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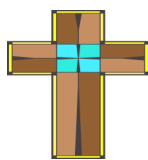
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**FERN CREEK  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**



*Reaching Up...*

*Reaching In...*

*Reaching Out...*

# The Disciple

**November 23, 2020**

**LINDA'S LINES**

Thank you for the generous love offering for Pastor Appreciation month. It is a joy to serve and minister among you in this community of faith. I look forward to what God is going to do during the future with our church. May we faithfully encourage each other in love and steadfastly share the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people!

The observance of Advent begins on Sunday, November 29. 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 that 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. Join us for the worship services of this holy season. Invite others to attend with you or participate online.

This is the season for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. 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 disturbed and 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. Thanks for your generosity in giving so that others may hear the good news of Jesus!

Please continue to pray for an end to Covid-19 and racial tensions. **Continue to pray, "Lord, send a great revival!"**



**DECEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS**

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|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - Jimmy McCune       | 12 - Nancy Kleehamer | 17 - Linda Westmorland |
| 2 - Patty Adams        | Martha Montgomery    | 18 - Akim Jackson      |
| Ashley Anderson        | Natalea White        | 19 - Lisa Curtis       |
| Jaylan Hurt            | 13 - Bobby Cundiff   | Martha Falkner         |
| 3 - Tyler Gregory      | Mark Freeman         | 22 - Ballard Anderson  |
| Charles Walton         | Bailey Record        | Joan Naylor            |
| 4 - Melissa Crittenden | Cameron Schildknecht | 23 - Barbara Parker    |
| 5 - Kathy Fraley       | 14 - Allison Grigsby | 24 - Perry Joyce       |
| 8 - Lorenza Callahan   | Deborah Macias       | 25 - Hunter Murphy     |
| Josh Grigsby           | Debbie Watson        | 26 - Jasmine Ayers     |
| 9 - Autumn Cox         | 15 - Ray Alexander   | Marie Kemp             |
| Chelsea Warfield       | Dollie Dixon         | 28 - Al Thompson       |
|                        | Cynthia Fortune      | 29 - Meredith Ward     |
|                        | Bella Kaelin         | 30 - Samantha Sullivan |
|                        | Gayle Stapleton      | 31 - Emily Butler      |
|                        | 16 - Jayla Grigsby   |                        |

**HELLO  
MONDAY**

### MONDAY MESSAGES

Tune in on Mondays at 8:00 a.m. for a Monday Morning Devotional Message. You may access these messages by going to our website and clicking the red Worship Livestream button.

### THANKSGIVING DRIVE-THRU BLESSING

**Tuesday, November 24, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Sponsored by the Fern Creek / Highview Ministerial Association



Stay in your car, drive thru our blessing line, enjoy live music, drop off an offering and food pantry items to support Fern Creek / Highview United Ministries!

- Food Pantry Items Needed: Toiletry Items, Canned Soup, Mac & Cheese, Canned Tuna, Peanut Butter, Canned Pasta, and Boxed Spaghetti
- Location: FC/HUM, 9300 Beulah Church Road

### **SUNRISE CHILDREN'S HOME THANKSGIVING OFFERING**

Normally during this season we celebrate a Thanksgiving Dinner together as we highlight the Sunrise Children's Home. Since that is not a feasible thing to do this year, we are asking you to please remember to give an offering of thanksgiving for the wonderful work that is done by Sunrise. Sunrise serves approximately 1,000 children and their families throughout Kentucky. Please give during this month to Sunrise. Offering envelopes are at the Welcome Centers or you may put your donation with your regular offering and specify the amount that should go to Sunrise. Thanks for ministering to the vulnerable children in our state.



### CDC HAPPENINGS

**Terri Bosemer**

We had to temporarily close our Child Development Center due to two positive Covid-19 cases. What could have potentially been a serious spread in our school ended up with no one else being infected. Praise God! This school is in God's almighty and all powerful hands and **HE** has seen us through many crisis situations. **HE** has never failed to protect us against the storms. **HE** is going to get us back on track with our enrollment once this pandemic lightens up. This year will be tough, but we will be okay; that means, financially too!

To all of you who contributed items to the CDC auction, thank you!!! You have contributed to children learning that God loves them and to seeds being planted. Many of the CDC families are unchurched and they need to hear this. This auction will be successful because of your contributions. Also, thanks to Shirley Powers, our CDC committee chairperson. Shirley has worked so hard putting all of this together and she has done an awesome job!

### **MUSIC NOTES**

**Steve Skaggs - Interim Minister of Music**

Do You Hear What I Hear?

*The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. Luke 2:20, NIV*

In the Christmas song, "Do You Hear What I Hear?," the night wind asks the little lamb if he sees the star up in the sky. The lamb goes to the shepherd boy and asks if he hears "a song, high above the tress, with a voice as big as the sea." The shepherd boy tells the king and the king issues an edict: "Pray for peace, people everywhere! The Child, sleeping in the night, He will bring us goodness and light!"

The song, written in 1962, does not mention the name Jesus. But, even though it is a fantasy (the wind and the lamb communicating verbally), it does echo the message of the angels who sang to the shepherds, "peace on earth," in announcing the birth of Jesus.

The inquisitive shepherds of Luke 2 rushed off to Bethlehem to see this miraculous occurrence. Immediately, they spread the news about Jesus everywhere! The people of two-thousand years ago needed to hear the good news the shepherds had for them. Luke 2:18 says, "All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them."

The husband and wife songwriting team who wrote "Do You Hear What I Hear?" in 1962 were fearful for life because of the Cuban missile crisis. They were truly asking people to pray for peace.

