

# Fern Creek Baptist Church

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**Child Development Center**  
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## STAFF

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Supply Pianist

**Joanna Wright**  
Interim Organist

**FERN CREEK  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

# The Disciple

December 29, 2025

## LINDA'S LINES

Thanks to all of you who led us in worship and ministry during this Advent / Christmas Season. The worship services were all extremely meaningful. The Child Development Center Programs were so enjoyable. Thanks to all who made these services possible by your leadership or behind the scenes work! Thanks to all who have participated by attending or by watching. If you missed any of the worship services, please remember that you may still watch them online. Thanks to those who led us in personal worship each day through the words you wrote for the devotional books! Thanks to all who led in ministry and outreach during this season. Thanks to all of you!!

Please join us for our New Year's Eve 24-Hour Prayer Vigil. The sign-up sheet is on the shelf in the Common Area. I can think of no better place to "kick-off" the New Year than in God's House. PLEASE be a part of this!! God has told us that His house is to be a place of prayer. He has called us to be people of prayer. II Chronicles 7:14 says, *"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."* Will you join your church family in prayer?

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

Hello, church family! We are excited to share the latest updates from the preschool department. During Children's Church and Extended Session, the children have been going through a 5-week Christmas series about the journey to Bethlehem. They hear a Bible story and then do activities such as mazes, crossword puzzles, coloring sheets, and more! A snack is provided!

Also, we need more volunteers to cover at least one session this next quarter. If you have not previously volunteered, you can do so by speaking with Pastor Linda or me. To follow the Safe Church Policy, you will need a background check and to watch the safety video. If we each serve during one of the services this quarter, we will all share the load.

Next, we would like your preschooler (ages 3-kindergarten) to join us for Music Friends choir practice. We meet on Wednesdays in room 103, from 6:30 to 7:20 pm. Choir will resume on January 7.

Thank you for involving your preschoolers in this ministry! We hope to see you all join us! God bless. ❤️

## ✨ WILL'S WORDS ✨

Our Youth Christmas Celebration on December 19th was an absolute blast! Ten of our youth came together for a fun-filled evening of fellowship, laughter, and a yummy meal. They got creative, making angel ornaments, prayer jars, and decorating cookies and gingerbread men. All the while, they worshiped Jesus Christ through Christmas music.

The room was filled with smiles, laughter, and genuine joy. The Spirit of God was everywhere. It was so touching to hear the youth express their gratitude with heartfelt "thank yous" to the staff and volunteers. It was a night that reminded us of the blessing of community and the joy of celebrating Christ together.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2025

6:00 p.m. Adult ISS Party  
7:00 p.m. GROW - Canceled

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2025

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

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025

12:00 p.m. 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Begins  
9:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026

**HAPPY NEW YEAR - Church Office Closed**  
12:00 p.m. 24 Hour Prayer Vigil Ends

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026

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

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

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  
4:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

### MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026

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

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026

10:00 a.m. GROW (G2 Team)  
11:00 a.m. CDC Committee Meeting  
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Filipino Bible Study - CLC

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026

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

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026

11:30 a.m. "Young at Heart" - CLC

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026

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

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

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  
4:30 p.m. Homebound Communion  
6:00 p.m. Business Meeting

## FROM YOUR CHURCH STAFF

Thanks so much from the entire church staff for the kindness shown to us during this season! Thank you for your love and generosity. It is a joy to minister among this church family. We love you!

