

Fern Creek Baptist Church

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Pianist

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The Disciple

January 2, 2023

LINDA'S LINES

On behalf of our entire church staff, we are very appreciative of your love and support. Thank you for the generous love offerings you gave us at Christmas. We are very grateful for your kindness. We are blessed to serve with you at Fern Creek Baptist Church.

We are sad to inform you that Joellen Johnston will be retiring as our Church Organist this month. For approximately twenty years Joellen has served us faithfully. Joellen, with her sweet spirit, excellent musicianship, kind heart, and faithful ministry will certainly be missed. I am personally so grateful for Joellen's dear friendship that will continue. She is a true friend! You will be hearing more about her retirement reception soon. Joellen will still be filling in for us at times. We are grateful that Joanna Wright will be filling in, as well. Joellen, we look forward to continuing to fellowship with you.

I hope that all of you will participate in reading through the New Testament together during the next few months (Epiphany to Holy Week). I am excited about the discussions that we can have with each other while we are reading the same passages each day. This should be an excellent time of spiritual growth. During the weeks until Lent begins, I will be preaching on passages you have read the previous week. See the inside of this newsletter for more details. Please join us in reading His Word together.

On a similar note, please participate in the many opportunities for growth that we provide during Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Choirs, Wednesday Evenings, etc. The more we are in the Word of God, the more we grow and experience the abundant life He came to give us. Please participate in these!

Thanks to all who participated in last weekend's Prayer Vigil. God listens to His children as we pray. I certainly look forward to His responses to our many prayers as we continue to pray and seek Him

As we heard on Sunday, when the gift of Jesus was given to the world, the Wise Men took gifts to Him. Thinking of gifts, Christina Rossetti wrote:

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet, what I can I give Him: Give my heart.*

Richard Foster (Christian theologian, author, and pastor) said, "Giving with a glad and generous heart has a way of routing out the tough old miser within us. Even the poor need to know that they can give. Just the very act of letting go of money or some other treasure does something within us. That something destroys the demon of greed."

What will you give the Lord Jesus Christ this New Year?

- Will you give Him your allegiance and submission as your King?
- Will you give Him your worship, praise, and adoration?
- Will you give Him your tithes and offerings?
- Will you give of your time for God's kingdom and His church?
- Will you give Him your heart – your life – your all – as the One who paid the price for your redemption?

What will you give Him today?

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

**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

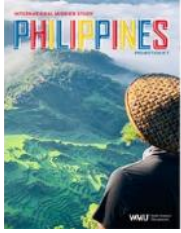


MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Valentine Banquet for Married Couples
Friday, February 10, 7:00 p.m.
 Watch for details.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Wednesday evening activities are canceled on January 4. Regular activities resume on January 11. Church Dinner resumes in March.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDY: PHILIPPINES
JANUARY 8



5:00 p.m. – Filipino Dinner prepared by the International Christian Fellowship of Louisville (our partner congregation)
6:00 p.m. – An experience of Filipino culture shared by the ICFL church members / Mission Study taught by Melissa Logsdon-Young



“YOUNG AT HEART”
Lunch and Games
 Thursday, January 12, 11:30 a.m.
 Christian Life Center

The cost of the catered lunch is \$5. (Payment is due on the day of the event.) Please sign up at the shelf in the common area foyer so we know how much food to order.

RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF JANUARY 8

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Phil Shewmaker 558-1003

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Nate Blansette 533-8565

NURSE ON CALL

Lesley Hass 836-9691

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

TBA

EXTENDED SESSION

Jeannie Kern & TBA

NURSERY

Donna Grimes & TBA

TECH TEAM

Director – Jon Heinrich
 Streamer – Jacob Heinrich
 Sound – Phil Shewmaker
 AV – Sam Frizzell

EVENING SERVICES

Sunday - Phil, Sam, & Lisa
 Wednesday - TBA

WEEK OF JANUARY 15

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Carolyn Simpson 558-8065

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Joe Montgomery 422-2208

NURSE ON CALL

Dr. Mary Kleber 262-8756

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

- John & Kathy Fraley
- Jean Brookshire
- Mary Jo Faight
- Jim, Bonnie, & Becky Griffin
- Karen Love



“CIRCLE OF HOPE”
Monday, January 9, 2:00 p.m.
 All widows are invited.
 Questions? Contact Karen Love.

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT TOGETHER

Will you join your church family in reading through the New Testament during the next few months? The reading plan begins on Epiphany (January 6) and continues through the day before Holy Week (April 1). You may get a copy of the reading schedule at either Welcome Center or we can email it to you. We will have a great time discussing God’s Word as we are reading “the same page”. Please join us!!



HELP NEEDED

Kendall Optometry Ministry, led by Holland Kendall, is in great need of people to measure eyeglasses either in your homes or at the church. Mission Teams are going around the world to help people see by giving away these eyeglasses. Will you help others to be able to read God’s Word and function better in their everyday lives by having eyeglasses? If you are willing to help, please contact Sam Frizzell, 645-7792.

