

Fern Creek Baptist Church

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The Disciple

LINDA'S LINES **November 8, 2021**

Thank you so much for the generous monetary gift and sabbatical opportunity for Pastor Appreciation Month. George and I will certainly enjoy a time of renewal, study, rest, and reflection during the sabbatical. I can assure you that we will use the time and money wisely! My hope is that during this quiet time that I will see God's vision for our church more clearly as we come out of this difficult time and move forward with faith into the future. The last two years have been challenging for all of us, but God has been faithful and He will continue to show us His grace and faithfulness. It is a joy and honor to serve with you at FCBC!

On **November 14** during the Discipleship Training hour (**6:00 p.m.**) we encourage all of our adults and youth to join us for a Witnessing Seminar in the sanctuary. This will take the place of Adult Discipleship Training and Youth on Mission. (The preschoolers and children will be in their regular mission classes.) Please be present as we encourage one another to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with those who need Him so desperately. This time will also prepare you for the following Sunday when we participate in the Gospel to Every Home visits.

Instead of activities at the church on the evening of **November 21**, we will go forth into our community at **4:00 p.m.** We need every deacon, staff member, Sunday School teacher, etc. to join us!! We have visited over 2,700 homes, but we need the help of all of you to reach over 3,000 more homes. Will you please join your church family in fulfilling the Great Commission? Remember the words of Jesus: *"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."* Will you be a worker in God's field?

We are so happy to be able to host the BMDMI Missions Celebration on **December 2, 6:00 p.m.** Join us in the Christian Life Center for Dinner and then for time of worship. Richard Stillwell, the President of BMDMI, and several missionaries will be joining us.

We still need a few more messengers to the Kentucky Baptist Convention Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, November 16**, in Elizabethtown. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested.

Please pray for each other. Please pray for our church. Please continue to pray for God's kingdom to come on earth! **Continue to pray, "Lord, awaken Your people and send a great revival!"**

THE GOSPEL TO EVERY HOME VISITS

Sunday, November 21, 4:00 p.m.

Meet in the Christian Life Center.

Someone is waiting to hear about Jesus from you!

USHER TRAINING

There will be an important training session for all ushers / greeters on **Sunday, November 14, 7:00 p.m.**, in the Sanctuary. All those who have volunteered to serve this church year are asked to be present. If you are willing to serve and have not notified anyone, please contact Deborah Lawrence, our Usher Chairperson, or Pastor Linda.

**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Reaching Up...
Reaching In...
Reaching Out...

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. "Gospel to Every Home" Bag Assembly
2:00 p.m. "Circle of Hope" (Karen Love's home)
6:30 p.m. Gym Rented
7:00 p.m. GROW (R Team)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021

- 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021

- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
Children's Choirs
LIGHT (Youth grades 6-12)
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. "Young at Heart" to Bardstown, KY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021

- 12:00 p.m. Beeler/Hass Wedding Shower

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

- 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. Witnessing Seminar for Youth & Adults
Mission Friends, Girls in Action,
Royal Ambassadors, Youth on Mission
7:00 p.m. Usher Training

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021

- 6:30 p.m. Gym Rented
7:00 p.m. GROW (O Team)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021

- 9:30 a.m. Sisterhood
12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting Canceled
KBC Annual Meeting - Severns
Valley, Elizabethtown, KY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021

- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
Children's Choirs
LIGHT (Grades 6-12)
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission (sewing group)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021

- 8:00 a.m. Optical Training in GROW Room

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
3:00 p.m. Youth Choir
4:00 p.m. "Gospel to Every Home" Visits
All Other Evening Activities Canceled

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021

- 10:30 a.m. CDC Thanksgiving Program (Fours)
6:30 p.m. Gym Rental Canceled
7:00 p.m. GROW (W Team)

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Tuesday, November 23, 7:00 p.m.

Fern Creek Baptist Church



Sponsored by the Fern Creek /
Highview Ministerial Association

Preacher – Rev. Jason Harris, St. Gabriel Catholic Church

Music Leader – Eric Chu, St. Gabriel Catholic Church

Community Choir – Area Churches

(The choir will rehearse at 6:00 p.m.)



MUSIC NOTES

Steve Skaggs, Interim Minister of Music

A THANKSGIVING HYMN

*We ourselves are God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.*

When is a thanksgiving hymn not really about Thanksgiving?
When the hymn is "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come."

According to Dr. Paul Richardson in *Handbook to The Baptist Hymnal*, that hymn was written by Henry Alford, an Anglican minister who wrote over fifty books including 18 books of poetry and hymns. His original version of the text was written in 1844 for the English Harvest Festival, a celebration similar in some ways to our American Thanksgiving. The hymn was revised in 1861, 1865 and 1867. The version we sing from our hymnal draws from the original and each of the revisions.

The hymn will probably not make anyone's list of favorites yet many congregations sing it each year during the Thanksgiving season. The first stanza does indeed give thanks for the harvest: "God our Maker, doth provide," but in the second stanza (quoted above), the text obviously turns to Jesus' teaching on the final judgement. Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43, and Mark 4:26-29 quotes Jesus using the imagery of agricultural harvest to teach about a coming harvest of human souls. The fourth stanza moves on to the final chapter of the book of Revelation quoting 22:20, "Even so, Lord, quickly come."