## RESPONSIBILITIES

### WEEK OF JANUARY 4

#### DEACON OF THE WEEK

David Magruder 592-7306

#### TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Gary Kistner 419-5505

#### NURSE ON CALL

Bonnie Coyle 550-3440

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Chrissy Creech &  
Valerie Montgomery

#### EXTENDED SESSION

Joy Warren &  
Eleonor Ritchie

#### NURSERY

Jayla Grigsby &  
Martha Blansette

#### TECH TEAM

Director - Chris Towles  
Streamer - Bruce Ritchie  
Sound - Phil Shewmaker  
AV - Lisa Payne

#### SUNDAY EVENING

No Service

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Lisa Payne

### WEEK OF JANUARY 11

#### DEACON OF THE WEEK

Lisa Payne 558-1414

#### TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Trustee Team

#### NURSE ON CALL

Lesley Hass 836-9691

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Danny / Lesley Hass  
& Lori Ennis

#### EXTENDED SESSION

Joy Warren &  
Marilyn Calvert

#### NURSERY

Donna Grimes &  
Alexis St.Clair

#### TECH TEAM

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

#### SUNDAY EVENING

Chris and Sam

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Sam Frizzell



## DECEMBER 21, 2025

### ATTENDANCE

Sunday School - 110    Worship 174

### OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 10,990.00
Budget Received	\$ 14,161.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 175,840.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 160,905.89

### BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 110.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 15,039.01

### PROPERTY @ 5912

Amount Received	\$ 100.00
Year-to-Date Received	\$ 75,965.28
Monthly Loan Payment	\$ 1,095.69
Loan Balance	\$ 98,129.62
Current Fund Balance	\$ 12,250.24

Sunrise Children's Services \$4,000.00	CHOTS \$150.00
Mission Trips \$67.00	Kendall Optical Ministry \$165.00
Legacy Mission International \$100.00	Missionaries \$258.00
Texas Baptist Worldwide Offering \$474.00	SON \$150.00

## OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- Donnie and Meredith Ward and Brent and Melissa Crittenden and family at the death of Meredith's and Melissa's mother, Barbara Hoover;
- Rich Adams and family at the death of his wife, Dr. Patty Adams.

Thank you notes / Christmas cards have been placed on the bulletin board in the Common Area from:

- Betty Hobbs
- Judie Walker
- Abeka
- Commissioned International (BMDMI)

## "YOUNG AT HEART"



Soup & Sandwich Potluck  
Christian Life Center



Thursday, January 8, 11:30 a.m.  
"Addressing those Aches and Pains"

Sign up at the shelf in the Common Area.

## 24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

Wednesday, December 31, 12:00 noon –  
Thursday, January 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.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Resuming January 7  
Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:20 p.m.

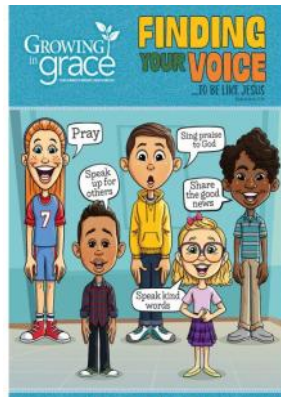
### Music Friends

(ages 3 - K): Room 103  
(must be 3 by August 1, 2025)

Anetta French, director  
Terri Bosemer & Alexis  
St.Clair, teachers

### Young Musicians

(grades 1 - 5): Room 204  
Steve Skaggs, director  
Dana Adams, Glenda Barton,  
& Debbie Gorbandt, teachers



# WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOU!

## WEDDING SHOWER FOR JAYLA GRIGSBY & NATE BLANSETTE

Sponsored by Adult I & II Sunday School Classes

Saturday, January 17, 1:00 p.m.  
Christian Life Center

Everyone is invited.  
Jayla and Nate are registered  
at Target. Scan code.



To help us have an idea of how many will attend, please RSVP to 296-2341 (Nancy Shewmaker).

# Sisterhood

Tuesday, January 20

9:30 a.m.

TBA

# YOUTH ICE SKATING NIGHT!

## Alpine Ice Arena

1825 Gardiner Lane \* Louisville, KY 40205

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16  
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

## COST: \$20 FOR SKATING

(Bring a little extra if you want a drink or snack!)

## BRING A FRIEND!

GET READY FOR AN AWESOME NIGHT TOGETHER!

## RSVP BY JANUARY 12

We need your RSVP so transportation can be planned.

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