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The Disciple

February 9, 2026

LINDA'S LINES

The New Oxford Dictionary describes Lent as “the period preceding Easter that in the Christian Church is devoted to fasting, abstinence, and penitence in commemoration of Christ’s fasting in the wilderness.” Lent is a 40-day season to **repent** over sin, to **lament** over the rebellion in our hearts, and to **anticipate** the power of Christ’s death and resurrection. Christians have often fasted or abstained from various things (food, sweets, meat, television, coffee, soft drinks, social media, etc.). In addition to abstaining from these, some Christians may *add* something to their lives during Lent (more prayer, giving, Bible reading, acts of charity, etc.).

Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten season, is February 18. Ash Wednesday gets its name from the Bible times when “sackcloth and ashes” were symbols of repentance and purification. It is still common among some traditions to use ashes and to make the sign of the cross on the forehead for those who wish to publicly show their repentance. Ashes are a symbol of humility before God; they are a sign of God’s grace for the penitent. Ashes remind us of resurrection. Our bodies will turn to ashes in the grave, but we look forward to the new bodies which God will give us.

In early days Lent was a time of preparation of candidates for baptism on Easter Sunday in which these candidates prepared for this initiation into the Christian life. Lent for us continues to be a time of preparation, prayer, discipline, reflection, repentance, self-denial, sacrifice, and service. It is a time for remembering Christ’s sacrifice. The 40-weekdays in Lent symbolize the 40-day fasts of Moses, Elijah, and Jesus. My prayer is that this holy season of Lent would be one of spiritual growth and renewal for all.

The holy season of Lent concludes with Holy Week. Holy Week is a time of reflection upon the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. Holy Week leads us to the joyous and glorious season of Easter. The details of the Holy Week Services will be shared soon.

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

Thank you, FCBC, for welcoming me once again as your Interim Minister of Music. I feel I am off to a bit of a slow start, thanks to some post-holiday travel and Mother Nature, but we are picking up steam and quickly approaching the Lenten and Easter seasons! Before we know it, winter will fade and spring will come. I need that reminder every day, don’t you?!

As we look ahead, part of preparing for the coming season will be an Adult Choir Spring Mini-Retreat. The Adult Choir will come together for rehearsal and fellowship on **Saturday, February 21, from 9:30 AM until Noon**. We will use this time to concentrate on music preparation for the Good Friday Tenebrae and Easter services. We covet your prayers as we work toward leading the congregation in worship during this significant time of year.

Finally, I want to remind all of you with children to bring them to Children’s Choir on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Our theme for the year is, “Finding Your Voice.” We are having a wonderful time learning to use our voices in worship and praise to God. I hope to see a room full of kiddos this coming week!

**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026

12:00 p.m. Blood Drive - CLC
7:00 p.m. GROW - (R Team)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
3:30 p.m. Open Gym
6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Filipino Bible Study - CLC

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026

11:30 a.m. "Young at Heart" - Cognitive Therapy
3:00 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry
6:00 p.m. Gym Rental
6:30 p.m. Revelation Bible Study - Sanctuary

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026

7:00 p.m. Married Couples Valentine Banquet

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026

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

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026

6:00 p.m. FCBC Youth Group - Hangout - CLC

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

9:00 a.m. Adult Choir Mini-Retreat
6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 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 15

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Chris Towles 468-7369

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Joe Montgomery 422-2208

NURSE ON CALL

Lesley Hass 836-9691

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jodie/Emma Towles
& Anetta French

EXTENDED SESSION

Joy Warren &
Alexis St.Clair

NURSERY

Donna Grimes &
Jayla Grigsby

TECH TEAM

Director – Jon Heinrich
Streamer – Bruce Ritchie
Sound – Sam Frizzell
AV – Lisa Payne

SUNDAY EVENING

Chris Towles

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Lisa Payne

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Roy Cantrall 270-300-6779

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Gary Kistner 419-5505

NURSE ON CALL

Martha Blansette 533-9666

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Martha Montgomery &
Valerie Montgomery

EXTENDED SESSION

Joy Warren &
Susan Hudgins

NURSERY

Donna Grimes &
Chrissy Creech

TECH TEAM

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Streamer – Jacob Heinrich
Sound – Phil Shewmaker
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 1, 2026

