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**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

The Disciple

November 06, 2023

LINDA'S LINES

Thank you so much for the decorative throw, cards, gift cards, gifts, and encouraging words for Pastor Appreciation Month. Your love, thoughtfulness, and kindness bring great encouragement. George and I love and appreciate you very much!! It is certainly a great joy and honor to minister together with you at FCBC!

God is definitely speaking through "Draw the Circle: The 40 Day Prayer Challenge" by Mark Batterson. I hope you will share with each other what God is saying to you through this special season of focus and prayer. Thank you for your participation. Keep watching where God is working among us!

Celebrate Recovery started with a great response on November 2. 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. Thanks to all who are praying for this incredible ministry!!

Please pray for those who will represent us as messengers to the Kentucky Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Somerset on November 14: Renee Bryant, Danny Hass, Jay Hill, Deborah Lawrence, Melissa Logsdon-Young, George and Linda Popham, Norma Routt, and Joseph Schult. We can take one more messenger. The KBC Credentials Committee is recommending to the convention that we be disfellowshipped from the state convention because of female leadership. Some of our deacons recently had a non-productive meeting with the Credentials Committee. Pray that we will show the love and grace of Jesus Christ amid the pharisaical and unkind attitudes that we continue to face. If you would like a copy of the letter from the KBC, we will send that to you. Let us keep remembering that our identity is in Jesus Christ and not any man-made organization. Let's keep our eyes on Him as we move into the future of the new things God has for us!

We hope you will join us for the upcoming Thanksgiving events.

- ◆ We are so happy to have our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 19, 5:30 p.m. We will again highlight Sunrise Children's Services. (See the article on the backside of this newsletter.)
- ◆ Also, please join us for the annual Community Thanksgiving Service, on November 21, 7:00 p.m., at our church. This is such a wonderful time of joining together with our community in praising and thanking God! (Also, see the article on the backside.)

Quickly following Thanksgiving is the season of Advent which begins on Sunday, December 3. The highlights of the season are:

- ◆ December 3, 6:00 p.m. – "Hanging of the Greens"
(Dress Rehearsal – Dec. 2, 10:00 a.m.)
- ◆ December 10, 6:00 p.m. – Children / Youth Christmas Program
- ◆ December 17, 10:45 a.m. – Christmas Cantata
- ◆ December 17, 6:00 p.m. – Instrumental Christmas
- ◆ December 20, 6:30 p.m. – Service of Comfort and Hope
- ◆ December 24, 11:00 a.m. – Christmas Eve Service

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!"

**PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES
IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB AS OF NOVEMBER 2:**

- Barbara Dennison (Judie Walker's sister) – Valhalla Rehab
- Parker Raley (Shannon Fisher's grandson) – Kosair
- Lewana Sams – Norton Women's and Children's Hospital - Room 506
- Donna Sams Henry - Norton Women's and Children's Hospital - Room 724

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- Keith and Terri Bosemer at the death of Terri's cousin, Joseph Brent Mills.
- Mike and Linda Robinson and family at the death of Linda's mother, Joan Morris.



WEDNESDAY WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 15

Featuring Missionaries, Mike and Sandra Little

All adults and youth (who aren't teaching elsewhere at this time) are invited to join us. Missionaries Mike and Sandra Little who serve in Guatemala in partnership with Baptist Medical & Dental Mission International will share what God is doing in their areas of ministry. (LIGHT will combine with Wednesday Worship on this evening.) Please join us!



RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12 WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19

DEACON OF THE WEEK

George Popham 419-8939

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Nancy Shewmaker 296-2341

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

TBA

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Kevin Blansette 403-8173

NURSE ON CALL

Dr. Mary Kleber 262-8756

NURSE ON CALL

Martha Blansette 533-9666

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jayla Grigsby,
Eleonor Ritchie,
& Alison Schult

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jan Miller,
Deborah Lawrence,
& Joy Warren

EXTENDED SESSION

Jeannie Kern &
Chrissy Creech

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Jeannie Kern &
Jeryl Presley

NURSERY

Donna Grimes & TBA

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TECH TEAM

Director – Jon Heinrich
Streamer – Jacob Heinrich
Sound – Phil Shewmaker
AV – Lisa Payne

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

EVENING SERVICES

Sunday - Chris Towles
Wednesday - Sam & Phil

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Sunday - Sam & Chris - CLC
Wednesday - No Service



Thank you notes have been placed on the bulletin board from:

- ♦ Ballard & Nann Anderson
- ♦ Jean Brookshire
- ♦ Glenda Coddington
- ♦ Martha Watson's Family

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONAL BOOK

This year's Advent / Christmas theme is "The Heart of Christmas is Jesus" (with the sub-themes of "Hearts of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love"). If you are willing to write a devotional, please sign up at the shelf in the Common Area Foyer (between the Sanctuary and the Christian Life Center) or call the church office. Please include a scripture reference with your devotional. Please send to Tiffany Keranen (tiffany@ferncreekbaptist.org) as an email attachment by November 13, or earlier. Thanks for your help!

