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

# The Disciple

March 14, 2022

## LINDA'S LINES

As you begin reading this article, will you pause right now and pray for someone in your life who needs to know Jesus? This could be a family member, a friend, an acquaintance, a coworker, or even an enemy. Also, will you pray right now for God to put someone in your path today with whom you can tell about Jesus? People are everywhere who need to hear the good news that Jesus can meet their deepest needs. The simple, but sobering, fact is that many people in this world are on the road to hell. Do we care?

If you are a Christian you know that you have an everlasting home in heaven after leaving this earth. (We read about that over and over in God's Word.) Do you want your family to be with you in heaven? Do you want your friends to be with you? That alone should be motivation to fulfill the Great Commission set forth in God's Word. That mandate is given many times, but hear again what Jesus says in Matthew 28:19-20 – *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

We continue to offer opportunities at FCBC for you to join with others in sharing the gospel. Will you join us for GROW as we write letters, make phone calls, and make visits to others. Join us any Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the GROW room. We also have the following opportunities: the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. and the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. (Thanks to Renee Bryant for being in charge of this while I was on sabbatical.)

Also, we have been visiting from door-to-door for nearly a year now as we participate (in conjunction with the Kentucky Baptist Convention) in the Gospel to Every Home. Thanks to Melissa Logsdon-Young who continues to faithfully lead us in this endeavor. Please join us! God goes with us and He guides us all the way.

We have yet another opportunity to work with our brothers and sisters at the Transformation Baptist Church in La Esperanza, Honduras, July 23-30, 2022. My brother, Dr. Marty Barnes, will be leading this trip. We will mainly participate in door-to-door evangelism in the outlying villages near La Esperanza. The trip will look much different than our normal trips. We will have many opportunities to share the gospel in creative ways. If you are interested in participating, please contact me as soon as possible.

We have another evangelistic opportunity within the walls of our own church. It's called Vacation Bible School. This is one of the most important weeks in the life of our church. What will you do to help your church in this evangelistic endeavor? We hope to hear from you soon as you follow God's leading in what He tells you to do.

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

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 6 - 10, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

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.

If you are willing to help, please contact the following:

Preschool                      Children                      Youth  
Terri Bosemer                  Jodie Towles                  Martha Blansette



## **ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING**

Thank you for giving generously to support missions in North America. Our church goal is \$1,500. Envelopes are in your offering box and at both Welcome Centers. You may also give online through our website.



## MUSIC NOTES

**Steve Skaggs, Interim Minister of Music**

### I LOVE CHURCH

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"*. Psalm 122:1

I remember receiving a note from a little girl in my classroom when I was in the second grade that said:

*I love you. Do you love me? Check yes \_\_ or no \_\_.*

I don't remember what I checked (probably yes) but I do remember sending the note back to her. It is amazing that I still remember that 61 years later. It was significant to me, not just because of who the girl was, but mainly, because someone—anyone—noticed me and took the time to reach out.

Two years later it was discovered that my mother, a first-grade teacher, had a brain tumor that would require surgery. She had the procedure as soon as the school year ended. Unfortunately, she would never come home and would die in a Louisville care facility on Christmas Eve, 1962 at age 52. I was a nine-year-old fourth grader.

Church had been important to me all of my life. Some of my earliest memories are of Sunday School or sitting with my dad in church and joining my kid voice with his bass voice on the hymns. I loved laying in his lap and looking up at his face as he bowed his head and closed his eyes in prayer. I am so thankful that church—that God—would be there to help me through this rough time.

Around six months after my mother passed away, I received another love note; this one from God. "I love you. Do you love Me?", He asked. I'm not sure how much dealing with Mom's death had to do with the conviction I felt at that time and my need for greater understanding of spiritual things, but I came to know that I was a sinner and needed to confess that and profess Christ as my Savior. I checked yes!

The First Baptist Church of Hodgenville (the black congregation) sits just a block south of where I now live. It has a stained-glass window on the front that caught my eye as a first grader. There is a big question mark in the center with the caption, "God loves you. Do you love Him?"

As a minister I have had many church members going through some kind of trouble say to me through the years, "Steve, I just can't imagine how people who don't believe in God and have a loving church family make it through something like this." As a nine-year-old I experienced that very thing in my life and I am so thankful for that true sanctuary that has always been a part of my life.

Do you love God? Like David, are you glad when your church family reaches out and says, "Let us go to the house of the Lord?" This month marks the second anniversary of our shut-down for the pandemic. I would not ask anyone to do anything to compromise their health. But, if you have not come back to church physically, would you consider doing so? Would you find a way?

There are folks at Fern Creek Baptist and people in the community who need your support during rough times and to see and hear the testimony of your attendance. Will you check, yes?

