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The Disciple

November 2, 2026

LINDA'S LINES

Jerry Walker and his helpers have worked diligently in removing the trees between the Gathering House and the Church. They have removed between 15 and 20 trees over the last year. Thanks to memorial donations for the Gathering House, the last five trees that needed to be removed were recently taken down today by Tree Contractors LLC. Please thank Jerry Walker and his helpers: Donna Grimes, Zack Mazat, Ron Presley, Jacob Barnes, and Martin Bradley.

The Stewardship Committee and Trustees authorized me to apply in January for a Federal Nonprofit Security Grant through the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. I am so grateful for our friends at Unified Technologies (Mike Avery and Jason Becker) who made us aware of this opportunity. We are also grateful for the Threat Assessment performed STAT in Mount Washington. Please give a special thanks to Adam Jenkins, Jodie Towles, Tiffany Keranen, and Renee Bryant for the assistance they gave during this process. I could not have written this grant without their help.

Praise be to God!! Last week we received notification from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security that FCBC is a recipient of the grant. We will receive $189,538 of grant funding that will be used for the sole purchase and installation of physical security enhancements (locks, intercom system, more cameras, monitoring equipment, lighting, etc.) requested in the application for the church building, grounds, and the Gathering House. The money is to be used only for this project, and the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security will work with us during the course of the grant activity. Please thank God for His provisions!!

Please join me in anticipation of a glorious Lord's Day this Sunday. And as always, continue to pray, "Lord, awaken Your people and send a Great Revival!"

✨ ACADEMY ANNOUNCEMENTS ✨

From Tiffany Keranen

Our new playground has been installed. Special Thanks to Thrive by 5 Louisville for the grant money to purchase it!

We had two successful "Days at the Farm". Each day started with Pastor Linda reading The Pumpkin Patch Parable to the children. Farmer Jerry (from Son-Day Fun-Day) brought two donkeys, two goats, and one sheep. Judie Walker supplied us with fresh vegetables – all cut to kid-friendly sizes. Then we played some games, took pictures, and of course, everyone picked a pumpkin. Other farm hands included Shirley Powers, Kim Hight, Will Ennis, and Nathan Ennis. Thanks to all for your help!!







STAFF

Rev. Linda Barnes Popham
Pastor, ext. 103
693-4048

Rev. Steve Skaggs
Interim Minister of Music, ext. 111

Will Ennis
Minister of Youth
& Recreation, ext. 114

Tiffany Keranen
Office Coordinator, ext. 100

Jodie Towles
Bookkeeper, ext. 102

Ashley Thonen
Director of Facilities, ext. 104

Joanna Wright
Interim Organist

Rev. Gene Wright
Supply Pianist

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026 – No School
7:00 p.m. GROW (G Team)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026 – No School
5:00 a.m. Elections in the CLC
11:00 a.m. GROW (G2 Team)
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Deaf / Hard of Hearing Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026
5:15 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry
6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs, LIGHT, Wednesday Worship
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
GROW (G3 Team)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026
10:00 a.m. FCBC Sewing Group - CLC

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026
9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
6:00 p.m. Sign Language, Brave Believers
Discipleship Training

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026
7:00 p.m. GROW (R Team)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026
12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting / Luncheon by Prayer Team
7:00 p.m. Deaf / Hard of Hearing Bible Study
Stewardship Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026
5:15 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry
6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs, LIGHT, Wednesday Worship
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026
11:30 a.m. "Young at Heart" Luncheon & Crafts

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026
5:00 p.m. Gospel Lights Mission Dinner – CLC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 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
4:30 p.m. Homebound Communion
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
6:00 p.m. Sign Language, Brave Believers
Discipleship Training

RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8	WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15
DEACON OF THE WEEK	**DEACON OF THE WEEK**
Roy Cantrall 270-300-6779	Sam Frizzell 645-7792
TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK	**TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK**
Adam Jenkins 593-5007	Jim Raia 529-1788
NURSE ON CALL	**NURSE ON CALL**
Shirley Powers 551-6786	Norma Routt 741-0724
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**
Lesley Hass Deborah Raia	Jodie (Emma) Towles Lori Ennis
EXTENDED SESSION	**EXTENDED SESSION**
Joy Warren Jeryl (Ava) Presley	Susan Hudgins Joy Warren
NURSERY	**NURSERY**
Donna Grimes Martha Blansette	Donna Grimes Chrissy Creech
TECH TEAM	**TECH TEAM**
Director – Jon Heinrich Streamer – Jacob Heinrich Sound – Phil Shewmaker AV – Sam Frizzell	Director – Chris Towles Streamer – Bruce Ritchie Sound – Phil Shemaker AV – Lisa Payne
WEDNESDAY EVENING	**WEDNESDAY EVENING**
Lisa Payne	Sam Frizzell

G.R.O.W.

You can be a missionary right here in our own community by joining a GROW Team. GROW Teams write letters, make phone calls, and make visits on: Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m., the first Tuesday of the month at 11:00 a.m., and the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Join us as we share the good news of Jesus Christ! He has called us to take the good news to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. **Will you help?**

OCTOBER 25, 2026

ATTENDANCE
Sunday School - 77 Worship - 113

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	$ 11,084.00
Budget Received	$ 6,754.26
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	$ 88,672.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	$ 66,269.58

BUILDING FUND

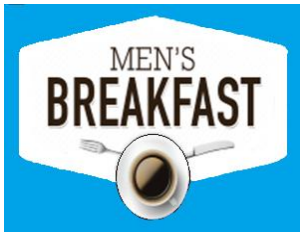
Weekly Total	$ 110.00
Year-to-Date Balance	$ 3,293.87

PROPERTY @ 5912

Amount Received	$ 100.00
Year-to-Date Received	$ 91,713.28
Monthly Loan Payment	$ 1,095.69
Loan Balance	$ 85,661.90
Current Fund Balance	$ 10,291.34

PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES IN THE HOSPITAL AS OF OCTOBER 28:

- Bev Crittenden – Mary & Elizabeth Hospital – Room 449
- Angie Decker (Whitney Lyon's mother) – Baptist Hospital – Room 557
- Jimmy McCune –Women's & Children's – Room 549
- Betty Meyer – Women's & Children's – Room 522



MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

Saturday, Nov. 7, 9:00 a.m.
Dairy Queen (Fern Creek)
Contact Chris Towles

FCBC FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry is in need of:

CANNED MEATS & SPAGHETTI SAUCE

Thank you for pitching in to fill up our pantry.



"YOUNG AT HEART"

Soup and Salad Luncheon and Crafts

Thursday, November 12, 2026, 11:30 a.m.

- Judie Walker and Kim Hight will lead us in making crafts.
- The Senior Adult Council Members will provide soup, salad, and desserts.
- There is no cost for this event.
- Please sign up at the shelf in the Common Area by Sunday, **November 8**, so we will know how much food and crafts to provide.

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- Phil and Sharon Kelley and family at the death of Sharon's mother, Dorothy Curtis.

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONAL BOOK

This year's Advent / Christmas theme is *"Waiting…"* (with the sub-themes of "Waiting for Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love"). If you are willing to write a devotional, please sign up at the shelf in the Common Area Foyer (between the Sanctuary and the CLC) or call the church office. Please include a scripture reference with your devotional. Please send to Tiffany Keranen (tiffany@ferncreekbaptist.org) as an email attachment by **November 10,** or earlier. Thanks for your help!

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday, November 22, 5:30 p.m.
Christian Life Center
Guest Speaker – Dale Suttles
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

INSTRUMENTAL CHRISTMAS

Our annual Instrumental Christmas Service is coming on Sunday, **December 6, 6:00 p.m.** All instrumentalists are welcome and encouraged to participate in this unique Advent worship experience. Please contact Steve Skaggs if you are interested in taking part. Please turn in the name of your piece and composer as soon as possible to Steve and Tiffany.



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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 $10.50 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 15.

In Memory of . . .

Given by	How to be listed in program	Amount paid

In Honor of . . .

Given by	How to be listed in program	Amount paid