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.

New Members' Orientation

Saturday, November 18, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch is included.

Linda Popham will lead the class for Adults and Youth.

Jayla Grigsby will lead the class for Children.

Watch for more details.

YARD WORK TEAMS

Team Two (Joe Montgomery's Team)

is in charge of the yard work: November 9-11.

Team Three (Shannon Fisher's Team)

is in charge of the yard work: November 16-18.



OCTOBER 29, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School - 84 Morning Worship - 111

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 10,991.00
Budget Received	\$ 7,532.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 98,919.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 91,207.66

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 80.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 3,511.64

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023

- 6:30 p.m. Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer - CLC
7:00 p.m. GROW (G Team) - Canceled

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

- 10:00 a.m. GROW (G2 Team)
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting - Canceled
6:30 p.m. Filipino Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023

- 10:00 a.m. Academy Committee Meeting
11:30 a.m. "Young at Heart" - CLC
3:30 p.m. Shower Ministry
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

- 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission - AGAPE
6:00 p.m. Gospel Lights Mission Banquet
Congolese Prayer Service

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
6:00 p.m. Missions Classes
Discipleship Training

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023

- 2:00 p.m. "Circle of Hope" - Culvers
7:00 p.m. GROW (R Team)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting - Canceled
6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
KBC Annual Meeting - Somerset

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023

- 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission (Sewing Group)
3:30 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023

- 9:00 a.m. Optical Training - GROW Room
10:00 a.m. New Member Orientation - CLC
6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 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
5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner

FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Fern Creek Baptist Church is seeking the following:

Part-time and/or full-time Ministerial Staff in the following areas: Music, Youth, Children, or Education.

According to the applicant's gifts and skills, two of these areas could be combined for a **full-time position**. Applicants must exemplify a growing relationship with God, spiritual maturity, responsible authority, fervent evangelism, sound theology, and effective communication skills with all age groups. Applicants should have experience and education in ministry. Anyone seeking the music position must be an excellent musician, worship leader, and educator. Please 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 **November 15**. Questions? Call (502) 239-0316 ext. 103 (Linda Barnes Popham, Pastor).

FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee is currently taking resumes for Director of Facilities (Custodian). This is a 38 hour a week position. As is stated in our Personnel Policy: All personnel will be committed Christians of exemplary character and active church members. (This does not mean that the person has to be a member of FCBC, but must be an active member of some church.) This could possibly be a job-sharing position. Please turn in resumes by **November 15, 2023** to the church or you may mail to the church at 5920 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY 40291; Attention: Personnel Committee. You may also email the re-

"CIRCLE OF HOPE"

Monday, November 13 - 2:00 p.m.

Culver's - Hurstbourne Lane
All widows are invited.

Questions? Contact Karen Love.



DONATION REQUEST

Please put your donations in the collection area between the Common Area and the Christian Life Center by **November 12**.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The church's food pantry is in need of the following:
Mac & Cheese, Canned Fruit, Canned Chicken, & Soup (Vegetable, Chicken Noodle, or Bean).

Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries

is in great need of the following:

Soups * Canned Beans * Cereal * Fruits

COLLECTIONS FOR ISAIAH HOUSE

Isaiah House, a faith-based addiction recovery center, has a need for **men's underwear (large and extra-large) and socks** for the Valley Station Center. Please bring only new items. The men are greatly appreciative of these items.

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Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 19, 5:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker – Dale Suttles
President of Sunrise Children's Services
Proceeds from the dinner will benefit Sunrise.

Adults – \$8 Children/Youth – \$6
Underage 5 – Free Family Max – \$30

Turkey Dressing / Gravy Sweet Potatoes Green Beans
Cranberry Sauce Rolls Pumpkin / Apple Pies

To make reservations, please call your deacon or the church office (239-0316) by Wednesday, November 15.

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**COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

PLEASE JOIN US

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

**FERN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
5920 BARDSTOWN ROAD**

Preacher - Rev. Jim Curry
St. Stephen Anglican Church
Music Leader - Eric Chu
St. Gabriel Catholic Church
Community Choir - Area Churches
(The choir will rehearse at 6:15 p.m.)

**sponsored by the
Fern Creek/Highview
Ministerial Association**