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**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

The Disciple

November 17, 2025

LINDA'S LINES

Please join our church family in all of the Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas services and events of this season!!! Worshipping Jesus together with church family brings a tremendous blessing to our lives.

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!"

WILL'S WORDS

Hey everyone! I have some exciting updates to share about what's been happening in our church lately.

First up, the Fern Creek Band Dinner was a total hit! At least 30 band members showed up and brought their A-game. We had a fantastic spread of chicken, and of course, Nancy Shewmaker's famous macaroni and cheese - it was absolutely divine! The band members were super engaged and receptive during the Q&A session. We even had a few band members join us for the Fifth Quarter later that night.

Next, the Fifth Quarter was also a blast! It was a bit smaller in numbers, but it was packed with energy and smiles. We enjoyed delicious pizza and celebrated Jesus Christ with praise, worship, and a devotional that seemed to really connect with the youth.

During GROW, Ava, Lucas, and I visited some of the youth that attended the Fifth Quarter. They were so excited to learn more about our church and can't wait to come back soon.

The Lock-In was a blast! The youth had an amazing time, and it started early, with fellowship, praise, and worship. We started the night with a taco bar that had everything you could ever want! Then, we enjoyed our guest speaker, Tim Sizemore, and his wife, Robin. With the help of AI, Tim can train people all over the world. He can even translate languages and dialects into English, so those who've been trained can share the gospel and the plan of salvation with their communities and countries. The youth leaders and I were so proud of how attentive and receptive our youth were during the presentation. They asked Tim a ton of questions! After the presentation, the youth went to choir with Linda for some praise and worship, "Linda style." They returned pumped, excited, and all smiles. Linda and the youth then gave us a little rendition of what they worked on in choir! After some more fellowship that included basketball, table hockey, and board games, it was time to refuel with hot dogs, chips, and dessert. I gave a devotional, and the youth shared some karaoke praise and worship together. Finally, it's quiet time! The youth watched a movie, "Letters to God", which led to a little deeper quiet time sleep! We later woke some sleepy, but happy faces to cap the Lock-In off with breakfast and clean up.

I want to thank all the Youth Leaders for their incredible support and energy. Also, thanks to the church for what I know were prayers for success and that the Lock-In would be filled with God's love and Spirit.

Guess what? The youth are coming to the CLC near you! On December 19th, they'll have a blast filled with laughter, friendship, baking Christmas treats, creating unique Christmas ornaments, and experiencing the love of Jesus Christ with their fellow believers. We'll share God's Word and discover the true meaning of the holiday season together.

And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy" of the Lord and may please him in every way: growing in the knowledge of God. (Colossians: 1:10) I humbly request that you join me in prayer to uplift our youth. May the Holy Spirit fill them with a passion for learning, prayer, and spiritual growth, enabling them to walk steadfastly with Jesus Christ!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

9:30 a.m. Sisterhood
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting - Canceled
 7:00 p.m. Deaf / Hard of Hearing Bible Study - 113
 Filipino Bible Study - CLC

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

10:00 a.m. FCBC Sewing Group
 3:00 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry
 5:30 p.m. ESOL - Room 113
 6:00 p.m. Stuffing Party

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 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
 5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025

10:30 a.m. CDC Fours Program
 7:00 p.m. GROW (W Team)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2025

10:30 a.m. CDC Two and Threes Program
 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting - Canceled
 7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2025

No Evening Activities

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2025

Thanksgiving
 Church Office Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2025

Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025

10:00 a.m. Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 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. Hanging of the Greens

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- Gordon and Sharon Thompson at the death of Gordon's brother, Noel Thompson.
- Ann Watson, Bill Buchanan, and Family at the death of Ann's brother, Dennis Brummett.

RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Chris Towles 468-7369

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Trustee Team

NURSE ON CALL

Norma Routt 741-0724

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Lori Ennis &
 Martha Montgomery

EXTENDED SESSION

Joy Warren &
 Eleonor Ritchie

NURSERY

Jayla Grigsby &
 Martha Blansette

TECH TEAM

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

SUNDAY EVENING

Chris & Sam - CLC

TUESDAY EVENING

Director – Jon Heinrich
 Streamer – Chris Towles
 Sound – Phil Shewmaker
 AV – Sam Frizzell

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Roy Cantrall 270-300-6779

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Adam Jenkins 593-5007

NURSE ON CALL

Bonnie Coyle 550-3440

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Lucas Seraphine &
 Terri Bosemer

EXTENDED SESSION

Joy Warren &
 Susan Hudgins

NURSERY

Donna Grimes &
 Chrissy Creech

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SUNDAY EVENING

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 Streamer – Chris Towles
 Sound – Phil Shewmaker
 AV – Lisa Payne

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Lisa Payne

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School - 102 Worship 137

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 10,990.00
Budget Received	\$ 7,121.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 109,900.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 97,579.84

