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**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

The Disciple

February 23, 2026

LINDA'S LINES

On Sunday mornings during this Lenten season, we will be focusing on Jesus' Seven Last Words from the Cross. These profound statements of Jesus prior to His death on the cross are recorded across the four gospels. We will be following the traditional order of these words; however, we really don't know the exact order since the words are not all recorded in the same gospel. Each weekend, you will receive an emailed devotional written by Karen Purnell that will prepare you for the sermon I will preach on that Sunday. The focus of each Sunday of Lent is as follows:

"Jesus' Seven Last Words from the Cross"

- ✦ February 22 - The First: Words of Forgiveness - Luke 23:26-38
"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."
- ✦ March 1 - The Second: Words of Grace - Luke 23:39-43
"I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."
- ✦ March 8 - The Third: Words of Love - John 19:25-27
"Dear woman, here is your son." "Here is your mother."
- ✦ March 15 - The Fourth: Words of Loneliness - Matthew 27:45-57
"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- ✦ March 22 - The Fifth: Words of Suffering - John 19:28-29
"I am thirsty."
- ✦ March 29 - The Sixth: Words of Victory - John 19:30
"It Is Finished."
- ✦ March 29 PM - The Seventh: Words of Commitment - Luke 23:26-38
"Father, into your hands, I commit my spirit."
(This will be the words of meditation during the Lenten Reflections.)

Please join us for each of the Holy Week Services. Our theme for this entire season is: *"O Sacred, Wondrous Love"*. As we reflect on His suffering and death during that week, we are certainly reminded of *His Sacred, Wondrous Love*. The services of Holy Week are:

- ✦ March 29, 10:45 a.m. - Palm Sunday Celebration
- ✦ March 29, 7:00 p.m. - Lenten Reflections
- ✦ April 2, 7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday led by the Youth Choir / Deacons
- ✦ April 3, 7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Tenebrae led by the Adult Choir
- ✦ April 5, 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. - Easter Celebration

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

I need to begin this little article with a word of gratitude. Thank you, church family, for your prayers and encouraging words as we work through another Interim Music Ministry season. It makes serving you even more gratifying and a great privilege. That said, please continue to pray for the Personnel Committee and church leadership as they search for a full-time person to serve in this position. Also, please pray for the Adult Choir and all our musicians as we prepare to lead in worship through this Lent and Easter season.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 3:30 p.m. Open Gym
 7:00 p.m. Filipino Bible Study - CLC

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 2026

3:00 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry
 6:30 p.m. Revelation Bible Study - Sanctuary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

5:00 p.m. Chili/Soup Cook-Off Fundraiser - CLC

SUNDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 2, 2026

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026

10:00 a.m. GROW (G2 Team)
 6:45 p.m. Committee Meetings
 7:00 p.m. Filipino Bible Study - CLC
 8:00 p.m. Church Council

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

6:00 p.m. S.S. Adult III Fellowship - CLC

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

7:57 a.m. Men's Breakfast
 4:30 p.m. WinterJam!
 6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

SUNDAY, MARCH 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
 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting

RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF MARCH 1

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Sam Frizzell 645-7792

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Trustee Team

NURSE ON CALL

Shirley Powers 551-6786

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jodie/Emma Towles
 & Anetta French

EXTENDED SESSION

Martha Montgomery &
 Valerie Montgomery

NURSERY

Jayla Grigsby &
 Martha Blansette

TECH TEAM

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

SUNDAY EVENING

Chris Towles

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Lisa Payne

WEEK OF MARCH 8

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Danny Hass 836-9735

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Adam Jenkins 593-5007

NURSE ON CALL

Norma Routt 741-0724

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Marilyn Calvert &
 Judie Walker

EXTENDED SESSION

Joy Warren &
 Jeryl/Ava Presley

NURSERY

Martha Blansette &
 Jayla Grigsby

TECH TEAM

Director – Jon Heinrich
 Streamer – Jacob Heinrich
 Sound – Sam Frizzell
 AV – Chris Towles

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!

