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Fern Creek Baptist Church

5920 Bardstown Road
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Child Development Center

239-8952

Rev. Linda Barnes Popham
Pastor
239-6628

Dr. Rocky Hardymon
Minister of Music & Children /
Associate Pastor, ext. 111

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Associate Minister of Music,
ext. 116

Terri Bosemer
CDC Director, ext. 108

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Organist

Joy Stelly
Office Coordinator, ext. 100

Jodie Towles
Bookkeeper, ext. 102

Leonard Westmorland
Director of Facilities, ext. 104

Sisterhood

Tuesday, December 18
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...



LINDA'S LINES

The observance of Advent begins Sunday, December 2. 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!!

Thanks to those of you who wrote devotionals for our Advent /Christmas Devotional Book! Please thank these people for helping you during your personal devotional times! Also, we hope that you will share these books with others!

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 2 for you to put your offering under the tree.

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



"Young at Heart" Luncheon Thursday, December 13, 11:30 a.m. Wildwood Country Club (5000 Bardstown Road) Entertainment - Phil Kelley and Rocky Hardymon

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

MEN'S MINISTRY KICK-OFF BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 5, 8:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker - Roger Palmer from Crossings
Watch for more details!

Questions? Contact Chris Berry or Chris Towles.

SUNDAY
SCHOOL
156
MORNING
WORSHIP
194



NOVEMBER 18, 2018

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 10,081.00
Budget Received	\$ 12,657.10
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 120,972.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 108,251.33

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 79.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 9,529.04

WEEK OF DECEMBER 2 DEACON OF THE WEEK

Chris Towles 468-7369

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Kevin Blansette 671-5351

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TBA

EXTENDED SESSION

TBA

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Ben Hale

Wednesday - Sam Frizzell

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Alex Gibbs

YOUTH SNACK SUPPER

Hanging of the Greens - No Snacks

WEEK OF DECEMBER 9 DEACON OF THE WEEK

Ralph Beard 445-6824

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

David Magruder 592-7306

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TBA

EXTENDED SESSION

TBA

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Sunday - Ben Hale

Wednesday - Lisa Payne

AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Lucy Bickers

YOUTH SNACK SUPPER

Instrumental Christmas - No Snacks

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2018

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
L.I.G.H.T for Youth
Preschool & Children's Choirs

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018

6:30 p.m. CLC Reserved - Bates Elem.
7:30 p.m. CLC Reserved - St. Gabriel

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018

10:00 a.m. "Hanging of the Greens"
Rehearsal
1:00 p.m. Fruit Baskets to the
Homebound

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
6:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens Service
& Reception

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018

6:30 p.m. CLC Reserved - Wheeler
7:00 p.m. GROW (G Teams)
8:00 p.m. CLC Reserved - St. Gabriel

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018

10:00 a.m. GROW (G-3 Team)
2:30 p.m. Open Gym
5:30 p.m. CLC Reserved - St. Gabriel
6:45 p.m. All Committees
7:00 p.m. Administrative / Ministry
Committees

8:00 p.m. Church Council

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
L.I.G.H.T for Youth
Preschool & Children's Choirs
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
GROW (G-4 Team)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018

10:00 a.m. Women on Mission / Quilting
6:30 p.m. CLC Reserved - Bates Elem.
7:30 p.m. CLC Reserved - St. Gabriel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
6:00 p.m. Instrumental Christmas Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2018

11:30 a.m. LRBA Retired Ministers'
Luncheon
6:30 p.m. CLC Reserved - Wheeler Elem.
7:00 p.m. GROW (R Teams)
8:00 p.m. CLC Reserved - St. Gabriel

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018

2:30 p.m. Open Gym
5:30 p.m. CLC Reserved - St. Gabriel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018

5:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
L.I.G.H.T for Youth
Preschool & Children's Choirs

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018

11:30 a.m. "Young at Heart" Luncheon
6:30 p.m. CLC Reserved - Bates Elem.
7:30 p.m. CLC Reserved - St. Gabriel

Please pray for members / attendees in the hospital / rehab as of November 25, 2018:

- Bill Magruder (Jenny Magruder's husband) – Friendship Health and Rehab – Room 321
- Jason Routt - James Quillen VAMC (Tennessee)



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 28

Spaghetti Salad Texas Toast Dessert

December 5

Chicken Stroganoff Green Beans Bread Dessert

December 12

Pork Chops Macaroni and Cheese Vegetables Bread Dessert



Children's Choirs

Music Tots Two & Three Year Olds (must be two by 8/01/18) Room 107	Music Friends Four & Five Year Olds (must be four by 8/01/18) Room 101
Music Makers / Young Musicians First Grade - Fifth Grade Room 204	

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

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



HANGING OF THE GREENS AND RECEPTION

Rehearsal - December 1, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Program - December 2, 6:00 p.m.

