

**Fern Creek Baptist Church**

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# The Disciple

**September 11, 2023**

### LINDA'S LINES

Our recent Deacons' Retreat was a wonderful experience of spiritual renewal and celebration of the new things God is doing with Fern Creek Baptist Church. Isaiah 43:18-19 says, *"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."* Our prayer is that our whole church will join God in all He is doing among us!


Our Deacon Officers for this church year are: Chairperson - Danny Hass / Vice-Chairperson - Chris Towles / Recording Secretary - Phil Shewmaker / Flower Coordinator - Sam Frizzell / Lord's Supper Church Coordinators - Norma Routt and Chris Towles / Lord's Supper Homebound Coordinators - George Popham and Michele Crider. Also serving are: Rev. Renee Bryant, Lesley Hass, Dr. Mary Kleber, Deborah Lawrence, Melissa Logsdon-Young, Lisa Payne, and Nancy Shewmaker. Two faithful servants, Carolyn Simpson and Holland Kendall, will be "rolling off" this term. Please thank all of these for their past and future service.

At a recent Prayer Service in August, as we heard a report about the status of our Kindergarten, a need was expressed for the children to have Chromebooks to use in class. Your overwhelming response was such blessing. By Monday morning, we were able to order eight of these computers because of your generosity. See the picture at the bottom of this page and you can certainly tell how much your gifts are appreciated.

During Wednesday Worship, I will be teaching from the Sermon on the Mount beginning with the Beatitudes. The Children's Choirs' theme this year is "The Beatitudes: Blessings for a Joyful Journey". Also, the upcoming Celebrate Recovery group focuses on the Beatitudes. Join us as we study these powerful words that guide our everyday lives.

Please join me in anticipation of a glorious Lord's Day this Sunday. And as always, let us continue to pray, "Lord, awaken Your people and send a Great Revival!"

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"Thank You" from (back row) Teaching Assistant Jayla Grigsby, Teacher Rev. Kayla Hass, (front row) Reagan, Jaxson, Shannon, Cora, Summer, and Jack.

**STAFF**

**Rev. Linda Barnes Popham**  
Pastor, ext. 103  
693-4048

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

**Terri Bosemer**  
CDC Director, ext. 108

**Karen Love**  
Pianist

**Tiffany Keranen**  
Office Coordinator, ext. 100

**Jodie Towles**  
Bookkeeper, ext. 102

**Jayla Grigsby**  
Summer Intern, ext. 114

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

## OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- Ballard and Nann Anderson at the death of Ballard's brother, Jonah Anderson;
- Cindy Jackson at the death of her father, Glenn Jackson;
- Steven Glenn and Mindy Glenn Ruiz at the death of their cousin, Janet Harlow.



## FAMILY MISSION NIGHTS



September 17 and 24  
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



On September 17 we will participate in making mission gifts that we will deliver the following week, September 24. The whole family can join together in these projects. All ages are encouraged to attend. Questions? Contact Renee Bryant, WMU Director.

## YARD WORK TEAMS

- Team One (Nate Blansette's Team)**  
is in charge of the yard work: Sept. 14-16.  
**Team Two (Joe Montgomery's Team)**  
is in charge of the yard work: Sept. 21-23.  
**Team Three (Shannon Fisher's Team)**  
is in charge of the yard work: Sept. 28-30.



Please help us by signing up for one of the seven different yard teams. Each team works every seven weeks. The trustees are the team captains. You may join a team by signing up at shelf in the Common Area foyer or by calling the church office.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

### WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17    WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**  
Michele Crider 724-9627

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**  
Sam Frizzell 645-7792

**TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK**  
Joe Montgomery 422-2208

**TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK**  
Shannon Fisher 830-3060

**NURSE ON CALL**  
Michele Crider 724-9627

**NURSE ON CALL**  
Shirley Powers

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
Susan Hudgins &  
Jayla Grigsby

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
Joy Warren, Dr. Mary Kleber,  
& Chrissy Creech

**EXTENDED SESSION**  
Jeannie Kern &  
Joy Warren

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Sharon Thompson

**NURSERY**  
Donna Grimes & TBA

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**TECH TEAM**  
Director – Jon Heinrich  
Streamer – Bruce Ritchie  
Sound – Phil Shewmaker  
AV – Lisa Payne

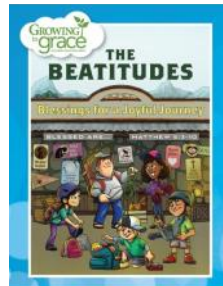
**TECH TEAM**  
Director – Jon Heinrich  
Streamer – Jacob Heinrich  
Sound – Phil Shewmaker  
AV – Chris Towles

**EVENING SERVICES**  
Sunday - Sam Frizzell  
Wednesday - Sam Frizzell

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Sunday - Chris Towles  
Wednesday - Lisa Payne

## CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Wednesday Evenings, 6:30 - 7:20 p.m.  
Beginning September 13



**Music Friends**  
(ages 3 - K): Room 103  
(must be 3 by August 1, 2023)  
Marcie Wright, director

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

For more information contact  
Karen Love or Linda Popham.

