

Fern Creek Baptist Church

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Interim Organist

The Disciple

December 1, 2025

LINDA'S LINES

What a wonderful evening we had at our recent annual Thanksgiving Dinner which had a high attendance of 208. The food was delicious; the soloist and speaker were exceptional; the fellowship was extra sweet; and the decorations were so beautiful! Thanks to all who worked very hard to make this event so successful. (There were many "behind the scenes" folks who helped.) Thanks for your generosity in giving to the offering for Sunrise Children's Services. We will continue to collect this offering for a few more weeks. Sunrise is doing an amazing job in impacting the youth/children of Kentucky for Christ.

Advent, which began on November 30, is a season of spiritual preparation for the celebration of the coming of Christ. The word Advent means "arrival" or "coming". Christ has come into our world; Christ is coming into our lives; Christ will come again! For the Christian, Advent is a season of celebration. Our celebration should lead to both an inward and outward sense of rejoicing as we commemorate the birth of Jesus for us, His birth in us, and His final coming in glory. I hope you will be present for each of the worship services during this holy season. Join us as we celebrate our Savior!! Invite others to attend with you. There is no better place to be on these Sundays than in the House of the Lord. Please join us!

Thanks to those who wrote devotionals for this year's Advent / Christmas Devotional Book. Many people will read these devotionals and God will be glorified. We hope all of you will give these books away during this season. Please give them to friends, family, and, most importantly, to those who are not Christians. The books provide a great witness for Jesus!

We are fortunate to have the Mid-Kentucky Singers in concert at our church on **December 9, 7:30 p.m.** Dana Adams, Steve Skaggs, and Larry Bush are all a part of this group. Please call the church office for tickets.

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

ALEXIS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alexis St.Clair (502-593-8711)

Hello, church family! We are excited to share the latest from the preschool department for this holiday season. Our Music Friends Choir did a great job at the "Hanging of the Greens" and they are looking forward to singing again at the Youth and Children's Choirs Program. If you would like your preschooler (ages 3 - kindergarten) to join us for Wednesday choir practice each week, they are more than welcome to attend from 6:30 to 7:20 pm.

We need volunteers to cover at least one event throughout this season. If you have not already been cleared to watch the preschoolers during our many seasonal services, there is an opportunity to do so by speaking with Pastor Linda or me. You would need to undergo a background check and watch a safety video. If we each serve during one of the holiday services, we will all share the load.

Also, we are excited for our "Happy Birthday Jesus" Party, where we would LOVE to see your kids! We will be coming together with the older children for this event on Friday, December 5, 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Thank you for involving your preschoolers in this ministry! We hope to see you all this Christmas season. God bless.

**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025

10:00 a.m. GROW (G2 Team)
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting - Canceled
 6:45 p.m. Quarterly Committee Meetings
 7:00 p.m. Filipino Bible Study - CLC

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025

10:00 a.m. FCBC Sewing Group
 3:00 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025

6:30 p.m. Happy Birthday, Jesus! Party - CLC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

10:00 a.m. Fruit Baskets for Homebound - CLC
 6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

9:00 a.m. "On-Time Coffee-Time" - CLC
 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. Youth Choir
 6:00 p.m. Instrumental Christmas

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

1:00 p.m. "Circle of Hope" - CLC
 7:00 p.m. GROW (R Team)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 7:30 p.m. Mid-KY Chorus

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025

11:30 a.m. "Young at Heart" Christmas @ Wildwood
 3:00 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

10:30 a.m. Staff Christmas Brunch
 6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025

9:00 a.m. "On-Time Coffee-Time" - CLC
 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. Children's Choir Program
 7:00 p.m. New Members' Reception

RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF DECEMBER 7

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Sam Frizzell 645-7792

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Jim Raia 529-1788

NURSE ON CALL

Lesley Hass 836-9691

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Tiffany Keranen &
 Kim Anderson

EXTENDED SESSION

Joy Warren &
 Marilyn Calvert

NURSERY

Jayla Grigsby &
 Martha Blansette

TECH TEAM

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

INSTRUMENTAL

Director – Chris Towles
 Streamer – Bruce Ritchie
 Sound – Phil Shewmaker
 AV – Sam Frizzell

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Lisa Payne

WEEK OF DECEMBER 14

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Danny Hass 836-9735

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Trustee Team

NURSE ON CALL

Martha Blansette 533-9666

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Anetta French &
 Alexis St.Clair