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School - 94 Worship 100

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 10,990.00
Budget Received	\$ 7,805.00
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 263,760.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 264,825.55

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 150.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 15,980.01

PROPERTY @ 5912

Amount Received	\$ 525.00
Year-to-Date Received	\$ 84,145.28
Monthly Loan Payment	\$ 1,095.69
Loan Balance	\$ 92,617.90
Current Fund Balance	\$ 13,438.86

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

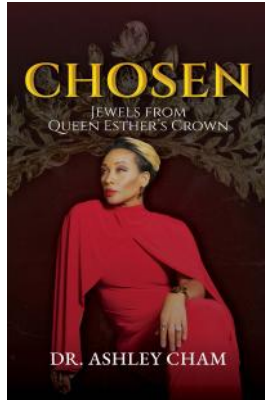
- Nancy Calebs and family at the death of her nephew, Cary Calebs,
- The family of William “Bill” Henson, former member, at his death.

“CHOSEN: Called For Such a Time as This”

Sunday, March 15, 6:00 p.m.

Featuring Dr. Ashley Miller Cham

CHOSEN is a faith-centered teaching experience based upon the Book of Esther. It was designed to help women and men discover their God-given identity, step boldly into their calling, and understand how their obedience and purpose are woven into the destiny of others—just as Queen Esther’s was. Join us for this powerful message from the author, Dr. Ashley Cham (daughter of Michele Crider). This event is for adults, youth, and children. Brave Believers will be held for preschoolers and childcare for babies and toddlers.



“YOUNG AT HEART” SPRING RETREAT



**March 24-26, 2026
General Butler State Resort Park**

Cost Per Individual
Double Occupancy - \$240
Single Occupancy - \$300

This includes the lodging, program, van transportation, and all six meals at the park. We will stop in Madison for lunch on Thursday and go to a few shops there. You will need money for lunch.

Please turn in your money to Judie Walker or the church office by **Monday, March 2**, or you may mail your check to the church office by that date. (Checks should be written to Fern Creek Baptist Church.) Also, please let Judie or the church office know who your roommate is if you are requesting double occupancy.

We will depart from FCBC on **Tuesday, March 24, 9:30 a.m.** and return on **Thursday, March 26, by 4:00 p.m.** Looking forward to a great time! Questions? Contact Judie Walker or Linda Popham.



March

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Hannah Arnold | 18 Martin Bradley |
| Linda Joyce | Al Ryan |
| 6 Scot Anderson | 19 Keisha Moreno |
| George Popham | Pam Weixler |
| 8 Cody Ryan | 20 Joe Curry |
| 9 Lori Bedard | Mandy Jones |
| Billy Blandford | 21 Tyler Anderson |
| Jean Brookshire | 22 Marianne Trueblood |
| Teagan Hall | 23 Kristi White |
| Gayle Monin | 24 Kylie Seraphine |
| 10 Penelope Grimes | 26 Josh Schult |
| 12 Mike Simpson | 28 Linda Adkins |
| David Williams | John Fraley |
| 13 Michaela DeJaynes | Glenna Hall |
| Kelly Swain | 29 Centrell Kelley |
| 14 Leonard Westmorland | 30 Terry Bruce |
| 15 Christy Becker | Melissa Cundiff |
| Jake Richardson | Lori Farley |
| 16 Tracey Estes | Joyce Shelton |
| 17 Katie Heinrich | 31 Erin Crittenden |



REVELATION BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to join a six-week (12 sessions) Revelation Bible Study which began on February 1. Steve St.Clair, the father of Alexis St.Clair, is leading the class which is held on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Steve is a wonderful Bible teacher and an excellent artist. His artistic skills will help this book come alive for those who wish to be a part of the class. We look forward to what God is going to do through Steve’s teaching!

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 3

6:45 p.m. – All Committees

7:00 p.m. – Administrative and Ministry Committees
(CDC, Children’s, By-Laws, M&M, Personnel, Preschool, Social, Stewardship, Trustees, and Youth)

8:00 p.m. – Church Council

(All Committee Chairpersons & Heads of Organizations)





**SUNDAY EVENINGS
MARCH SESSION
March 1 - 22, 2026**

ADULT CLASSES

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

- **Revelation Bible Study** – taught by Steve St.Clair (Sanctuary)

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **Beginning Sign Language** – taught by Terry and Brenda McDowell and Lisa Stucker (Room 113 – Lower Ramp)
- **TBA** – (Sanctuary)

YOUTH CLASSES

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

- **Youth Choir** (grades 6-12) – led by Linda Popham and TBA (Room 306 – Choir Room) / Snacks at 5:45 p.m.

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **Brave Believers: Bible Beacons** (grades 6-12) – taught by Will Ennis, Jodie Towles, and Nancy Shewmaker (Room 414)

CHILDREN'S CLASS

The classroom is located on the second floor of the Education Building.

