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March 9, 2026

LINDA'S LINES

Please join us for each of the Holy Week Services which reflect this year's theme, of "*O Sacred, Wondrous Love.*" The services of Holy Week are:

March 29, 10:45 a.m. - Palm Sunday Celebration

We remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and into our lives. The children's processional will remind us of that day when the shouts of "Hosanna" rang through the streets.

March 29, 7:00 p.m. - Lenten Reflections

The Lenten Reflections will be led by readers and musicians who will present musical offerings that will focus on this season's theme.

April 2, 7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service

The Youth Choir and Deacons will lead in "*Remember His Love*". We will partake in the Lord's Supper as we remember Christ's work on the cross and His salvation plan for us. We are reminded to share His love with others.

April 3, 7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Tenebrae Service

The Adult Choir and Narrators will present "*O Sacred, Wondrous Love*" a Tenebrae service which follows the tradition which began in the eighth century of the early church. In an atmosphere of darkness with scripture, music, and candles, we will remember Jesus' suffering and death on the cross.

April 5, 9:00 a.m. - Easter Sunday - Easter Celebration

We celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ! God's Word will be spoken through proclamation and music mainly from our church staff.

April 5, 10:45 a.m. - Easter Sunday - Easter Celebration

We continue the celebration of Christ's resurrection as God's Word is spoken through proclamation and music by the Adult Choir. Come and fill His house as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection!

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

The sound of ringing bells will soon be heard once again in our sanctuary! We are forming a Lent/Easter Handbell Choir to help lead in some of our Holy Week services. We will be rehearsing in the choir room from approximately 12:00 PM until 1:00 PM (immediately following worship) each of the next three Sundays, March 15, 22, and 29. Music reading ability is helpful but not absolutely necessary. It really helps to be able to count and keep a steady beat, too. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know so I can plan a spot for you.

I hope you are planning to attend our Holy Week services, beginning with "Lenten Reflections," on Sunday evening, March 29, at 7:00 PM. The "Lenten Reflections" service will include scripture readings, hymns, a meditation, and musical selections both instrumental and vocal. This service provides an opportunity for us to focus on the sacred, wondrous love of Jesus as He walked out the final days of His earthly ministry. It will help prepare our hearts to feel the love that Jesus displayed for the world on the cross. Finally, walking through those somber last days on earth with the Savior will make our celebration of His resurrection and victory over sin and death all the more joyful and victorious on Easter Sunday!

**FERN CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Reaching Up...

Reaching In...

Reaching Out...

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026

3:00 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry
 6:30 p.m. Revelation Bible Study - Sanctuary
 Gospel Lights Mission - Room 416

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
 12:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
 1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
 3:00 p.m. Congolese Worship Service
 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
 6:00 p.m. Queen Esther Presentation

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026

10:00 a.m. FCBC Sewing Group
 3:00 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry
 5:30 p.m. GLM - Pickleball - CLC

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026

6:00 p.m. FCBC Youth Event - Hang Time - CLC

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026

4:00 p.m. GLM Steak Cookout Fundraiser
 6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
 12:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
 1:15 p.m. Filipino Worship Service
 3:00 p.m. Congolese Worship Service
 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
 Homebound Communion & Care Night

RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF MARCH 15

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Lesley Hass
 836-9691

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Jim Raia 529-1788

NURSE ON CALL

Bonnie Coyle 550-3440

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Lucas Seraphine
 & Will Ennis

EXTENDED SESSION

Joy Warren &
 Kim Anderson

NURSERY

Alexis St.Clair &
 Chrissy Creech

TECH TEAM

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

SUNDAY EVENING

Same as AM Team

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Lisa Payne

WEEK OF MARCH 22

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Melissa Logsdon-Young
 643-0100

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Trustee Team

NURSE ON CALL

Lesley Hass 836-9691

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Deborah Raia &
 Tiffany Keranen

EXTENDED SESSION

Joy Warren &
 Marilyn Calvert

NURSERY

Martha Montgomery &
 Jayla Blansette

TECH TEAM

Director – Jon Heinrich
 Streamer – Jacob Heinrich
 Sound – Phil Shewmaker
 AV – Chris Towles

SUNDAY EVENING

No Tech

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!

MARCH 1, 2026

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School - 77 Worship 140

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	\$ 10,990.00
Budget Received	\$ 13,681.14
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 285,740.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	\$ 286,344.69

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	\$ 60.00
Year-to-Date Balance	\$ 16,116.33

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:

- Renee Bryant at the death of her cousin, Nena Bryant Kinney;
- The family of Jackie Routt at her death;
- Mary Lou Felker and family at the death of her aunt, Dora Carter;
- The family of former member Marty Childress.

Sisterhood

Tuesday, March 17
9:30 a.m.
Shoney's - Fern Valley Road

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. and the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.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?**

HANG TIME!

FRIDAY, MARCH 20
6:00-9:00 PM CLC

• VOLLEYBALL • BASKETBALL
GAMES • FUN

• PIZZA + DRINKS
• FRIENDS + FELLOWSHIP
• GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

**YOUTH
GROUP**

INVITE SOMEONE!

SHINE BRIGHT. SHOW LOVE. BUILD COMMUNITY.

FIREFIGHTERS / 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).