Today and in every age people need to hear a message of peace from God. We need peace in our world. We need peace within ourselves. And most of all, we need peace with God. Paul wrote in Romans 5, "We have peace with God through Jesus Christ."

During this Advent and Christmas season we should be as excited as the shepherds in sharing the Good News of God's love and His peace. Check out all of the dates for our upcoming special services in this issue of "The Disciple." Note the various ways folks will be able to hear the gospel message through the ministries of Fern Creek Baptist. Share the news with family, friends, and neighbors.

It is as simple as asking, "Do you hear what I hear?"



**NOVEMBER 8, 2020**

**OUR STEWARDSHIP**

Weekly Budget Needs	\$	9,731.00
Budget Received	\$	7,843.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$	107,041.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$	94,886.60
<b><u>BUILDING FUND</u></b>		
Weekly Total	\$	153.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$	5,128.00

**ATTENDANCE**

Sunday School - 54  
Morning Worship - 59

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Week of November 29**

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

Danny Hass 231-3735

**TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK**

Chad Popham 759-2013

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Kayla Beeler and Terri Bosemer

**EXTENDED SESSION**

Donna Grimes and Jeannie Kern

**TECH TEAM**

Director - Alex Gibbs

Streamer - Chris Towles

Sound - Phil Shewmaker/

AV - Jamie Gibbs

Wednesday - Sam Frizzell

**Week of December 6**

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

Holland Kendall 640-2227

**TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK**

Kevin Blansette 403-8173

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Kayla Beeler and Terri Bosemer

**EXTENDED SESSION**

Donna Grimes and Jeannie Kern

**TECH TEAM**

Director - Jon Heinrich

Streamer - Jacob Heinrich

Sound - Phil Shewmaker/

AV - Chris Towles

Wednesday - Lisa Payne

**PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES  
IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB AS OF NOVEMBER 20, 2020:**

- Jenny Green – Baptist Health Rehab – Room 4405
- Bill Green - Norton Women's and Children's - Room 407
- Rosiland Morris - Norton Brownsboro - Room 320
- Leonard Westmorland – Franciscan - Room 224
- Jenny Magruder – Traditions at Beaumont – Room 436
- Connie Fisher (Shannon Fisher's mother) – Creekside on Whipps Mill

***With Deepest Sympathy Extended To:***

- Bev Crittenden and family at the death of her son, Scott Crittenden (brother of Brent Crittenden);
- Donna Monroe and family at the death of her mother, Belle Monroe (aunt of Teresa Kendall);
- Gary and Jana Kistner and family at the death of Gary's aunt, Betty Thompson;
- Keith and Sharon Peavler and family at the death of their foster son, Michael Ray Bryant.
- Linda Lindsey O'Brien and family at the death of her sister, Carolyn Bennett (daughter of the late Ellen Wedding).



***I Wasn't Planning to Be a Widow...***

Whether you've been a widow for weeks or years, you are invited to join in our time together on **Mondays, 2:00 p.m.**, in the Christian Life Center – Room 416. For four more weeks we will look at how we can move from unending grief to being surprised by joy at times. We each have our unique stories, but perhaps sharing together will inspire us carry on with greater hope, assurance, and strength. Questions? Contact the facilitator, Karen Love, 502-314-1591 or [karenspecklove@aol.com](mailto:karenspecklove@aol.com).



**CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2020**

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Drive-Thru Blessing at FC/HUM,

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2020**

6:30 p.m. "Hanging of the Greens" recording

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2020**

Church Office & CDC Closed

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2020**

Church Office & CDC Closed

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
12:15 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks  
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service  
3:30 p.m. Instrumental Christmas Recording  
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir  
6:00 p.m. "Hanging of the Greens" (streamed only)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020**

2:00 p.m. Widow's Grief Support Group

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020**

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
6:45 p.m. All Committees  
7:00 p.m. Administrative/Ministry Com.  
8:00 p.m. Church Council

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020**

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship  
L.I.G.H.T. for Youth  
Children's Choirs  
7:30 p.m. Vocal Ensemble

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020**

10:00 a.m. WMU / Sewing Group

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2020**

7:00 p.m. FC/HUM Benefit Concert  
(The Believer's Church)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020**

10:00 a.m. Fruit Basket Deliveries

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. Instrumental Christmas (streamed only)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020**

2:00 p.m. Widow's Grief Support Group  
6:00 p.m. CLC Reserved  
7:00 p.m. GROW (All Teams)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020**

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting



## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

### *November 29: The First Sunday of Advent*

- 10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Hope
- 6:00 p.m. – “Hanging of the Greens” (streamed only)

### *December 6: The Second Sunday of Advent*

- 10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Peace
- 6:00 p.m. – Instrumental Christmas (streamed only)

### *December 13: The Third Sunday of Advent*

- 10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Joy
- 6:00 p.m. – “Journey to Bethlehem”, a Drive-Through Event:  
Please enter the driveway on the south side of the property anytime between 6:00 and 7:00 pm.  
Instructions will be given there.

### *December 16*

- 6:30 p.m. – Christmas Caroling

### *December 22: The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

- 10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Love
- 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 27: The First Sunday of Christmas*

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

Childcare for preschoolers is available during the on-site services.

Most of these worship services are live-streamed and transmitted to the parking lot. You may view the services by going to our website ([www.femcreekbaptist.org](http://www.femcreekbaptist.org)) and clicking the red Worship Livestream button.

For those who choose to stay in their cars in the parking lot for the on-site services, please turn your ignition to accessory and tune in to 91.7 FM.

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