

**Fern Creek
Baptist Church**

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The Disciple

November 21, 2022

LINDA'S LINES

Advent 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.

Please be present for each of the worship services during this holy season as we focus on this year's theme: "*The Light of the World is Jesus*". Join us as we celebrate our Savior!! Invite others to attend with you. There is no better place to be on these Sundays than in the House of the Lord. Please join us!

The observance of Advent begins on **Sunday, November 27**. During our Hanging of the Greens Service that evening at **6:00 p.m.** we will adorn our sanctuary with beautiful decorations and sing the glorious songs of the season. We hope you will join us!

Thanks to those who wrote devotionals for this year's Advent / Christmas Devotional Book. Many people will read these devotionals and God will be glorified. We hope you will give these books away during this season. Give them to friends, family, and, most importantly, to those who are not Christians.

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? The Christmas Offering for International Missions is in your offering envelope box. There will be a time to put your offering under the tree during the Hanging of the Greens or you may give anytime during this season. Thanks for your generosity in giving so that others may hear the good news of Jesus!

For many decades we have had a great relationship with Sunrise Children's Services. It is a great joy to continue our partnership with them as they provide care and hope for hurting families and children through Christ-centered ministries. We invite you to give to Sunrise Children's Services. If you were not able to give last Sunday at the Thanksgiving Dinner, please give this coming Sunday. Please designate the amount on your regular offering envelope or you may get a Sunrise offering envelope from the Sanctuary Welcome Center. Thanks so much to our Social Committee for the delicious meal you prepared for our annual Sunrise Thanksgiving Dinner!

Thanks to those who faithfully served as messengers with me to the recent Kentucky Baptist Convention Annual Meeting: Laura Been, Mary Lou Felker, Norma Routt, and George Popham. Thanks for your service!

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



STAFF

Rev. Linda Barnes Popham
Pastor, ext. 103
239-6628

Rev. Gene Wright
Interim Minister of Music, ext. 111

Terri Bosemer
CDC Director, ext. 108

Joellen Johnston
Organist

Karen Love
Pianist

Donna Grimes
Interim Office Coordinator, ext. 100

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Directors of Facilities, ext. 104

**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

**“Welcome to Our World!”
Adult Christmas Cantata
Sunday, December 18, 10:45 a.m.**

Welcome to Our World!

He left the comfort of His heavenly home to come to our world; the world that He created; the world that He created for the earthly home of His creation. And what did His creation do after living in the perfection of the Garden? After walking and conversing with God on a daily basis? We sinned! We crossed over the one line that God asked man to never cross. Man ate of the Forbidden Fruit, and our world changed! It was no longer perfect!

Welcome to Our World!

In order to right all of the wrongs of this world, the gift of Jesus, God's Son, was sent to love, minister, and give His life for the sins of God's creation! The first Christmas!

Welcome to Our World!

“Hope that you don't mind our manger, how I wish we would have known. But long-awaited Holy Stranger, make yourself at home. Oh, please make yourself at home.”

We hope that the gift of Christ will be yours today if you do not know Him as your personal Savior. May you *Welcome Him to Your World!*

**INSTRUMENTAL CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 4, 6:00 p.m.**

Come enjoy flutes, trumpets, pianos, and more this Christmas as the instrumentalists at Fern Creek Baptist Church present an Instrumental Christmas. If you would be interested in playing at this worship, please contact Karen Love.

RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27 WEEK OF DECEMBER 4

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Sam Frizzell (645-7792)

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Danny Hass (836-9735)

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Joe Montgomery (422-2208)

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Shannon Fisher (830-3060)

NURSE ON CALL

Lesley Hass (836-9691)

NURSE ON CALL

Dr. Mary Kleber (262-8756)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TBA

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TBA

EXTENDED SESSION

Jeannie Kern & Susan Hudgins

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Jeannie Kern & TBA

NURSERY

Donna Grimes & TBA

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TECH TEAM

Director – Jon Heinrich
Streamer – Jacob Heinrich
Sound – Phil Shewmaker
AV – Sam Frizzell

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Streamer – Jacob Heinrich
Sound – Sam Frizzell
AV – Lisa Payne

EVENING SERVICES

“Hanging of the Greens”
Director – Jon Heinrich
Streamer – Chris Towles
Sound – Phil Shewmaker
AV – Sam Frizzell

Wednesday - Lisa Payne

EVENING SERVICES

“Instrumental Christmas”
Director – Jon Heinrich
Streamer – Jacob Heinrich
Sound – Sam Frizzell
AV – Lisa Payne

Wednesday - Sam Frizzell

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Rehearsal - November 26, 10:00 a.m.

Program – November 27, 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.



HOMEBOUND FRUIT BASKETS

You are invited to join the Deacons and the WMU on **Saturday, December 3, 10:00 a.m.**, as we prepare and deliver fruit baskets to the homebound and semi-homebound members of our congregation. Also, if you would like to contribute to this endeavor, please include the money in your offering envelope and designate that portion as “fruit baskets”.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER - 5:30 P.M.

Please call the church office (239-0316) by **noon on Monday** to make or cancel your reservation

Adults.....\$6.00 Children & Youth....\$5.00

Under age 5.....Free Family Maximum ..\$20.00

Carry-outs (\$1.00 additional charge) are only for those who are unable to attend because of illness or work.