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **Brave Believers: Bible Buddies** (girls and boys, grades 1-5) – taught by Martha Montgomery, Sam Frizzell, and Lucas Seraphine (Room 204)

PRESCHOOL CLASS

The classrooms are located on the first floor of the Education Building/CDC.

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **Brave Believers: Bible Bloomers** (ages 3-kindergarten) – taught by Alexis St.Clair and Lori Ennis (Room 101)
- **Childcare** (led by Allison Magruder and TBA) is provided for babies and toddlers who are accompanying adults attending the classes. (Room 111)

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 "O Sacred, Wondrous Love". Please use scripture from the daily Bible readings or write a devotional from your own experience of the sacred, wondrous love of Jesus as we reflect on the events of each day of Holy Week. (The daily Bible readings are next to the sign-up sheet.) Please turn in the devotionals to Tiffany Keranen or email her (tiffany@ferncreekbaptist.org) by Monday, March 16. (It would be great to get some of them by March 11.)

**FIREFIIGHTERS /
EMERGENCY MEDICAL
PERSONNEL APPRECIATION**

The Evangelism and Outreach Committee is sponsoring appreciation events for our local Firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel (EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic).

- If you are willing to donate snack items, cookies, etc., please place those in the church library on **Wednesday, March 11**. The committee will organize these into baskets on that evening.
- Jim and Deborah Raia will deliver the goodies to these first responders on **Thursday, March 12, 1:00 p.m.** Contact Jim and Deborah if you are interested in going with them.
- We will honor these first responders during the morning worship service on **March 15**. Thanks for showing your appreciation to them.

**FERN CREEK BAPTIST
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

**PRESCHOOL
ENROLLMENT
2026-2027**

Two Days – Tuesday & Thursday
Two & Three-Year-Old Classes - \$200/Month
Three Days – Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
Four-Year-Old Classes - \$300/Month
Five Days – Monday – Friday
Four-Year-Old Classes - \$500/Month

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✦ WILL'S WORDS ✦

The snow disrupted school and activities, causing colds, flu, and minor scrapes. Despite these challenges, the youth group thrives! Martin and Emma are now officially driving. The youth are back to basketball, wrestling, robotics, archery, and bowling. We need more youth to attend Wednesday night, L.I.G.H.T., Sunday School, and Sunday night, Brave Believer's Bible Beacons. We are currently focusing on understanding Jesus through the study of Peter, and on the connection with people, especially those who doubt or fear.

- Winter Jam - Saturday, March 7. Everyone is encouraged to join our Youth.
- Hang Time - Friday, March 20, from 6pm to 9pm in the CLC. We will have fellowship, laughter, activities, a devotional, and good food.
- Open Gym - Tuesdays 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our community. The young men are polite, open, and grateful for our open gym, open hearts, and open arms. During the last session, 20 young men filled the gym. Church family, join us in this work of God. Bring a meal, a devotional, and a warm welcome.

YOUTH CHOIR

Sundays 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Grades 6-12

Room 306 - Choir Room

Linda Barnes Popham, director



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WINTER JAM 2026

Saturday, March 7, 2026
KFC Yum! Center

Please join the FCBC Youth Group for a Christian Concert on **Saturday, March 7!** This is a church-wide invitation. We will travel by school bus and are taking donations of \$5 per rider, to cover the bus costs. The bus will leave FCBC at 4:30 p.m. and is expected to return around 11:00 p.m. It comfortably holds 48 adults. Bring cash to pay at the door. A sign-up sheet is on the shelf in the common area. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Will Ennis (475-1764).

OPEN GYM

TUESDAYS
3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Open Gym is available to Middle and High School Students. Everyone must show an ID. Open Gym runs February 3 through May 5. We will not have Open Gym if JCPS is closed.

BASKETBALL, SNACKS, & MORE
FERN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
5920 Bardstown Road

Questions? Contact Will Ennis,
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International Mission Trip Fundraiser

Chili/Soup Cook-Off

Saturday, February 28
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Christian Life Center

Admission

\$5 - ages 13 & up

\$3 - ages 12 & under
(Includes hotdog, chips, a drink,
and chili/soup tastings)

Bring quarters to vote on your favorite.

Cake Auction - 6:00 p.m.

Door Prizes - 6:30 p.m.

Silent Auction

The delicious entries need to be in the
Christian Life Center no later than 4:00 p.m.
Please do not put your name on your entry.

***ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT
INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIPS.**

Questions? Call Terry Schult (296-3280.)