Autumn is a beautiful time of year. But, if you take a drive through the country and see farmers harvesting their crops during this season, you'll be reminded that fall is much more than beautiful foliage. Likewise, spending a few moments in devotional thought with a hymnal and your Bible, will remind you that we should be preparing for the ultimate harvest.

"At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn." (Matthew 13:30b, NIV)




PAJAMA PARTY

Sunrise Children's Services will be accepting pajamas, underwear, stuffed bears, and books (bedtime stories) to give to the almost 250 vulnerable children of all ages that Sunrise is currently serving. The majority of the children are in foster care or out of the home care throughout the region. Please put your items in the bin marked "Sunrise Children's Services" in the collection area between the gym and the common area. The deadline to bring your items is **November 17**. Thanks for your help!

PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB AS OF NOVEMBER 4:

- Jason Routt - VA Hospital
- Al Thompson - Jefferson Place - Room 111




"CIRCLE OF HOPE"
December 13, 2:00 p.m.
Fern Creek Baptist Church
Questions?
Contact Karen Love (314-1591).

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Music Friends (ages 3 - K): Room 103
(must be 3 by August 1, 2021)
Linda Barnes Popham, director

Young Musicians (grades 1 - 5): Room 204
Karen Love, director

Please pick up a flyer/registration form at either Welcome Center.



FERN CREEK / HIGHVIEW UNITED MINISTRIES
is in great need of:

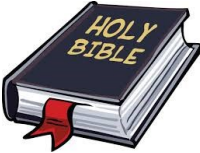
Ravioli * Spaghetti Sauce * Toiletries

Please place donations in collection area in the Christian Life Center.



BRIDAL SHOWER CELEBRATING KAYLA BEELER & JACOB HASS
Saturday, November 13, 12:00 noon
Christian Life Center
(Lunch will be served.)

Sponsored by Adults I and II Sunday School Class
The couple is registered at Walmart and Amazon.
All are invited!



WITNESSING SEMINAR
For all adults and youth
Sunday, November 14
6:00 p.m.

The children and preschoolers will meet with their regular mission classes at this time.




GOSPEL BAG ASSEMBLY
Monday, November 8, 10:00 a.m.
Meet in the Christian Life Center.

Join us as we assemble the bags that are being distributed during the *Gospel To Every Home* visits. We will meet on **Monday, November 8, 10:00 a.m.**, in the Christian Life Center. Lunch will be provided.

THE GOSPEL TO EVERY HOME VISITS
Sunday, November 21, 4:00 p.m.
Meet in the Christian Life Center.

Join us as we visit our community to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. We invite all of you to join us. Questions? Contact Melissa Logsdon-Young or Pastor Linda



ADVENT / CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONAL BOOK

This year's Advent / Christmas theme is "Journey Back to Bethlehem" (with the sub-themes 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. The devotionals should be about your journey with Jesus, how His birth into your heart has changed your life's journey, how He has carried you through our present unusual journey in life, or you may choose to focus on Bible characters who journeyed with Jesus or who prophesied about His birth. The Holy Spirit may give you other ideas than what we have suggested. Please include a scripture reference with your devotional. Please send to Donna Grimes (donna@ferncreekbaptist.org) as an email attachment by **November 8**, or earlier. Thanks for your help!

RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21</u>	<u>WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14</u>
DEACON OF THE WEEK Michele Crider 724-9627	DEACON OF THE WEEK Chris Towles 468-7369
TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK Phil Lucas 413-1731	TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK Kevin Blansette 403-8173
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Joy Warren & TBA	CHILDREN'S CHURCH Joy Warren & TBA
EXTENDED SESSION Donna Grimes & Jeannie Kern	EXTENDED SESSION Donna Grimes & Jeannie Kern
TECH TEAM Director – Alex Gibbs Streamer – Chris Towles Sound – Phil Shewmaker AV – Sam Frizzell P.M. - "GTEH" Wednesday - No Service	TECH TEAM Director – Jon Heinrich Streamer – Jacob Heinrich Sound – Sam Frizzell AV – Chris Towles P.M. - Lisa Payne Wednesday - Lisa Payne

BMDMI MISSIONS NIGHT
Fern Creek Baptist Church
Thursday, December 2, 6:00 p.m.



Join us for an evening of celebration, worship, and prayer.
 Hear stories from staff and missionaries.

Learn how you can become more involved.

The evening will begin with a dinner in the Christian Life Center.
 Please invite others to attend with you.

YARD WORK TEAMS

- **Team Five** (Chad Popham's Team) is in charge of the yard work: [November 11-13.](#)
- **Team Six** (Kevin Blansette's Team) is in charge of the yard work: [November 18-20.](#)

Thanks for your help!



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.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Join us on **Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.**, for Wednesday Worship. Dr. Terry Wilder, a dear friend of our church, is leading a study of I, II, and III John. We are having a great time studying God's Word together. Thanks to Terry and Sandy for joining us during this time. (Pastor Linda is working with the children during this hour.)



OCTOBER 31, 2021



OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,968.00
Budget Received	\$ 10,576.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 89,712.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 71,905.70

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 127.50
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 4,131.16
Eliza Broadus Offering	\$ 1,214.00

ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL	91
MORNING WORSHIP	125

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