## CELEBRATE RECOVERY TEAM

Planning has begun for resuming Celebrate Recovery. We are grateful that Joseph Schult is willing to lead us in this ministry. If you are interested in being a part of the team of leaders and workers, please contact Joseph or Pastor Linda as soon as possible. Celebrate Recovery is not just a program to help with addiction. It is a biblically balanced approach to help bring sustainable recovery and healing to hurts. It guides people toward new healthy truths and life-giving habits while repairing broken relationships. The eight principles of Celebrate Recovery are based on the Beatitudes in Matthew 5.

## QUARTERLY MEETINGS



Tuesday, September 12  
(Childcare is provided.)



**6:00 p.m. – Support Committees**  
(Baptismal, Bereavement, Decorating, Floral, Publicity, Recreation)

**6:45 p.m. – All Committees**

**7:00 p.m. – Administrative and Ministry Committees**  
(Trustees, By-Laws, CDC, Personnel, Stewardship, Evangelism & Outreach, M&M, Social, Preschool, Children's, Youth)

**8:00 p.m. – Church Council**  
(All Committee Chairpersons & Heads of Organizations)

## SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

**ATTENDANCE**  
Sunday School - 100+    Morning Worship - 110

**OUR STEWARDSHIP**

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 10,991.00
Budget Received	\$ 10,567.50
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 10,991.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 10,567.50

**BUILDING FUND**

Weekly Total	\$ 186.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 2,406.90

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

- 2:00 p.m. "Circle of Hope"  
7:00 p.m. GROW (G & R Teams)



### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

- 6:00 p.m. Support Committee Meetings  
6:45 p.m. All Committees  
7:00 p.m. Administrative/Ministry Committees  
8:00 p.m. Church Council

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

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

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

- 11:30 a.m. Young at Heart  
3:30 p.m. Shower Ministry

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

- 7:00 p.m. Memorial for Judy Lovelace

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

- 6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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  
6:00 p.m. Family Mission Projects

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

- 7:00 p.m. GROW (O Team)

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

- 9:30 a.m. Sisterhood  
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

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

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

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

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

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

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

- 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  
6:00 p.m. Family Mission Projects Deliveries

## PUZZLE EXCHANGE



Puzzle exchange is up and ready to go. 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.

## 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 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](mailto:linda@ferncreekbaptist.org). Resumes will be received through **October 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 **October 2, 2023** to the church or you may mail to the church at [5920 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY 40291](mailto:linda@ferncreekbaptist.org); Attention: Personnel Committee. You may also email the resumes to [linda@ferncreekbaptist.org](mailto:linda@ferncreekbaptist.org).

*Sisterhood*

Tuesday, September 19  
9:30 a.m.  
Metro Diner - Outer Loop



### MEN'S MISSION BREAKFAST

October 4, 8:00 a.m.  
TBA

Questions? Contact Neal Tingle



### GIVE BLOOD...HELP SAVE LIVES.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, October 9, 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



To schedule an appointment, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor keyword: fbclouky or call 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767). Questions? Contact Norma Rutt.

### "CIRCLE OF HOPE"

Monday, October 9 - 2:00 p.m.  
All widows are invited.  
Questions? Contact Karen Love.



Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries  
is in great need of the following:

**Soups \* Canned Beans \* Cereal \* Fruits**

Please place your donations in the collection bin  
between the CLC and the Common Area.



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**CHILDREN OF THE SOIL INTERNATIONAL**  
**FUNDRAISER DINNER**

**Saturday, September 30, 6:00 p.m.**



Children of  
The Soil

**Tickets: \$25**

As you may be aware, Children of the Soil International is a 501c3 nonprofit organization founded by Bill Montgomery (member – Fern Creek) and Beha Koryor in 2021 to uplift the lives of orphans and underprivileged youth in Liberia by assisting their educational journey. We have provided tuition assistance, school supplies, clothing donations, class renovations, and an end-of-year Christmas give-back to three orphanages in Liberia, Africa. In that regard, we intend to use this dinner to raise funds for the vocational training program that we are planning to launch by next year.

This program aims to equip these young individuals about to age out of their respective orphanages with practical skills that would empower their post-orphanage lives. By attending the fundraising dinner, you will have an opportunity to impact the lives of these deserving young people. Your generous contributions and presence will help us raise the necessary funds towards our minimum goal of \$10,000 (by this year's end) to establish and sustain the vocational training program.

The evening will feature a delightful dinner, inspiring guest speakers, and an opportunity to learn more about the vocational training program and its impact on the lives of these youth. A silent auction and other fundraising activities to maximize the support for this noble cause will also be available. *Please bring your favorite dessert(s) to be purchased by the highest bidder!*

Contact Beha Koryor or Bill Montgomery at (502) 804-6608 and (301) 820-2524, or email [chotsinternational@gmail.com](mailto:chotsinternational@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

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