

# Fern Creek Baptist Church

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**FERN CREEK  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

*Reaching Up...*

*Reaching In...*

*Reaching Out...*

# The Disciple

**November 20, 2023**

## LINDA'S LINES

Thank you again for the many ways you shared your love through Pastor Appreciation Month. I hope to thank you individually soon, but I wanted you to know again that I am truly grateful for you and your kindness! George and I love and appreciate you greatly! It is certainly a great joy and honor to minister together with you at Fern Creek Baptist Church!

Please continue to share with each other of how God is speaking to you through *"Draw the Circle: The 40 Day Prayer Challenge"*. Thank you for your participation. Keep watching where God is working among us!

Please continue to pray for Celebrate Recovery. We know there are many more folks to reach so please pray each Thursday night for chains to be broken in the lives of those who are in bondage to hurts, addictions, and habits. Thanks to Joseph Schult and the leadership team, tech team, cooks, worship leaders, ushers, and those who are present just for the purpose of being a friend to those participating. There is still a need for more people to be on the leadership team. Thanks to all who are praying for this incredible ministry!! (Celebrate Recovery will not meet on Thanksgiving Day.)

Last Tuesday eight of our members (Danny Hass, Jay Hill, Deborah Lawrence, Melissa Logsdon-Young, George and Linda Popham, Norma Routt, Phil Shewmaker) represented our church at the Kentucky Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Somerset. (Joseph and Renee were not able to participate because of sickness.) As most of you know, we were disaffiliated from the convention. We will address this on Sunday morning, November 26, during our morning service. As I recently said, let us keep remembering that our identity is in Jesus Christ. A committed Christian lady at my oncologist's office said to me recently, "God doesn't want us committed with an organization operating under a lie from the enemy." We were stunned as we watched the lack of integrity of the KBC breaking rules in their own bylaws. Phil Shewmaker clearly pointed this out in the business session, but the men in control and the majority of people in attendance didn't care. However, there were many gracious people coming to our defense and offering us support in ways that we will share soon. We are so grateful for them. Let's keep our eyes on Jesus as we move into the future of the new things God has for us!

Please join us on **Tuesday night, November 21, 7:00 p.m.**, as our community gathers at our church for the annual Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Fern Creek / Highview Ministerial Association. The service is being held at our church this year. If you are willing to sing in the community choir, please meet us in the sanctuary at **6:15 p.m.** If you are willing to help Sherran Osburn's Usher Team with greeting/ushering, please contact Sherran. Please help the Social Committee by bringing a "finger food", snack or side item, or cookies/brownies. Let's offer a warm welcome to our community!!

Advent / Christmas Devotional Books will be out soon. Please make sure to give these out to family, friends, and anyone around you during this season. The devotionals, written by members of our church family, provide a great witness and inspiration to all who read them. Thanks to all who provided devotionals this year!!

Please pray for each other. Please pray for our church. Please continue to pray for God's kingdom to come on earth! Please join me in anticipation of a glorious Lord's Day this Sunday! And as always, continue to pray, "Lord, awaken Your people and send a great revival!"

### PUZZLE EXCHANGE



Puzzle exchange is up and going. Martha Blansette will be in Room 411 (Christian Life Center) for approximately 20 minutes after church each Sunday morning for anyone who wants to come and pick up a puzzle, CD or DVD.



### OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

George and Marie Kemp and family at the death of Marie's sister, Sylvia Spencer, and brother, Forrest Mathis.



### QUARTERLY MEETINGS

**Tuesday, December 5**  
(Childcare is provided.)

**6:45 p.m. – All Committees**

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

**8:00 p.m. – Church Council**

### MEN'S MISSION BREAKFAST

December 2, 7:57 a.m.

IHOP - Hurstbourne

All men are welcome.

Questions? Contact Neal Tingle.



### DECEMBER

	14	Deborah Macias
		Allison Magurder
		Debbie Watson
	15	Diane Barnes
		Dollie Dixon
		Cynthia Fortune
		Bella Kaelin
		Michael Pierson
1		Jimmy McCune
2	16	Jayla Grigsby
	17	Linda Westmorland
	18	Terry Hawkins
		Akim Jackson
3	19	Lisa Curtis
		Louise Reis
4	20	Betty Jean Kulisics
5	22	Ballard Anderson
		Joan Naylor
		Ron Presley
8	23	Barbara Parker
	24	Perry Joyce
9	25	Bonnie Floyd
		Hunter Murphy
12	26	Jasmine Ayers
		Marie Kemp
	27	Molly Walker
13	28	Al Thompson
	29	Meredith Ward
	30	Samantha Sullivan
	31	Emily Butler

### PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB AS OF NOVEMBER 15:

- Barbara Dennison (Judie Walker's sister) – Valhalla Rehabilitation
- Parker Raley (Shannon Fisher's grandson) – Kosair

### RESPONSIBILITIES

#### WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26

##### DEACON OF THE WEEK

Phil Shewmaker 558-1003

##### TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Adam Jenkins 593-5007

##### NURSE ON CALL

Norma Routt 741-0724

##### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jeannie Kern & Joy Warren

