

Fern Creek Baptist Church

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The Disciple

March 10, 2025

LINDA'S LINES

Most of you have probably read about the tragic death of Corrections Officer Michael Wehdah, a Louisville Metro Corrections officer, who was murdered a few weeks ago. Wehdah, who came to the United States from Liberia, joined Metro Corrections last year. His family was able to join him here just a few months ago. Metro Corrections has requested the funeral to be held at our church under the supervision of our own Officer Joseph Montgomery.

- The visitation / wake will be on Friday, March 14, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- The funeral will be held on Saturday, March 15, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

We are happy to be able to minister to this family and serve our community in this tangible way. If you can help with ushering on either day, please contact Susan Hudgins or Norma Routt. If you can help with directing traffic at various times, please contact Adam Jenkins. If there are other areas of help needed, we will send out those requests. Thanks for your willingness to serve this family, the officers, and our community.

This year we will offer a Seder Dinner on **April 13, 5:00 p.m.** for our congregation and friends. (Please mark your calendars now.) The Seder is a Jewish ritual service and ceremonial dinner for the first night or first two nights of Passover. Saturday, April 12, is the first day of Passover this year. The Seder involves the retelling of the story of how God delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. The Seder itself is based on Exodus 13:8 which commands the Jews to retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt: "You shall tell your child on that day, saying, 'It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.'" We will celebrate the Jewish Seder known to the church today as "The Last Supper". We will be led by "Tend My Sheep Ministries" with our own people preparing the food, decorations, etc. We will experience the food, the songs, and the prayers Jesus and His disciples experienced over 2,000 years ago. The service and meal will be in the Christian Life Center. More details will be given soon.

Please join me in anticipation of a glorious Lord's Day this Sunday! Please continue to pray, "*Lord, awaken Your people and send a great revival!*"

"Music Notes"

Debbie Gorbandt, Interim Minister of Music

It was recently brought to my attention that the season of Lent (which begins in early March this year) overlaps both the season of winter and the season of spring. Winter is the season in which nature lies dormant, even appears to be dead, but actually she is only resting and preparing for the new life that will come in the spring. Spring is the season of new birth, fresh beginnings, and we can finally see the results of nature's long winter nap. How interesting it is that the liturgical season of Lent brings us from winter into spring. I don't think that was an accident. Lent is a time of reflection on the sacrificial death of Christ, His death on the cross that is the only way for us to experience eternal and abundant life. During the coming season of Lent, let us take time to reflect on Christ's sacrifice for our sins, knowing that He has saved us, is saving us, and will save us. Winter's nap is almost over. Spring is coming and bringing with it new life!

I hope and pray that you are planning to attend all of our Holy Week worship events. I am especially looking forward to the Seder we will observe on Palm Sunday, April 13. I guarantee you will come away from the Seder with a deeper understanding of the Lord's Supper. The connection to the Jewish Passover with Christ becoming the Passover Lamb will be astonishingly evident. Each service is significant and will enable us to remember, reflect, repent, and rejoice that Christ triumphed over death and the grave. Because He lives, we also will live!



STAFF

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**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025

11:00 p.m. "Young at Heart" Progressive Dinner
3:30 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

10:00 a.m. Visitation for Officer Micheal Wehdah

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

9:00 a.m. Funeral for Officer Michael Wehdah
2:00 p.m. Bridal Shower for Anetta Kendall - CLC
6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC
FCHUM Trivia Fundraiser - St. Gabriel

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
12:15 p.m. Preschool & Children's Committee - CLC
1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
3:00 p.m. Congolese Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training & Brave Believers

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025

10:00 a.m. FCBC Sewing Group - CLC
3:30 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

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. Discipleship Training & Brave Believers

RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF MARCH 16

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Deborah Raia 492-0965

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Gary Kistner 419-5505

NURSE ON CALL

Martha Blansette 533-9666

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Kimberley Anderson &
Lucas Seraphine

EXTENDED SESSION

Joy Warren &
Eleonor Ritchie

NURSERY

Jayla Grigsby &
Martha Blansette

TECH TEAM

Director – Jon Heinrich
Streamer – Jacob Heinrich
Sound – Sam Frizzell
AV – Lisa Payne

SUNDAY EVENING

Lisa Payne

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Lisa Payne

WEEK OF MARCH 23

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Joseph Schult 807-0416

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

TBA

NURSE ON CALL

Lesley Hass 836-9691

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Joy Warren &
Susan Hudgins

EXTENDED SESSION

Chrissy Creech &
Alison Schult

NURSERY

Donna Grimes &
Jayla Grigsby

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SUNDAY EVENING

Phil Shewmaker

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Sam Frizzell

SON-DAY FUN-DAY SUPPLIES

In an effort to plan for the next school supply giveaway, we are collecting markers and crayons during the month of March. Please place them in the bin in the collection area between the CLC and the Common Area.



