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

The Disciple

December 15, 2025

LINDA'S LINES

What wonderful worship services we have experienced during this Advent season. We are so grateful for all of you who have led us to experience Jesus in His glory through the powerful Words of the Advent/Christmas story and the beautiful music of this season. Whether you are "up front" or "behind the scenes" you are greatly appreciated!

Eleven of us from FCBC attended the General Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in Texas last month. Our church voted in our September business meeting to affiliate with this group. We have exciting news to share with you about what we learned and experienced. It was truly a joy to be with a large group of people who exemplified their love for God and their commitment to the Great Commission. Please join us in the sanctuary this Wednesday, December 17, 6:30 p.m. as we share with you. The Youth (LIGHT) will join us, too. The Young Musicians and Music Friends will meet in their regular rooms for the Children's Choir Parties. Hope to see you all on Wednesday evening! There are opportunities for all on that evening.

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

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

This is the season in which we give our International Missions Offering so that people through the whole world will have more opportunities to hear the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. You may designate your offering to any of the following: Our church's Mission Trips; Commissioned International (formerly BMDMI); Children of the Soil, Kendall Optical Ministry, Legacy Mission International; SON International; Texas Baptists Worldwide Offering; or individual missionaries like Gervacio Figueroa.

OFFERING FOR SUNRISE CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Thanks for giving generously to the Sunrise Children's Services Offering. This offering will continue to be collected for the rest of this month. Sunrise is doing a great job in taking care of children/youth throughout Kentucky!!

✦ WILL'S WORDS ✦

The youth will celebrate our Lord Jesus with a Christmas Gathering on December 19th from 6-9 pm.

But that's not all—there's so much to celebrate in the lives of our youth!

- 🏀 Justin plays basketball for Jeffersontown High School. He recently applied for a job at Graeter's Ice Cream—yum!
- 🎵 Ava is a member of her school choir at Atherton High School. She's running for class office as Secretary and has applied to work at Chick-fil-A—love Chick-fil-A!
- 🏪 Emma is on the Wrestling Team at Fern Creek High School. She continues to practice diligently on her violin, blessing our church with her musical talents. And... wait for it... Emma got a truck! A Chevy Silverado—Emma's driving!

Church family let's encourage these young people and remind them how proud we are of the light they shine in their schools and in our community. Their gifts, talents, and dedication reflect the joy of Christ in powerful ways.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025

7:00 p.m. GROW (O & W Teams)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025

9:30 a.m. Sisterhood - Metro Diner
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 7:00 p.m. CDC Christmas Program - Fours
 Filipino Bible Study - CLC

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025

10:30 a.m. CDC Christmas Program - Twos & Threes
 3:00 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025

6:00 p.m. Youth Christmas Celebration - CLC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025

9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Dress Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 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. Service of Comfort & Hope

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025

7:00 p.m. GROW - Canceled

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2025

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting - Canceled
 7:00 p.m. Filipino Bible Study - CLC

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025

Christmas Eve - Church Office Closed

9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast - CLC
 11:00 a.m. Christmas Eve Service

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025

Merry Christmas - Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2025

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

9:00 a.m. "On-Time Coffee-Time" - CLC
 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. Home Prayer Service



RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF DECEMBER 21

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Lesley Hass
 836-9691

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Bill Montgomery
 301-820-2524

NURSE ON CALL

Shirley Powers 551-6786

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

No Children's
 Church

EXTENDED SESSION

Deborah Raia &
 Nann Anderson

NURSERY

Donna Grimes &
 Jayla Grigsby

TECH TEAM

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

COMFORT AND HOPE

Director – Chris Towles
 Streamer – Bruce Ritchie
 Sound – Sam Frizzell
 AV – Lisa Payne

CHRISTMAS EVE - 11AM

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

WEEK OF DECEMBER 28

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Melissa Logsdon-Young
 643-0100

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Joe Montgomery
 422-2208

NURSE ON CALL

Norma Routt 741-0724

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Lucas Seraphine &
 Jodie & Emma Towles

EXTENDED SESSION

Joy Warren &
 Judie Walker

NURSERY

Donna Grimes &
 Chrissy Creech

TECH TEAM

Director – Jon Heinrich
 Streamer – Jacob Heinrich
 Sound – Phil Shewmaker
 AV – Lisa Payne

