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January 26, 2026

LINDA'S LINES

Several of you have recently asked, "When are we going on an International Mission Trip again?" I really do hear you and am looking forward to us once again following the Great Commission of going into all the world. We are in the midst of exploring opportunities now. Details will be shared asap.

On a similar note, it is time again to have our annual Chili/Soup Cook-Off for International Mission Trips. It will be held on **Saturday, February 28, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Please contact Terry Schult if you are willing to help in any way. We hope many will participate and enter your delicious soup/chili!

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

"Music Notes"

Debbie Gorbandt, Interim Minister of Music

"God Has a Sense of Humor"

When Mark and I came forward last October to make Fern Creek Baptist Church our home (for a second time), I asked Pastor Linda, "Isn't God funny?!" When we left Fern Creek Baptist in 2002, never would I ever have imagined reuniting with this congregation. The six years I spent serving on staff at FCBC were some of the most amazing, faith-growing, ministry-learning, yet difficult years of my life. I was simply trying to juggle too many roles, trying to be a good minister, good mom, good wife and often felt I was not fulfilling any of them well. But looking back now, it is much easier to see how God's sovereignty was guiding, molding, and timing everything perfectly to accomplish His purposes.

Fast forward to July of 2023 when, after 21 years of ministry at Westport Baptist Church, I felt it was time to retire, not from serving Him, but from vocational ministry. That autumn, I continued to volunteer as an Awana leader, substitute worship leader, even putting together a Christmas program at Westport. I spent more time with Mark, children, and grandchildren. I cleaned closets, canned vegetables, and joined a non-denominational women's Bible Study group. Then the holidays had come and gone and all of a sudden it was gray dreary January again. I found myself asking God, "What do I do now?" Little did I know that His answer would come via a phone call from Pastor Linda.

Most of you know the next part of the story. I became the Interim Minister of Music in February of 2024, thinking I would serve until the end of May. I remember telling Dutch, Dana, and Danny not to stop looking for a permanent Minister of Music because this was only going to be temporary! (*smile, chuckle*) But in the meantime, God had been quietly working in the life of Mark and Debbie Gorbandt. After the interim period was over, we began visiting other churches and seeking God's guidance in finding a church home. I had made a commitment to Mark that, when I retired, he would be the one to choose where our church home would be. After all, he had faithfully supported and served alongside me for nearly 40 years, so it would only be fair to let him have the choice. Surprise!! We both knew that Fern Creek Baptist was where we needed to be.

Now, as I enter a second term as "Interim Minister of Music," I again hope that it will not be long term. I thoroughly enjoyed being an alto in the choir throughout the Advent and Christmas season and I look forward to returning to that role! But more importantly, I join you in praying that FCBC finds Holy Spirit directed long-term staffing solutions that will help her continue to be a beacon in the community, making an eternal difference in Fern Creek and the entire world.

**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026

CDC - Spirit Day at Chick-fil-A - Code CHILD

3:00 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry
6:00 p.m. Youth Group Event - Fern Bowl
Gym Rental

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

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
4:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting
5:00 p.m. Revelation Bible Study
Youth Choir
6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training
Brave Believers

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026

10:00 a.m. GROW (G2 Team)
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
3:30 p.m. Open Gym
7:00 p.m. Filipino Bible Study - CLC

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026

10:00 a.m. FCBC Sewing Group
3:00 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry
6:30 p.m. Revelation Bible Study

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

7:57 a.m. FCBC Men's Breakfast
6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

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
5:00 p.m. Revelation Bible Study
Youth Choir
6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training
Brave Believers

RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Nancy Shewmaker 296-2341

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Trustee Team

NURSE ON CALL

Norma Routt 741-0724

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Tiffany Keranen &
Alexis St.Clair

EXTENDED SESSION

Joy Warren &
Jeryl Presley

NURSERY

Jayla Grigsby &
Chrissy Creech

TECH TEAM

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

SUNDAY EVENING

Chris Towles

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Lisa Payne

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Phil Shewmaker 558-1003

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Bill Montgomery 301-820-2524

NURSE ON CALL

Shirley Powers 551-6786

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Eleonor Ritchie &
Lori Ennis

EXTENDED SESSION

Joy Warren &
Terri Bosemer

NURSERY

Donna Grimes &
Martha Blansette

TECH TEAM

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SUNDAY EVENING

Phil Shewmaker

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Sam Frizzell

BIBLE READING PLAN FOR 2026

Please join your church family as we read through the New Testament from Epiphany to Holy Week. Copies of the reading plan are available at the Sanctuary Welcome Center and in the Common Area. We hope you will all participate!