##### EXTENDED SESSION

Jodie Towles & Jayla Grigsby

##### NURSERY

Donna Grimes & TBA

##### TECH TEAM

Director – Jon Heinrich  
Streamer – Jacob Heinrich  
Sound – Phil Shewmaker  
AV – Chris Towles

##### EVENING SERVICES

Sunday - Phil Shewmaker  
Wednesday - Lisa Payne

#### WEEK OF DECEMBER 3

##### DEACON OF THE WEEK

Chris Towles 468-7369

##### TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Jim Raia 529-1788

##### NURSE ON CALL

Michele Crider 724-9627

##### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Nann Anderson & Chrissy Creech

##### EXTENDED SESSION

Jeannie Kern & Judie Walker

##### NURSERY

Donna Grimes & TBA

##### TECH TEAM

Director – Jon Heinrich  
Streamer – Bruce Ritchie  
Sound – Sam Frizzell  
AV – Lisa Payne

##### HANGING OF THE GREENS

Director – Jon Heinrich  
Streamer – Jacob Heinrich  
Sound – Phil Shewmaker  
AV – Chris Towles  
Wednesday - Sam Frizzell

### NOVEMBER 12, 2023

#### ATTENDANCE

Sunday School - 92      Morning Worship - 175

#### OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 10,991.00
Budget Received	\$ 7,142.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 120,901.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 108,112.66

#### BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 180.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 3,778.05

### FERN CREEK BAPTIST KINDERGARTEN

Our Kindergarteners are asking for snack donations. Examples include, but are not limited to, pretzels, fruit snacks, animal crackers, or individually packed snacks. We currently have six students. Please drop off in the church office. Thank you.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023

10:30 a.m. CDC Thanksgiving Program (4's)  
7:00 p.m. GROW (O Team)

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023

10:30 a.m. CDC Thanksgiving Program (2-3's)  
7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service  
at Fern Creek Baptist Church

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2023

CDC & Academy Closed  
All Evening Activities Canceled

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2023

CDC & Academy Closed / Church Office Closed  
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery - Canceled

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2023

CDC & Academy Closed / Church Office Closed

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023

6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
12:15 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks  
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service  
3:00 p.m. Congolese Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir  
6:00 p.m. Missions Classes  
Discipleship Training

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023

6:30 p.m. Gym Rental  
7:00 p.m. GROW (W Team)

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Gym Rental

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2023

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship  
Children's Choirs / L.I.G.H.T.  
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023

3:30 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry  
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

7:57 a.m. Men's Breakfast - IHOP  
10:00 a.m. "Hanging of the Greens" Rehearsal

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service  
3:00 p.m. Congolese Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. "Hanging of the Greens" Service



### **"HANGING OF THE GREENS"**

**Sunday, December 3  
6:00 p.m.**

Celebrate with us as we highlight the Advent Wreath, the Chancel Decorations, the Sanctuary Greens, the Chrismon Tree, the Lighting of the Tree and Candles, the Reading of the Christmas Story, and offer the opportunity to participate in the International Missions Offering. Invite your family and friends to this joyous occasion.



### **"YOUNG AT HEART" CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Wildwood Country Club  
(5500 Bardstown Road)

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

Please sign up at the shelf in the Common Area by **Sunday, December 10**. The luncheon cost is **\$20 per person**. Payment is due on the day of the luncheon. Please bring a gift (appropriate for male or female) for the gift exchange (\$8-\$10 cost).

### ***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"

#### ***December 10: The Second Sunday of Advent***

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Peace  
6:00 p.m. – Youth and Children's Choir Program  
7:00 p.m. – New Members' Reception

#### ***December 17: The Third Sunday of Advent***

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Joy  
Adult Choir Christmas Cantata  
6:00 p.m. – Instrumental Christmas

#### ***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 21***

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

#### ***December 24: The Fourth Sunday of Advent – Christmas Eve***

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

#### ***December 31: The First Sunday of Christmas***

10:45 a.m. – We Celebrate the Birth of Christ.  
12:00 p.m. – Prayer Vigil Begins

**POINSETTIAS FOR "HANGING OF THE GREENS"**

The Church Floral Committee has made arrangements to purchase poinsettias on behalf of the church family. Each beautiful red poinsettia will have 5 to 7 blooms and be in a 6½ inch pot covered with green wrapping. You may purchase the poinsettias "in memory of" or "in honor of" with the notation included in the program.



**The deadline for orders is Sunday, November 26.**

Please fill out the order form completely and place the form and \$10.00 for each poinsettia in an envelope. Write "poinsettias" on the envelope and place it in the offering plate, mail or bring it to the church office. Checks should be written to Fern Creek Baptist Church. Please contact the church office (239-0316) if you have any questions.

*Please word exactly as you want it printed in the program.  
(In memory of my father, \_\_\_\_\_; In honor of my mother, \_\_\_\_\_.)*

<u>Given by</u>	<b>In Memory of . . .</b> <u>How to be listed in program</u>	<u>Amount paid</u>
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<u>Given by</u>	<b>In Honor of . . .</b> <u>How to be listed in program</u>	<u>Amount paid</u>
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