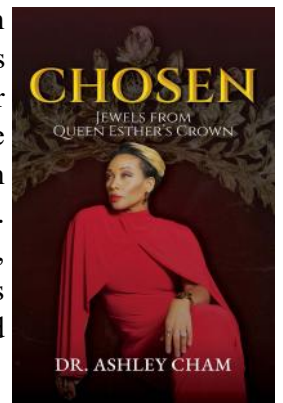
- If you are willing to donate snack items, cookies, etc., please place those in the church library on **Wednesday, March 11**. The committee will organize these into baskets on that evening.
- Jim and Deborah Raia will deliver the goodies to these first responders on **Thursday, March 12, 1:00 p.m.** 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.

"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.



✦ WILL'S WORDS ✦

This month is a fantastic opportunity for us to grow as a team. With Hang Outs, Winter Jam, Open Gym, and our continued journey through Peter's story, I'm grateful for every moment we share - laughing, learning, and walking with Jesus together. One moment especially moved me: Martin Bradley volunteered to pick up Justin Montgomery and bring him to Bible study. Martin followed through without hesitation - a simple, powerful act of kindness and sacrifice. I'm proud of Martin for offering, and proud of Justin for accepting. That's what Christian community looks like in real time.

Our youth participation continues to rise, and you can feel it in the room. Their questions are deeper, their care for one another is stronger, and God's Word is clearly taking root in their hearts. We had 8 youth at Wednesday Night Light and 8 on Sunday morning, and each gathering felt full of energy and purpose. Let's continue to support our students, pray for them, and remind them that God's grace is always ahead of them, never behind.

GOSPEL LIGHTS MISSIONS

The Gospel Lights Missions team is putting God's love into action as we provide for needs, form relationships, and share the Gospel with our Native American brothers and sisters throughout the USA and wherever God may send us as we obey the Great Commission. We have many volunteer opportunities throughout the year. We have fundraisers, organizing and packing clothes and food boxes, community outreach, and many more. Our next meeting is at FCBC on March 12, 6:30 p.m. in Room 416. Please contact us if you would like to know more.

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sock it to 'em! PICKLEBALL EVENT

Benefiting Gospel Lights Missions Team

WHEN THURS, MAR 19 | 6:30-9:00 P.M.

WHERE FERN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
5920 BARDSTOWN RD
FERN CREEK, KY, 40291

COLLECTING ANY NEW MEN'S & WOMEN'S SOCKS
MONETARY DONATIONS WELCOME



Open Play

All minors must be accompanied by an adult

BYOP

Bring Your Own Paddles
Pickleballs to be provided

Cookout Fundraiser

Fern Creek Baptist Church
5920 Bardstown Road
Louisville, KY 40291

Saturday, March 21
4:00-7:00 p.m.

gospellightsmissions.com

Benefiting the
Gospel Lights Missions Team

South Dakota & Eastern KY mission trips

What's on the menu?

Rib Eye Steak Dinner:	\$11	Piece of Steak:	\$8
Pork Chop Dinner:	\$10	Pork Chop:	\$7
Hamburger Dinner:	\$9	Hamburger:	\$6
Hot Dog Dinner:	\$6	Hot Dog:	\$3

Dinner includes two sides, a dessert, and a drink

Extra Side: \$3

Extra Dessert: \$3

Live music by the Friends Quartet from E-Town with Steve Skaggs
And enjoy a silent auction of cakes and items

GOSPEL LIGHTS MISSIONS

The Gospel Lights Missions team will hold our Steak Cookout and Cake Auction fundraiser on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 4:00 -7:00 p.m. We need your help once again with baking cakes, pies, making fudge, and gift baskets or donating gift cards to make it a success.

We are returning to Eastern KY in April of this year. We will also be returning to the Indian Reservations in Arizona and South Dakota for this year's ministry outreach. We covet your prayers as we start planning these trips. They are a blessing and so appreciated.

We will need the auction items by Friday, March 20, by 4:00 p.m. Even if you cannot donate... please come out and support our team!

Thank you once again,

Darrel Brooks
Director of Gospel Lights Missions Team.

“Let your LIGHT SO SHINE before Men, that they may see your GOOD WORKS and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Our Child Development Center has a very busy and exciting schedule planned for March. We celebrated "Cat in the Hat Day" with red Jello and white whip cream. We also Kick off our "Spring into Reading" contest as we focus on reading as many books as we can here at school and home. The most important focus of all will be the Easter story. We celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. This is one of the children's favorite activities. We march around the sanctuary waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed is the King of Israel!" The following week we explain that Easter is a sad/happy event, because even though Jesus died, He rose and came alive again!!! They believe this with all of their hearts and they get so excited when reciting the simple Bible verse: Jesus said, "I am alive forevermore." Revelations 1:18

Join Us For



Spirit Day

Thursday, March 12
OPEN - 8:00 p.m.

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**.



Chick-fil-A - Glenmary
7901 Bardstown Road
Louisville, KY 40291

ALEXIS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hello, church family! I want to thank the additional people who have volunteered to serve in the Nursery, Extended Session, and Children's Church areas. We are blessed to have so many people who love our little ones. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or the church office. God bless. ❤️

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

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

ENROLL NOW!
502-239-8952

LOCATION

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LOUISVILLE, KY 40291

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FERN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH SPRING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, MARCH 28
1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Egg Hunt Groupings:
3 yrs. - Kindergarten
& Grades 1 - 5

Cupcake Walk, Slime Table, Face Painting, Egg Hunt, & Much More!



Enter under the carport for Registration.

*****(All children must have adult supervision.)*****

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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

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