**G.R.O.W.** **Mondays**  
**GOD REWARDS OUR WORK** **7:00 p.m.**  
Join us in the GROW Room as we reach out to others with the good news of Jesus Christ.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

### WEEK OF MARCH 20

#### DEACON OF THE WEEK

George Popham (419-8939)

#### 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 – Lisa Payne

#### EVENING SERVICES

Sunday - Lisa Payne

Wednesday - Lisa Payne

### WEEK OF MARCH 27

#### DEACON OF THE WEEK

Nancy Shewmaker (296-2341)

#### TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Alex Gibbs (270-847-8227)

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Joy Warren & TBA

#### EXTENDED SESSION

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#### TECH TEAM

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Sound – Phil Shewmaker

AV – Sam Frizzell

#### EVENING SERVICES

Sunday - Sam Frizzell

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## FAMILY SPRING WORK DAY

**Saturday, March 19, 9:00 a.m.**

Come and join us as we work in the yard and on the inside of the church. There are lots of jobs to be done. Please meet in the Christian Life Center to get an assignment. We will be working outside and inside. A pizza lunch will be served at the conclusion of Work Day.

### YARD WORK TEAMS

Please help us by signing up for one of the seven different yard work teams. Each team works every seven weeks. You may join a team by signing up at the foyer shelf in the Common Area foyer or call the church office. Thanks for your help!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022

9:30 a.m. "Sisterhood" - (FC Cracker Barrel)  
12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022

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

### THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022

10:00 a.m. "Women on Mission" (Sewing Group)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022

9:00 a.m. Family Spring Work Day

### SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training, Mission Friends  
Girls in Action & Royal Ambassadors  
Acteens & Challengers

### MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022

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

### SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022

10:00 a.m. "Gospel to Every Home" Visits  
4:30 p.m. "Gospel Lights" Fundraiser at  
River View Baptist Church

### SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
12:15 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks  
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training, Mission Friends  
Girls in Action & Royal Ambassadors  
Acteens & Challengers

### MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022

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

## HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONALS



If you are willing to write a devotional for our Holy Week Devotional Book, please sign up at the shelf in the common area foyer. This year's theme is "Hungering and Thirsting for God: Feasting on His Word". Thank you for using scripture from the daily Bible readings as we reflect on the events of each day of Holy Week. (The daily Bible readings are next to the sign-up sheet.) Please turn in the devotionals to Donna Grimes or email her ([donna@ferncreekbaptist.org](mailto:donna@ferncreekbaptist.org)) by **Wednesday, March 22**, or sooner.

### MARCH 6, 2022



#### OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 9,968.00
Budget Received	\$ 9,484.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 269,136.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 243,905.44

#### BUILDING FUND

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	Weekly Total	\$ 130.00
Sunday School 73	Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 6,513.56
Morning Worship 87	Annie Armstrong	\$ 75.00

## EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday, April 9, 1:00 p.m.**

**All children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited!**



We need hundreds of individually wrapped non-chocolate candy filled eggs! Please place your donations in the bin in collection area between the CLC & the Common Area by **Wednesday, April 6**. If you have any questions, please see Lisa Payne or Karen Love.

We need MANY youth & adults to help with hiding eggs and leading the pre-hunt activities! Please let us know how you are able to help!

## CDC HAPPENINGS

**Terri Bosemer, Director**

### SUMMER FUN PROGRAM



Our Summer Fun Program is offered to two, three, and four-year-olds. It is a wonderful way to keep your child learning through the summer months. We do many educational and hands-on learning activities that are fun. The program starts on June 14. The total cost is \$300. A \$50 enrollment fee is due at the time of registration and then the balance of \$250 is to be paid at the start of the program. The Summer Fun Program will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, [terri@ferncreekbaptist.org](mailto:terri@ferncreekbaptist.org).

## SUNDAY EVENINGS: SPRING SESSION 2022

March 13 – April 3, 2022



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### ADULT CLASSES

#### 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- *“Great Chapters in the Bible: Romans Chapter Eight: Climbing to a Place of Confident Faith”* by Tom Holladay – facilitated by Michele Crider and TBA (Sanctuary)

### YOUTH CLASSES

#### 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **Acteens / Challengers** (grades 6-12) – taught by Susan Hudgins and Nate Blansette – Room 414)

### CHILDREN’S CLASSES

The classrooms are located on the second floor of the Education Building.

#### 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **Girls in Action** (girls, grades 1-5) – taught by Melissa Logsdon-Young and Jodie Towles (Room 204)
- **Royal Ambassadors** (boys, grades 1-5) – taught by Melissa Logsdon-Young and Jodie Towles (Room 204)

### PRESCHOOL CLASSES

The classrooms are located on the first floor of the Education Building / CDC.

#### 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **Mission Friends** (ages 2-5) – taught by Renee Bryant and Norma Routt (Room 101)
- **Childcare** (led by Jeannie Kern and TBA) is provided for babies and toddlers who are accompanying adults attending the classes. (Room 111 – First Floor of Education Building – Child Development Center)

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### **Crossings Youth Camp at Cedarmore (Grades 6-12)**

**July 5-9, 2022**

**Theme – “Resilient”**



The total cost of camp per person is \$300. The church will pay the transportation and \$50 for each camper which means that the total to be paid by each camper is \$250.

- A \$75 deposit is due by **April 15**. (The deposit is included in the \$250.)
- The total amount for each camper should be paid by **Wednesday, June 20**.

Questions? Contact Linda Popham or Jodie Towles.