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 70.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 14,114.24

PROPERTY @ 5912

Amount Received	\$ 50.00
Year-to-Date Received	\$ 74,795.28
Monthly Loan Payment	\$ 1,095.69
Loan Balance	\$ 98,618.56
Current Fund Balance	\$ 13,732.02

December

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Jimmy McCune | 15 Dollie Dixon |
| 2 Patty Adams | Cynthia Fortune |
| Ashley Anderson | Bella Kaelin |
| Jaylan Hurt | Michael Pierson |
| Andrea Youngblood | 16 Jayla Grigsby |
| 3 Tyler Gregory | 17 Linda Westmorland |
| 4 Melissa Crittenden | 18 Akim Jackson |
| 5 Kathy Fraley | 19 Lisa Curtis |
| 7 Steve Sorg | Louise Reis |
| 8 Lorenza Callahan | 22 Ballard Anderson |
| Joshua Grigsby | Joan Naylor |
| 9 Autumn Cox | Ron Presley |
| Chelsea Pennington | 23 Barbara Parker |
| 12 Roy Cantrall | 24 Perry Joyce |
| Nancy Klee hamer | 25 Bonnie Floyd |
| Martha Montgomery | Hunter Murphy |
| Natalea White | 26 Jasmine Ayers |
| 13 Bobby Cundiff | Marie Kemp |
| Mark Freeman | 27 Molly Walker |
| Bailey Record | 28 Al Thompson |
| Cameron Schildknecht | 29 Meredith Ward |
| 14 Deborah Macias | 30 Samantha Sullivan |
| Allison Magruder | 31 Emily Butler |
| Debbie Watson | |

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).

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!

The Child Development Center Committee and staff would like to thank those who have made monetary and supply donations to the CDC. We believe that the support you are giving is taking us in the right direction. Please continue to pray that our enrollment will multiply and to give as God leads you to do!

ALEXIS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 **Thanksgiving Dinner** 

Sunday, November 23, 5:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker – Louis Hatcher
Vice-President of Strategic and Legal Affairs
Sunrise Children’s Services
Proceeds from the dinner will benefit Sunrise.

Adults – \$10 Children/Youth – \$8
Under age 5 – Free Family Max – \$40

Turkey Dressing / Gravy
Sweet Potatoes Green Beans
Cranberry Sauce Rolls
Pumpkin / Apple Pies

Michelle Rhea, the daughter of the late Fred and Dolores Rhea, will cater this meal with the help of her friends and our Social Committee. To make reservations, please call your deacon or the church office (239-0316) by **Wednesday, November 19.**



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING Service

Tuesday, November 25, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Fern Creek Baptist Church
5920 Bardstown Road

Preacher: Father Justin Nelson
St. Bernard Catholic Church

Music Leader: Rev. Steve Skaggs
Fern Creek Baptist Church

COMMUNITY CHOIR - AREA CHURCHES
(THE CHOIR WILL REHEARSE AT 6:15 P.M.)

Sponsored by the Fern Creek / Highview Ministerial Association

A reception will follow the worship service.

Childcare will be provided for preschool children of choir and worship leaders.

THANKS . . . BE TO GOD!



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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 @ 7:30PM

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Advent / Christmas Worship Services
Fern Creek Baptist Church
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November 30: The First Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Hope
6:00 p.m. – “Hanging of the Greens”
(led by the Adult Choir, Youth Choir, Children’s
Choirs, Instrumentalists, and Narrators)

December 7: The Second Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m. – Lighting of the Candle of Peace
6:00 p.m. – Instrumental Christmas Service

December 9

7:30 p.m. – “The Beautiful Music of Christmas” presented by
the Mid-Kentucky Chorus - 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 and Children’s Choirs Christmas Service
7:00 p.m. – New Members’ Reception

December 14

7:00 p.m. – C.D.C. Program (Four-Year-Olds)

December 18

10:30 a.m. – C.D.C. Program (Two and 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,
Instrumentalist, 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.

POINSETTIAS FOR “HANGING OF THE GREENS”



The Church Floral Committee has made arrangements with a wholesale nursery to purchase poinsettias on behalf of the church family. Each beautiful red poinsettia will have 5 to 7 blooms and be in a 6½ inch pot covered with green wrapping. They will be delivered in time for you to decorate the sanctuary during the “Hanging of the Greens”. You may purchase the poinsettias “in memory of ” or “in honor of ” with the notation included in the program.

*Please word exactly as you want it printed in the program.
(In memory of my father, _____; In honor of my mother, _____.)*

Please fill out the order form completely and place the form and \$10.00 for each poinsettia in an envelope. Write “poinsettias” on the envelope and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. Checks should be written to Fern Creek Baptist Church. Please contact the church office (239-0316) if you have any questions.

The deadline for orders is Sunday, November 23.

In Memory of . . .

Given by

How to be listed in program

Amount paid

In Honor of . . .

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