00 am Fruit Baskets to Homebound 12:00 pm CLC Reserved
				4 4:30 pm Nicaragua Team Meeting 6:00 pm Christmas Caroling	5 4:30 pm CLC Reserved 7:00 pm GROW (G Teams)	6 10:00 am GROW (G Team) 6:00 pm CLC Reserved 6:45 pm All Committees 7:00 pm Administrative / Ministry Committees 8:00 pm Church Council
Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering						
11 6:00 pm Youth & Children's Choirs Christmas Service 7:00 pm New Members' Reception International Missions & Lottie Moon Offering	12 7:00 pm GROW (R Teams)	13 6:30 pm Women on Mission Group II 7:00 pm CDC Christmas Program	14	15 10:30 am CDC Christmas Program 4:30 pm CLC Reserved	16	17
18 JEFF ST. #2 10:45 am Adult Choir Christmas Cantata 6:00 pm Instrumental Christmas	19 7:00 pm GROW (O Teams)	20 9:30 am Sisterhood	21	22	23 Church Office Closed	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 9:30 am Breakfast 11:00 am Christmas Eve Service
25 CHRISTMAS No Evening Activities Family Worship in Homes	26 7:00 pm GROW (W Teams) Church Office Closed	27	28	29 7:00 pm Nicaragua Team Meeting	30	31
CDC Closed						