November 30

Chili with Toppings

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches Dessert

December 7

Taco Soup Salad Rice/Fritos/Toppings Dessert

December 14

Ritzly Chicken Vegetables Flavored Rice Bread



DECEMBER

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 - Jimmy McCune | 14 - Deborah Macias |
| 2 - Patty Adams | Allison Magurder |
| Ashley Anderson | Debbie Watson |
| Jayla Hurt | 15 - Dollie Dixon |
| 3 - Tyler Gregory | Cynthia Fortune |
| Charles Walton | Bella Kaelin |
| 4 - Melissa Crittenden | Gayle Stapleton |
| 5 - Kathy Fraley | 16 - Jayla Grigsby |
| 7 - Steve Sorg | 17 - Linda Westmoreland |
| 8 - Lorenza Callahan | 18 - Akim Jackson |
| Josh Grigsby | Lisa Curtis |
| 9 - Autumn Cox | Louise Reis |
| Chelsea Warfield | 22 - Ballard Anderson |
| 12 - Nancy Kleehamer | Joan Naylor |
| Martha Montgomery | Ron Presley |
| Natalea White | 23 - Barbara Parker |
| 13 - Bobby Cundiff | 24 - Perry Joyce |
| Mark Freeman | 25 - Hunter Murphy |
| Bailey Record | 26 - Jasmine Ayers |
| Cameron Schildknecht | Marie Kemp |
| | 28 - Al Thompson |
| | 29 - Meredith Ward |
| | 30 - Samantha Sullivan |
| | 31 - Emily Butler |



Our next **Men's Breakfast** is
Saturday, December 3, at 7:57 am.
Rev. Ray Hayes will be our speaker.
 Call the Church Office to make a reservation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022

10:30 a.m. CDC Thanksgiving Program
 6:30 p.m. CLC Rented
 7:00 p.m. GROW (O Team)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2022

10:30 a.m. CDC Thanksgiving Program
 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2022

CDC Closed
 All Activities Canceled

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2022

CDC and Church Office Closed
 All Activities Canceled

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2022

CDC and Church Office Closed
 All Activities Canceled

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2022

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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. "Hanging of the Greens" Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022

6:30 p.m. CLC Rented
 7:00 p.m. GROW (W Team)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2022

5:30 p.m. Church Supper
 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
 Children's Choirs, LIGHT for Youth
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022

10:00 a.m. Women on Mission (Sewing Group)
 3:30 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022

7:57 a.m. Men's Breakfast
 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission (AGAPE Group)
 10:00 a.m. Homebound Fruit Baskets

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

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. Instrumental Christmas
 7:00 p.m. New Members' Reception

NEW MEMBERS' RECEPTION

December 4, following the Instrumental Christmas

Join us as we welcome the newest members to our church family!



OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- Connie Sublett and family at the death of her mother-in-law, Alma Sublett (grandmother of Katie Sublett);
- David and Melissa Lanham and family at the death of Melissa's cousin, Dr. Ron Waldrige, Jr.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES
 IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB AS OF NOVEMBER 16:**

- Bob Calebs – Jeffersontown Rehabilitation – B-22
- Nancy Calebs – Jeffersontown Rehabilitation– D-14



**"YOUNG AT HEART"
 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

**Wildwood Country Club
 (5500 Bardstown Road)**

Thursday, December 8, 11:30 a.m.

Please sign up at the shelf in the Common Area by **Sunday, December 4.** 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).

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY
Grades 6-12

Friday, December 9, 5:45 p.m.
(Note this date change.)

Mark your calendars and watch for details.



FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Fern Creek Baptist Church is seeking the following:

Full-time Administrative Assistant for Fern Creek Baptist Church. Applicant must be a spiritually mature Christian, be an active church member in his/her church, have strong computer skills including Word, Publisher, Excel, and PowerPoint, and have a willingness to learn Church Software Programs.

For all of these positions, send resumes to: Fern Creek Baptist Church, Attention: Personnel Committee, 5920 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY 40291, or email to linda@ferncreekbaptist.org. Resumes will be received through **December 1, 2022.** Questions? Call 239-0316 ext. 103 (Linda Barnes Popham, Pastor).

NOVEMBER 15, 2022



ATTENDANCE

Sunday School - 75
 Morning Worship - 100

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,968.00
Budget Received	\$ 5,861.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 109,648.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 91,404.90

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 65.45
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 10,738.24
Eliza Broadus Offering	\$ 10.00

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ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

November 27: The First Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Hope
6:00 p.m. – “Hanging of the Greens”

December 4: The Second Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Peace
6:00 p.m. – Instrumental Christmas
7:00 p.m. – New Members’ Reception

December 11: The Third Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Joy
6:00 p.m. – Children / Youth Christmas Program

December 13

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

December 15

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

December 18: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Love
Adult Choir Christmas Cantata - “Welcome to Our World!”
6:00 p.m. – Service of Comfort and Hope

December 24: Christmas Eve

11:00 a.m. – Christmas Eve Service
Lighting of the Christ Candle

December 25: The First Sunday of Christmas

10:45 a.m. – We Celebrate the Birth of Christ.

Childcare for preschoolers is available during the services.

Most of these worship services are, also, live-streamed. You may view the services by going to our website (www.ferncreekbaptist.org) and clicking the red Worship Livestream button.