MARCH 2, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School - 85 Worship 103

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 11,053.00
Budget Received	\$ 11,395.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 298,431.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 268,639.36

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 100.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 11,816.76

PROPERTY @ 5912

Amount Received	\$ 100.00
Year-to-Date Received	\$ 60,330.28
Monthly Loan Payment	\$ 1,095.69
Loan Balance	\$ 103,898.23
Current Fund Balance	\$ 10,817.29

Annie Armstrong Offering	\$ 100.00
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OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:



- Barbara Creasy and family at the death of her sister, Lee Ann Stacy;
- Carolyn Simpson and family at the death of her cousins, Lydia Simpson and Dorothy Bloyd;
- Sondra Mullenix and family at the death of her aunt, Ann Colvin;
- Michele Crider and family, at the death of her father-in-law, Joseph (Joe) Brady.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



This year's Vacation Bible School is scheduled for **June 2-6, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** We are having a meeting on Thursday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up today to work by contacting one of the following to work in a particular area:

Preschool (Terri Bosemer),
Children (Jodie Towles), and
Youth (Linda Popham).

**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

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Saturday, April 5, 7:57 a.m.
Christian Life Center
OPEN TO EVERYONE!
Questions?
Contact Adam Jenkins.

"CIRCLE OF HOPE"

Monday March 10, 1:00 p.m.
I Love Tacos
10200 Glenmary Farm Dr.

All widows are invited.
Questions? Contact Karen Love.



Sisterhood

Tuesday, March 18
9:30 a.m.
Metro Diner

SPRING WORK DAY

April 5, 9:00 a.m.

Join us as we work on the grounds and in the building of our church facility. Please meet in the Christian Life Center for job assignments:

- **Cleaning:** See Cecelia or Pastor Linda.
- **Yard work, repairs, etc.:** See Adam Jenkins, Trustee Chairperson.

We have jobs available for all!
Let's keep God's House and Yard looking good!!

HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONAL BOOK

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 *"He Will Save Us!"*. You may choose to use the scripture from the daily Bible readings or write a devotional from your own experience of how Jesus saved you. Please turn in the devotionals to Tiffany Keranen or email (tiffany@ferncreekbaptist.org) by Monday, March 31, or sooner.



Tennis Clinic for Grades 1-5
March 29, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Christian Life Center
Getting Kids in the Swing of Tennis:



The clinic, led by the Louisville Area 10 and Under Tennis Association, will be held for two hours and then the children will enjoy pizza and a devotional. The Louisville Area 10 & Under Tennis Association is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to developing and promoting tennis for children ages 10 & under in a unique format using kid size equipment. They receive grants that allow them to partner with other nonprofit organizations in our community to provide free programming led by dedicated, professionally trained, Safe Play certified coaches.

Please sign up your child at the shelf in the Common Area or by calling the church office by March 25. There is no cost for this activity. Please enter the doors under the carport awning to register your child on the day of the event.

FCBC SEEKING THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS

Our church is seeking candidates for the following:

- **Full-time Minister of Music combined with one of following areas: Children or Education.** Applicants must exemplify a growing relationship With God, spiritual maturity, responsible authority, fervent evangelism, sound theology, and effective communication skills with all age groups. Applicants should have experience and education in ministry. Anyone seeking the position must be an excellent musician, worship leader, and educator.
- **Part-time Minister of Youth and Recreation.** Applicant must be spiritually mature, enthusiastic, and creative.

Send resumes to:

Fern Creek Baptist Church
Attention: Personnel Committee
5920 Bardstown Road
Louisville, KY 40291

or email linda@ferncreekbaptist.org. Resumes will be received through March 15, 2025. Questions? Call 239-0316 ext. 103 (Linda Barnes Popham).

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**"Pray without
ceasing."**

1 Thessalonians 5:17



HOLY WEEK SERVICES **Theme - "He Will Save Us!"**

SUNDAY, APRIL 13: PALM SUNDAY

10:45 a.m.

We remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and into our lives. The children's processional will remind us of that day when the shouts of "Hosanna" rang through the streets. Join us for worship in our sanctuary or online by going to www.ferncreekbaptist.org and clicking the red Worship Livestream button.

5:00 p.m.

We will celebrate the Jewish Seder known to the church as "The Last Supper". We will experience the food, the songs, and the prayers which Jesus and His disciples experienced over 2,000 years ago. The service and meal will be in the Christian Life Center.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17: MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.

The Youth Choir and Deacons will lead in "Mighty to Save!" We will partake in the Lord's Supper as we remember Christ's work on the cross and His salvation plan for us. We are reminded to proclaim His saving power and love. The service will, also, be livestreamed.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18: GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 p.m.

The Adult Choir and Narrators will present "Tenebrae: A Service of Shadows" by Heather Sorenson which follows the Tenebrae tradition beginning in the eighth century of the early church. In an atmosphere of darkness and candles, music and scripture, we will remember the final hours of Christ's life on earth as He prepared for and suffered death on the cross. The service will, also, be livestreamed.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20: EASTER CELEBRATION

9:00 a.m.

We celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ! God's Word will be spoken through proclamation and music mainly from our church staff.

10:45 a.m.

We continue the celebration of Christ's resurrection as God's Word is spoken through proclamation and music by the Adult Choir. Come and fill His house as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection! This service will, also, be livestreamed.