Celebrate with us as we present 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, the Ringing of the Christmas Bells, and offer you the opportunity to participate in the International Missions Offering and singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus" from the *Messiah*. Please bring a snack food for the reception. The church will provide the punch. Hope to see you!

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 1, 1:00 p.m.** If you would like to help contribute to the cost of the fruit, please designate this on your offering envelope.



OPEN GYM FOR YOUTH

Grades 6 - 12

Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.,

Christian Life Center

We hope that many of our youth will join us as we reach other youth in our community and city for Jesus Christ. We need more helpers.

- 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, please contact Doris Ann Sea. Thanks for your help with this amazing ministry.



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, 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. 4

WOMEN ON MISSION QUILTING GROUP

Thursday, December 6, 10:00 a.m.

Christian Life Center

Please bring a friend or two; everyone is welcome!



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

December 2: 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, Instrumental Ensemble, and Narrators)

December 9: The Second Sunday of Advent

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

December 16: The Third Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Joy
 6:00 p.m. – Youth and Children's Choirs Christmas Service
 7:00 p.m. – New Members' Reception

December 18

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

December 20

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

December 23: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Love
 “Joy! A Gospel Christmas Celebration” (by Joel Raney), presented by the Adult Choir
 5:00 p.m. – Christmas Caroling

December 24: Christmas Eve

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

December 30: The First Sunday of Christmas

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

January 2

6:30 p.m. – Service of Comfort and Hope
 Childcare for preschoolers is available during all of these services.

INSTRUMENTAL CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 9 – 6:00 p.m.

Come enjoy handbells, violins, 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 concert, please contact Rocky Hardymon.



FERN CREEK / HIGHVIEW UNITED MINISTRIES

CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT

Friday, December 14, 7:30 p.m.

Believers Church (7905 Smyrna Parkway)

Join us as we support the Ministries and listen to some wonderful Christmas music by our handbell choir and others from our congregation who will be singing on this evening.



YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 16 – 6:00 p.m.

Come and hear our children and youth lead us in praising God during this Christmas Season.



ADULT CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 23, 10:45 a.m.

Join us as the Adult Choir presents “Joy! A Gospel Christmas Celebration”. You will hear the story of Christ's birth in a variety of musical styles, from upbeat blues-gospel numbers to slower ballads in a gospel groove, plus one calypso tune! Everyone is invited.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

December 23, 5:00 p.m.



Would you be interested in being in a group just for fun, going around spreading joy while singing Christmas carols? Well, this is an opportunity for you!

CHRISTMAS EVE

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



Our sympathy is extended to:

- The family of Juanita Sumner at her death;
- Chris and Pam Weixler at the death of their daughter, Emily Weixler McCay.



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 18, at 7:00 p.m. The two and three-year-old classes will perform on Thursday, December 20, 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!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - Jimmy McCune | 13 - Bobby Cundiff | 22 - Ballard Anderson |
| 2 - Patty Adams | Mark Freeman | Joan Naylor |
| Jayla Hurt | Bailey Record | 23 - Barbara Parker |
| Ashley Anderson | Cameron Schildknecht | 24 - Perry Joyce |
| 3 - Tyler Gregory | 14 - Allison Magruder | 25 - Hunter Murphy |
| 4 - Melissa Crittenden | Debbie Watson | 26 - Jasmine Ayers |
| 5 - Kathy Fraley | 15 - Dollie Dixon | Marie Kemp |
| 7 - Lorys Edwards | Shawn Gilpin | 28 - Al Thompson |
| 8 - Lorenza Callahan | Gayle Stapleton | 29 - Meredith Ward |
| Joshua Grigsby | 16 - Jayla Grigsby | 30 - Samantha Sullivan |
| 9 - Autumn Cox | 17 - Moe Sams | 31 - Emily Butler |
| Chelsea Warfield | Linda Westmorland | |
| 12 - Nancy Kleehammer | 18 - Akim Jackson | |
| Martha Radford | 19 - Lisa Curtis | |
| Natalea White | Martha Falkner | |