FERN CREEK/HIGHVIEW UNITED MINISTRIES

The Ministries is in need of the following items. The collection bin is between the Christian Life Center and the Common Area.

- ravioli spaghetti sauce shampoo**

Deacons Meeting

Sunday, January 15
7:00 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING
January 8, 7:00 p.m.
 Christian Life Center



This is our quarterly business meeting. The Stewardship Committee will, also, present the 2022-2023 Church Budget.

Sisterhood Tuesday, January 17
9:30 a.m.
Shoney's Restaurant-Fern Valley

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023

CDC & Church Office Closed
6:30 p.m. CLC Rented
7:00 p.m. GROW (G Teams) - Canceled

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023

10:00 a.m. Decorating Committee Meeting
GROW (G2 Team) - Canceled
12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting - Canceled

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023

All Evening Activities Canceled

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2023

5:45 p.m. Sanctuary Rented (Valor Academy)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 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. Dinner & International Mission Study
7:00 p.m. Business Meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023

2:00 p.m. "Circle of Hope" (Support Group)
6:30 p.m. CLC Rented
7:00 p.m. GROW (G & R Teams)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship
Children's Choirs, LIGHT for Youth
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023

11:30 a.m. "Young at Heart" Lunch and Games
3:30 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2023

9:00 a.m. Optical Training (GROW Room)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023

: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. Adult Discipleship Training
Mission Friends, GAs, RAs,
Acteens, Challengers
7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023

6:30 p.m. CLC Rented
7:00 p.m. GROW (O Teams)



OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- Judy Satterly, Billy Sam Stevens, and family at the death of their sister, Rita Stevens;
- Sherese Caldwell and family at the death of her uncle, Dudley Caldwell.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES
IN THE HOSPITAL/REHAB AS OF DECEMBER 28:**



- Fred Rhea – Baptist Floyd ICU – Room 2306
- Bob Calebs – Franciscan Health Care Center – Room 114
- Nancy Calebs – Jeffersontown Rehabilitation – Room D-14
- Ralph Beard – Louisville East Post-Acute – Room 102
- Jimmy McCune – Signature Health Care at UofL Health - Mary and Elizabeth Hospital - Room 383

DECEMBER 25, 2022

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,968.00
Budget Received	\$ 30,607.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 169,456.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 165,431.76

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 120.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 11,214.77

MISSIONS

Sunrise Services	\$ 1,600.00
Lottie Moon	\$ 994.00
SON International	\$ 100.00
Mission Trips	\$ 35.00



ATTENDANCE
Sunday School
Canceled

Morning Worship
70

**DONATIONS FOR
CHILDREN OF THE SOIL**



Children of the Soil International, a ministry founded by our own Bill Montgomery and others, is mainly reaching out to help the children of Liberia. To learn more about this ministry, please visit their website at www.chotsinternational.com. We are currently collecting the following items for them to send to Liberia: textbooks, notebooks, pencils, crayons, and other school supplies. Please put these in the bin labeled School Supplies for Liberia; the bin is located between the Christian Life Center and the Common Area.

FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Fern Creek Baptist Church is seeking the following:

Full-time Administrative Assistant for Fern Creek Baptist Church. Applicant must be a spiritually mature Christian, be an active church member in his/her church, have strong computer skills including Word, Publisher, Excel, and Power-Point, and have a willingness to learn Church Software Programs.

For all of these positions, 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 **February 1, 2022**. Questions? Call 239-0316 ext. 103 (Linda Barnes Popham, Pastor).

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RECYCLE YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOKS

If you have old Sunday School books that you would like to donate, please put them in the bin in the collection area marked "Used Sunday School Books". The books will be put to good use by Gospel Lights Mission. Questions? Contact Joy Warren.



Kendall Vision Ministry, Inc. **Announcing a Free Glasses Clinic**



A free Glasses clinic will be provided from 9AM until 4:30PM (later if needed) on January 27th, 2023 at Fern Creek Baptist Church. The sole service provided will be fitting the patients eyes with glasses out of an inventory of nearly 4500 pairs in an effort to improve their vision. An optical professional will be available.

We need helpers from FCBC also.

- We need: Someone to hand out/collect waivers
Someone to assign patient numbers plus ages.
2 people to do E-Chart measurement before/after and keep records.
2 people doing glasses fitting.
2 people to pull glasses from inventory.



Measure their eyes



Find the right pair



Fit the glasses



And watch for the smile

To sign up: Talk to your local Social service agency.

Clinic Location:

Fern Creek Baptist Church.

5920 Bardstown Road, Fern Creek, Ky 40291

12.8.2022

Or just show up. For further information: Call: 502-640-2227

Or E-Mail: hollandkendall@kendalloptometry.org

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