EXTENDED SESSION

Jeryl Presley &
 Chrissy Creech

NURSERY

Donna Grimes &
 Jayla Grigsby

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

Sam Frizzell



NOVEMBER 23, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School - 104 Worship 131

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 10,990.00
Budget Received	\$ 12,395.26
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 131,880.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 116,907.10

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 575.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 14,734.24

PROPERTY @ 5912

Amount Received	\$ 270.00
Year-to-Date Received	\$ 75,165.28
Monthly Loan Payment	\$ 1,095.69
Loan Balance	\$ 98,618.56
Current Fund Balance	\$ 12,545.93
Sunrise Children's Services	\$ 3,706.00

Advent/Christmas Worship Services
Fern Creek Baptist Church
 5920 Bardstown Road
 (502) 239-0316

- December 7: The Second Sunday of Advent
 10:45 a.m. - Lighting of the Candle of Peace
 6:00 p.m. - Instrumental Christmas
- December 9
 7:30 p.m. - "The Beautiful Music of Christmas"
 presented by the Mid-Kentucky Choir
 (Call for tickets.)
- December 14: The Third Sunday of Advent
 10:45 a.m. - Lighting of the Candle of Joy
 6:00 p.m. - Youth & Children's Choirs Service
 7:00 p.m. - New Members' Reception
- December 16
 7:00 p.m. - C.D.C. Program (Four-Year-Olds)
- December 18
 10:30 a.m. - C.D.C. Program (Two & Three-Year-Olds)
- December 21: The Fourth Sunday of Advent
 10:45 a.m. - Lighting of the Candle of Love
 "The Light of Christmas" presented by
 the Adult Choir with the Youth Choir,
 Young Musicians, and Narrators.
 6:00 p.m. - Service of Comfort and Hope
- December 24: Christmas Eve
 9:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast
 11:00 a.m. - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
 Lighting of the Christ Candle
- December 28: The First Sunday of Christmas
 10:45 a.m. - We Celebrate the Birth of Christ.
- January 4: The Second Sunday of Christmas
 10:45 a.m. - We Celebrate the Epiphany.

Childcare for preschoolers is available during all of these services.

Most of these worship services are, also, live-streamed. You may view the services by going to our website (www.ferncreekbaptist.org) and clicking the red Worship Livestream button.

ANGEL TREE GIFTS

Please take an angel (or more) off our Angel Tree (located at the top of the ramps) and purchase a gift for those in need in our community. Write your name on the sheet of paper on the table that corresponds to the angel(s) that you take off the tree. Gifts need to be returned to the church by **Sunday, December 7**. Thank you for helping those in need during this Christmas season. Questions? Please see a member of the Ministry and Missions Center Committee.



"YOUNG AT HEART" CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



Wildwood Country Club
 (5500 Bardstown Road)

Thursday, December 11, 11:30 a.m.

Please sign up at the shelf in the Common Area by **December 7**. The luncheon cost is **\$20 per person**. Payment is due on the day of the luncheon. Please bring a gift (appropriate for male or female) for the gift exchange (\$8-\$10 cost).

WILL'S WORDS

YOUTH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!

Friday, Dec. 19, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Christian Life Center
 Come let's fellowship, worship, and celebrate Jesus Christ together! We need everyone to make it all it can be!

CDC Happenings

Terri Bosemer



December is an extremely busy month in our Child Development Center. Not only are we focused on teaching the children about the birth of Jesus, but we are also practicing for our Christmas programs. The rehearsals are tiring for the teachers, as well as the children, but on December 16 and 18 our little preschoolers will shine like stars, and that makes all those practices worth it. The Pre-K students will be performing in the church sanctuary on December 16, 7:00 p.m. The Two and Three-Year-Old students will perform in the sanctuary on December 18, 10:30 a.m. CDC and Church families are invited to attend!

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FERN CREEK BAPTIST YOUTH

**CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATION**

GRADES 6-12
FCBC CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (CLC)
DECEMBER 19TH, 6:00-9:00 PM



BRING A WRAPPED GIFT (\$10 LIMIT)
FOR OUR GIFT EXCHANGE!

- DECORATE BAKED GOODS
- MAKE ORNAMENTS
- PLAY GAMES
- ENJOY FELLOWSHIP AND DEVOTION
- CELEBRATE WITH CHRISTMAS MUSIC

QUESTIONS? SEE WILL ENNIS (YOUTH MINISTER)