ROCKY'S BEAT

Rocky Hardymon - Minister of Music

Come celebrate as we present The Hanging of the Greens program Sunday evening, December 2, 6:00 p.m. During this time, we will participate in the International Missions Offering and sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Messiah." This service is one of the favorites the whole year!

The Handbell Ensemble will be ringing during the Hanging of the Greens program on December 2, the Instrumental Christmas Program on December 9, as well as the Fern Creek / Highview United Ministries Christmas Benefit Concert. We meet on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Adult Choir room (306).

Come enjoy handbells, violins, trumpets, pianos, and more this Christmas as the instrumentalists present an Instrumental Christmas Concert on Sunday evening, December 9, 6:00 p.m.

RACHEL'S WRITINGS

Rachel Oldham, Minister of Youth and Recreation

Fern Creek Baptist Family, thank you so much for the support that you have shown my family and me over the past months. If you have not heard by now, I have resigned from my position as Minister of Youth and Recreation, due to a number of reasons. My time at FCBC has grown me and stretched me in ways that I never could have imagined, and I am very grateful for the lessons that I have learned during this short period of time. As I transition into the next phase of life, I will be continuing to pray for the church, its members, and the Fern Creek community. Thank you again for the support that you have shown Tyler, me, and even baby Elijah.

You truly will be missed,
Rachel

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 2018						1 10:00 am "Hanging of the Greens" Rehearsal 1:00 pm Fruit Baskets to Homebound
2 6:00 pm "Hanging of the Greens" and Reception	3 7:00 pm GROW (G Teams) 6:30 pm CLC - Wheeler 8:00 pm CLC - St. Gabriel	4 10:00 am GROW (G-3 Team) 2:30 pm Open Gym 5:30 pm CLC - St. Gabriel 6:45 pm All Committees 7:00 pm Administrative / Ministry Committees 8:00 pm Church Council	5 4:30 pm Staff Meeting Canceled 7:30 pm GROW (G-4 Team)	6 10:00 am Women on Mission (Quilting Group) 6:30 pm CLC - Bates 7:30 pm CLC - St. Gabriel	7	8 5:00 p.m. Gospel Lights Dinner Parkland Baptist
9 6:00 pm Instrumental Christmas Service	10 11:30 am Retired Ministers Lunch 6:30 pm CLC - Wheeler 7:00 pm GROW (R Teams) 8:00 pm CLC - St. Gabriel	11 2:30 pm Open Gym 5:30 pm CLC - St. Gabriel	12	13 11:30 am "Young at Heart" Christmas Luncheon at Wildwood Country Club 6:30 pm CLC - Bates 7:30 pm CLC - St. Gabriel	14 7:30 pm FC/HUM Christmas Benefit Concert Believer's Church	15 10:00 am Staff Christmas Brunch 5:00 pm Adult I SS Party
16 4:00 pm Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal 6:00 pm Children & Youth Choirs Christmas Program 7:00 pm New Members' Reception	17 7:00 pm GROW (O & W Teams)	18 9:30 am Sisterhood 7:00 pm Fours CDC Christmas Program	19 6:30 pm Children's Choir Parties	20 10:30 am Twos and Threes CDC Christmas Program 6:30 pm CLC - Bates 7:30 pm CLC - St. Gabriel	21 6:30 pm Carrithers Concert 7:30 pm Youth Christmas Party	22 10:00 am Adult Choir Rehearsal
23 8:30 am Instrumental Ensemble 10:45 am Adult Choir Christmas Cantata 5:00 pm Christmas Caroling	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS	26 No Evening Activities	27	28	29
30 12:15 pm Blood Pressure Checks 4:00 pm Homebound Communion 6:00 pm - Prayer Service 7:00 pm Adult I SS Party	31 CDC Closed	Church Office Closed CDC Closed				