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

The Disciple

April 25, 2022

LINDA'S LINES

We have been extremely blessed with Steve Skaggs' faithful leadership among us for over two years. Steve "came out of retirement" to serve as our Interim Minister of Music in January 2020 with intentions of serving with us until Easter. The pandemic quickly hampered our search for the full-time Minister of Music and Steve graciously agreed to extend his stay several more times. Steve was invaluable in helping us "navigate" through changes and transitions resulting from this unexpected pandemic. Steve is incredibly talented which has been a blessing to us; however, more importantly he is a true servant of God. On a personal note, Steve has been such a loyal and trusted friend! I feel very privileged to have served in the partnership of the gospel with him. We are, also, so grateful for Steve's wife, Shirley, who is such a tremendous support to him in ministry. Shirley was with us much of this time as she balanced taking her mother to church in Hodgenville with the frequent trips to Fern Creek. Thank you, Steve and Shirley!

In order to express your appreciation for Steve's ministry, please join us for a reception in the Christian Life Center honoring Steve and Shirley on **Sunday, May 1, 7:00 p.m.** (following the Disciple Training and Missions classes). The Personnel Committee will be hosting this reception. The details are on a following page in this newsletter. We hope you will all join us!

During these last few months, we have been truly blessed with the addition of the talented Wright family to our music ministry. We met Gene first as Steve had him fill in a few times. The Wrights have certainly been a blessing in many ways. Gene Wright, who recently retired as Minister of Music from First Baptist, Shelbyville, will fill in for us during the month of May. Thanks, Gene, Joanna, and Marcie!

During the month of June we are blessed to have a much-loved former Minister of Music, Eddie Howell, fill in for us. Eddie and Jackie are still living in Michigan near their son, Travis, and his family. Yes, it's a very long commute, but they are happy to serve with us for this period of time. Eddie continues to teach in a community college, teach private trumpet lessons, and lead the Lapeer County Community Choir. Thanks, Eddie and Jackie!

Please continue to pray for our Personnel Committee (Chairperson Susan Hudgins, Dana Adams, Martha Blansette, Sam Frizzell, Danny Hass, and Mary Kleber) as the search continues for the right people God has for our vacant staff positions. Pray for wisdom and discernment for these folks.

On a different note, graduation is drawing near for several young people in our congregation. If you will be graduating from high school, college, or any other institution of higher learning, please call the church office (239-0316 ext. 100) by **Friday, May 27**, and give us the name of your school, degree, etc. We will recognize graduates on **June 5** during the morning worship service. A luncheon for the graduates and their families will be held after the service. Watch for more details about the luncheon.

We are happy to announce that the Ministry and Missions Committee will open the Shower Ministry for the homeless on **Thursday, May 5, 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** If you have interest in helping them, please contact Norma Routt, chairperson.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Emma Towles who represented us well this past week-end with the Kentucky Baptist Children's Choir. The children rehearsed all week-end at Cedarmore and then presented concerts on Sunday at Little Flock Baptist Church, Louisville and First Baptist Church, Bowling Green. Thanks, Emma! And, thanks to Karen Love for preparing Emma for this event!

**OPEN GYM
FOR YOUTH
(Grades 6-12)**



**Tuesday, May 3 &
Tuesday, May 10**

Christian Life Center

We hope to see many of our youth present as we reach other youth in our community and city for Jesus Christ. Adults who would like to help in any way (chaperoning, refereeing, speaking, etc.), please contact Norma Routt or Linda Popham.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES
IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB AS OF APRIL 20:**

- Bob Hester – Audubon Hospital – Room 6120
- Jane Sweeney (Sandra Rivera's mother) – Jefferson Place – Room 407



OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:



- George Popham and family at the death of his nephew, Scott Sasser.
- Mary Lou Felker and family at the death of her niece, Susie Bentley;
- Jeff and Lori Colvin and family at the death of their son, Brandon Colvin (grandson of Brenda Pennington).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER - 5:30 P.M.

Good news! Church Dinners will resume on **Wednesday, May 11**, and go through **June 1**. You must make a reservation in order to attend. Please call the church office (239-0316) by noon on Monday to make or cancel your reservation. If you fail to cancel you are expected to pay. You may also choose to make a standing reservation for every week.

Adults.....\$6.00	Children and Youth.....\$5.00
Under age 5.....Free	Family Maximum.....\$20.00

Carry-outs (\$1.00 additional charge) are only for those who are unable to attend because of illness or work. Thank you for staying for the 6:30 p.m. activities after the dinner.

May 11

Taco Soup Salad Rice/Fritos/Other Toppings Dessert

May 18

Pork Chops Macaroni & Cheese Vegetables Bread Dessert

May 25

Spaghetti Salad Texas Toast Dinner

June 1

Taco Bar Taco Fixings/Toppings Salsa & Chips Dessert



MAY

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| 1 - Zack Pickering | 9 - Jamie Gibbs | 21 - Jaxon Popham |
| 3 - Shain Calvert | 10 - Amanda Fox | 23 - Donna Hayes |
| Jesse Capps | Bud Purnell | Jeremiah Kearns |
| Billy Record | Samantha Stone | Davidetta Konneh |
| Brian Spaulding | 11 - Sam Pickering | Betty Meyer |
| Christopher Sullivan | Geoffrey Young | Nicole Seraphine |
| 4 - David Hudgins | 13 - Becky Frizzell | 24 - Jennifer Wrin |
| Loren Pascua | Karen Love | 26 - Lesley Hass |
| 5 - Jackie Routt | 14 - Jeryl Presley | George Kleber |
| 7 - Holland Kendall | 15 - Gregory Stockman | 28 - Bruce Allen |
| | 16 - Scotty Anderson | 29 - Harrison French |
| | 18 - Scott Been | Mary Price |
| | Cara Martinez | 30 - Katrina Binda |
| | 19 - Susan Gray | 31 - Dutch Kendall |
| | Sydney Karr | |
| | Steve Marion | |
| | Neil Rivers | |

RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF MAY 1

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Becky Frizzell (876-1563)

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

David Magruder (592-7306)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Joy Warren & TBA

EXTENDED SESSION

Donna Grimes & Jeannie Kern

TECH TEAM

Director – Jon Heinrich

Streamer – Chris Towles

Sound – Sam Frizzell

AV – Lisa Payne

EVENING SERVICES

Sunday - Lisa Payne

Wednesday - Lisa Payne

WEEK OF MAY 8

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Sam Frizzell (645-7792)

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Nate Blansette (533-8565)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Joy Warren & TBA

EXTENDED SESSION

Donna Grimes & Jeannie Kern

TECH TEAM

Director – Jon Heinrich

Streamer – Jacob Heinrich

Sound – Phil Shewmaker

AV – Chris Towles

EVENING SERVICES

Sunday - No Service

Wednesday - Sam Frizzell



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

The Starks Family
Louisville Regional Baptist Association

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022

- 6:30 p.m. "Gospel To Every Home" Visits
7:00 p.m. GROW (W Team)

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

10:10 a.m. Meet for "Young at Heart" Retreat

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022

4:00 p.m. Return from "Young at Heart" Retreat

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
4:45 p.m. Deacons' Meeting
6:00 p.m. Adult Discipleship Training
Mission Friends, GAs, RAs, Acteens, Challengers
7:00 p.m. Reception for Steve and Shirley Skaggs

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022

7:00 p.m. GROW (G Team)

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022

- 10:00 a.m. GROW (G2 Team)
12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
2:30 p.m. Open Gym for Youth

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022

- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
Children's Choirs, LIGHT (Grades 6-12)
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
GROW (G3 Team)

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022

- 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission - Sewing Group
6:30 p.m. VBS Worker's Meeting

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022

- 7:57 a.m. Men's Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Women on Mission - AGAPE Group

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
6:00 p.m. All Evening Activities Canceled

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022

2:00 p.m. "Circle of Hope" Support Group



RECEPTION FOR STEVE SKAGGS

Sunday, May 1

7:00 p.m.

Christian Life Center

Join us as we show our appreciation to Steve Skaggs for the wonderful job he has done as our Interim Minister of Music. A Card Basket will be available for you to express appreciation. Steve and Shirley, we will certainly miss you!



MUSIC NOTES

Steve Skaggs, Interim Minister of Music

GREETINGS!

The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. Romans 16:20 (NIV)

In his letter to the Romans, Paul presents his basic statement of the gospel leading us today to sometimes talk about the "Romans Road to Salvation" (verses chosen from throughout the epistle that explain how to be saved). But Paul's longest letter and his other epistles also include a lot of personal information that is important for us to not overlook.

In Romans 16, Paul begins to close his letter with personal greetings mentioning many people by name. This must have been very encouraging for the fledgling churches in the capital city of the powerful empire. As I come to the close of my time of interim with you, I am drawn to this chapter precisely because of these names. Like Paul encouraging the believers at Rome, I want you to know that you are not alone. There are people in sister churches standing with you in prayerful obedience to the gospel.

Paul also gives some advice and warnings to which I will add:

- Greet one another affectionately. (16:16)
- Watch out for divisions and obstacles. (16:17)
- Get excited about the gospel and in turn about the church.
- Support your staff.
- Pray earnestly for God to fill the positions at the church — pray with expectation!
- If you have not been physically involved in coming to church recently, find a way to overcome the obstacles that are blocking your path. Everyone is important! Everyone is needed!

What a joy it has been to work with your staff, especially Pastor Linda. As I have told many people, she just may be the hardest working and most evangelistic pastor with which I have ever worked. What a blessing for me and Shirley to count her and George as close friends.

"To the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen." (Romans 16:27, NIV)

Men Anchored



Faith, Prayer, Service

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 7
7:57 a.m.

Guest Speaker: **Dr. Terry Wilder**

Call the Church Office
to make a reservation.

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APRIL COLLECTION

ERASERS / PENCIL SHARPENERS / GLUE STICKS

In an effort to plan for the next school supply giveaway, we are collecting erasers, pencil sharpeners, and glue sticks. Please place them in the bin in the collection area between the CLC and the Common Area.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 6 - 10

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Children (age 4 - grade 8 completed)
(must be age 4 by August 1, 2022)

Registration forms are available
at the Welcome Center.

Where will you let God use you during VBS which is one of the most important weeks in the life of our church? Your help is needed. Our next VBS Meeting is **Thursday, May 5, 6:30 p.m.** If you are willing to help, please contact the following:

Preschool
Terri Bosemer

Children
Jodie Towles

Youth
Martha Blansette

APRIL 17, 2022



OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,968.00
Budget Received	\$ 5,210.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 289,072.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 259,547.56

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 145.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 6,788.56
Morning Worship 188 Annie Armstrong	\$ 530.00

ATTENDANCE

No Sunday School
Morning Worship 188

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