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Prayer Service



DECEMBER 7, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School - 88 Worship 126

OUR STEWARDSHIP

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|------------------------------|---------------|
| Weekly Budget Needs | \$ 10,990.00 |
| Budget Received | \$ 18,114.00 |
| Year-to-Date Budget Needs | \$ 153,860.00 |
| Year-to-Date Budget Received | \$ 140,910.60 |

BUILDING FUND

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| Weekly Total | \$ 65.00 |
| Year-to-Date Balance | \$ 14,878.24 |

PROPERTY @ 5912

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| Amount Received | \$ 100.00 |
| Year-to-Date Received | \$ 75,640.28 |
| Monthly Loan Payment | \$ 1,095.69 |
| Loan Balance | \$ 98,618.56 |
| Current Fund Balance | \$ 13,020.93 |

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| Sunrise Children's Services \$3,746.00 | CHOTS \$57.00 |
| Mission Trips \$67.00 | Kendall Optical Ministry \$50.00 |
| Legacy Mission Internation \$100.00 | Missionaries \$258.00 |
| Texas Baptist Worldwide Offering \$339.00 | SON \$30.00 |

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- Nancy Ames at the death of her niece, Viki Jo Rife, a few weeks ago;
- Kevin and Martha Blansette and family at the death of Martha's aunt, Marilyn Hillman;
- Nancy Calebs and family at the death of her husband, Bob Calebs;
- Kevin and Tiffany Keranen and family at the death of Kevin's 15-year-old cousin, Phillip Mitchell.

REPORT FROM TEXAS BAPTIST MESSENGERS

Wednesday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.

Last month, eleven us from FCBC attended the Baptist General Convention of Texas of which we recently joined. We are excited to give you a report. Please join us.

- The Youth (LIGHT) will meet with the adults on this evening.
- Children's Choirs will meet at this time for their Christmas parties.

January



- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Ashlyn Berry | 16 Bill Buchanan |
| Melisa Pierson | 17 Shirley Hill |
| Bryce West | 18 Gene Wright |
| 2 Sandi French | 19 Ryan Stone |
| Judy Keiner | 20 Tammy Squires |
| 4 Amy Hoff | 21 Rachel Birkby |
| Emma Towles | Chad Murphy |
| 5 Jim Griffin | 22 Charlie Cress |
| Troy Young | Shirlon Turner |
| 6 Pat Daniels | Joanna Wright |
| Teresa Kendall | 23 Kevin Blansette |
| 7 Geanine Escobar | Dallas Farmer |
| Taren Walton | Mindy Glenn |
| 10 Cindy Jackson | Pat Joyce |
| 11 Jaylen Kelley | Angela Rasco |
| 12 Jamie Beverly | 25 Sarah Jenkins |
| 13 Steedra Kelley | 26 Betty Hobbs |
| Jim Magruder | Shirley Powers |
| Carole Nagle | 28 David Lanham |
| Brenda Pennington | 31 Jodie Towles |
| 14 Nancy Dean | |
| Dot Hester | |

PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES IN THE HOSPITAL AS OF DECEMBER 11:

- Joe Curry - Frazier Rehab - Brownsboro Road - Room 117 (5000 Chamberlin Lane)

Sisterhood

Tuesday, December 16

9:30 a.m.

Metro Diner

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Before the Christmas Eve Service
(all the pancakes you would like to eat)



Wednesday, December 24

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Christian Life Center

24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 12:00 noon –
Thursday, Jan. 1, noon

Sponsored by the Deacons

We hope you will all participate! You may sign up for an hour timeslot (or more) on the shelf in the Common Area. There is no limit to how many can sign up for each hour.

CDC Happenings Terri Bosermer

The Child Development Center still has openings in the Three and Four-Year-Old programs. January is the perfect time for new students to start. Let your friends and families know. For more information email terri@ferncreekbaptist.org.

Our Child Development Center will be closed for the Christmas and New Year holiday on December 22, until January 2, 2026, we look forward to a restful break! Our first day back will be Monday, January 5.



May the gift of love, peace, and joy that comes from knowing "Jesus" as Lord and Savior be yours this holiday season. On behalf of the Child Development Center, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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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)

Advent/Christmas Worship Services

- 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.