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School - 72 Worship 79

OUR STEWARDSHIP

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|------------------------------|---------------|
| Weekly Budget Needs | \$ 10,990.00 |
| Budget Received | \$ 7,297.04 |
| Year-to-Date Budget Needs | \$ 241,780.00 |
| Year-to-Date Budget Received | \$ 244,933.55 |

BUILDING FUND

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| Weekly Total | \$ 55.00 |
| Year-to-Date Balance | \$ 15,729.01 |

PROPERTY @ 5912

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| Amount Received | \$ 170.00 |
| Year-to-Date Received | \$ 83,440.28 |
| Monthly Loan Payment | \$ 1,095.69 |
| Loan Balance | \$ 92,617.90 |
| Current Fund Balance | \$ 13,829.55 |

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- Ballard and Nann Anderson and family at the death of Ballard's sister, Jewel Sizemore;
- Scot and Detra Anderson and family at the death of Detra's cousin, Rick Bently;
- Jerry and Billie Faye Walker and family at the death of Billie Faye's cousin, William "Spike" Ernspeker;
- The family of Valerie Schook at her death.

"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.

Sisterhood

Tuesday, February 17

9:30 a.m.

Hillview Diner

"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.

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,
Minister of Youth & Recreation
will@ferncreekbaptist.org
502-239-0316 ext. 114

G.R.O.W.
GOD REWARDS OUR WORK

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
FEBRUARY SESSION
February 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)
- **“Mind, Body, and Spirit Lubrication”** – taught by Danny Hass (Room 416)
- **“FCBC Orientation and More”** – taught by Linda Barnes Popham (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.)

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BLOOD DRIVE

Give the gift of life.



Noon - 5PM

5920 Bardstown Road
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Christian Life Center (Gym)

MONDAY, February 9, 2026

To schedule an appointment, please log on to RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: FCBCLouKY or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

1-800-733-2767

WE’RE PRAYING FOR YOU!

YOUTH HANGOUT!
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20
6-9 PM

FCBC Christian Life Center
5920 BARDSTOWN RD., LOUISVILLE 40291

ENJOY PIZZA, MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP! BRING A FRIEND!



A DEVOTIONAL RIGHT AFTER YOU EAT AND THEN FAST ACTION VOLLEYBALL!

RSVP: SO WE CAN MAKE SURE WE HAVE PLENTY TO EAT!



CDC Happenings

Terri Bosemer

January proved to be an exciting and active month for our preschool students. The monthly theme was "Winter Wonderland." The children learned about the concept of seasonal cold, hibernation, and healthy living. To coincide with these concepts, we had a "snowball fight" in the gym. The children had so much fun running and throwing soft plush snowballs at each other. This was great exercise to emphasize healthy living. To coincide with our hibernation unit, we had pajama parties. So, if you saw teachers and students wandering around the church in their "jammies" now you know why! We also went on a bear hunt then hibernated while enjoying a special honey snack.

For the remainder of the school year, we plan to push ahead to accomplish the educational goals we have set for our children. Our goal at Fern Creek Baptist Child Development Center is to first teach the children about the love and grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST; Second, to make sure they have fun while learning!

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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NEEDED: **WORKERS FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS**

**NURSERY / EXTENDED SESSION /
CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

If you are willing to serve in these areas, please call the church office (239-0316). Thanks!

MUSIC FRIENDS CHOIR

**Wednesdays
6:30 - 7:20 p.m.**

Ages 3 - K: Room 103
(must be 3 by August 1, 2025)
Anetta French, director
Alexis St.Clair & Terri Bosemer, teachers

ALEXIS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hello, church family! We are excited to share the latest updates from the preschool department. Children's Church, extended session, and the nursery are continuing a 4-week Sunday morning series on Jesus' baptism, temptations, sermons, beatitudes, and new life. We have binders ready for the children, with their names on them, containing activities such as mazes, fill-in-the-blanks, coloring sheets, cut-and-glue crafts, spot-the-difference, and more. They also get a snack during this time.

Also, Ms. Lori and I started the "Bible Bloomers" on a 4-week series about Peter. This is a Sunday night class that all children 5 and under are welcome to attend!! The more the merrier.

Our teachers are committed to teaching these kids about the Bible. These preschoolers are very bright and definitely not too young to understand scripture fully.

Thank you for involving your preschoolers in this ministry! We hope to see you all join us! God bless. ❤️

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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.)