JANUARY 18, 2026

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School - 93 Worship 117

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 10,990.00
Budget Received	\$ 9,893.69
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 219,800.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 229,261.51

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 275.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 15,559.01

PROPERTY @ 5912

Amount Received	\$ 1,175.00
Year-to-Date Received	\$ 78,120.28
Monthly Loan Payment	\$ 1,095.69
Loan Balance	\$ 97,617.90
Current Fund Balance	\$ 14,405.24

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- The family of Joe Dadisman;
- Renee Bryant and family at the death of her aunt, Linda Bryant;
- Don and Sandy Carter and family at the death of Sandy's cousin, Cindy Patterson.

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

- Nancy Calebs

"YOUNG AT HEART"

Thursday, February 12, 11:30 a.m.

Lunch – Catered by Olive Garden
Cost – \$10

Speaker: Beth Ricke, Cognitive Therapy
"Dealing with Cognitive Issues"

Sign up at the shelf in the Common Area.
Pay on the day of the event.



February

14	Tracy Bruce
2	Linda Popham
3	Andy Stewart
	Tina Taylor
4	Tim Hill
	Guy Pigman
	Gordon Thompson
5	Richard Adams
6	Dave Clem
	Sharon Peavler
7	Don Carter
	Erin Gill
8	Topanga Packer
	Terry Schult
9	Mark Gorbandt
11	Jessica Gibson
	Matt Gilkison
	Lyndsey Popham
	Betty Tyler
12	Lydia Ayers
	Patti Catman
	Shayla Kelley
	Larry Segrest
13	Jodi Muhich
14	Theresa Crume
	Debbie Gorbandt
	Karen Houston
	Jayda Hurt
17	Camera Squires
18	Brenda McDowell
	Martha Middleton
	Jan Miller
	Zachary Morrison
19	Sandi French
20	Lori Sharp
22	Cheryl Lucas
23	Shirley Decker
24	Mary Lee Jeck
25	Jimmy Seraphine
26	Danyl Broaddus
	Vicki Swain
27	Kari Haller
	Holly Richards
	Saundra Segrest
28	Tiffany Goldsberry
29	Babs Eilers
	Jeremy Kemp

✦ WILL'S WORDS ✦

What an unforgettable evening we shared at our recent Youth Ice Skating Night! 🏠 A spirited group of 13 youth, accompanied by some wonderfully brave chaperones, laced up their skates and made some fantastic memories. 😊 The atmosphere at the rink was simply electric, filled with laughter, a sprinkle of graceful (and not-so-graceful! 😜) tumbles, and an abundance of cheering encouragement. After building up quite an appetite, we hit the pause button for a well-deserved pizza party 🍕 that deliciously re-energized us all for another spin! One of the evening's most heart-warming highlights was the joyful welcome of two new young ladies into our vibrant group. Their presence truly illuminated the inclusive and kind spirit of our youth, all thanks to a thoughtful invitation from one of our amazing participants! 🙌 Throughout the event, our group radiated an incredible sense of Christ-like kindness, overflowing with genuine joy and love. ❤️ It truly cemented the evening as a special time of connection, bonding, and strengthening our beautiful community. 🤝 These are the moments we cherish!

Our next Youth Group Event will be **Thursday, January 29, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.** at Fern Bowl. We will meet at the Bowling Center. The cost is \$7.50, which includes your shoe rental and two games of bowling. Bring extra money for snacks. Be sure to invite a friend! Let's pack the lanes and have a great night together. 🎳

VALENTINE BANQUET FOR MARRIED COUPLES OF ALL AGES

Friday, February 13, 7:00 p.m.
Wildwood Country Club

Cost - \$70 per couple
(includes meal, program, & photograph of couple)
Your money serves as your reservation. Checks should be written to Fern Creek Baptist Church and turned in to the church office no later than Sunday, February 8.
This is going to be a great evening!

Speakers – Dr. Scott and Elizabeth Wigginton
Marriage and Family Therapist

Dinner Musician – Phil Kelley

Soloist – Steve Skaggs



Menu: Buffet with Chicken Piccata, Roast Beef, Salad, Green Beans Almondine, Roasted Red Potatoes, Rolls, and Dessert

Free childcare for attending couples with children grades five and younger (and a pizza supper) will be provided at the church beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Questions? Contact Linda Popham or Jodie Towles.

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Spirit Day

Thursday, January 29

A portion of the day's proceeds will benefit the Fern Creek Baptist Child Development Center. All orders must be completed on the

Chick-fil-A mobile app.

At checkout, enter code **CHILD**.



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