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

The Disciple

August 10, 2026

"MUSIC NOTES"

Debbie Gorbandt, Interim Minister of Music

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Psalm 126:3

What a wonderful week we had at Children's Music Week. Yes, the numbers were smaller than usual, but that meant there were more opportunities for one on one connections, individual learning experiences, and performance adventures. God blessed us with sweet, smart, and talented children to work with! Thank you to all the children who attended and the families who brought them! Huge 'thank yous' go to everyone who helped make the week possible. First and foremost, glory and thanksgiving to God for the gifts of children and music! There are a few people I must mention too, because Children's Music Week would not have been as awesome without them.

* Thank you, Joanna Wright, for accompanying us and encouraging everyone to do their best throughout the week.
* Thank you, Dana Adams, for working with all things drama! You did such an amazing job having our cast prepared.
* Thank you, Marcie Wright, for teaching us movements that enhanced the performance and helped us with memorization and comprehension of the lyrics.
* Thank you, Norma Routt, Susan Hudgins, and Martin Bradley for not only doing whatever necessary to make things run smoothly, but also showing the love (including some occasional tough love) of Jesus to each child in the choir.
* Thank you, Steve Skaggs, for spending much of your weekend playing guitar for us. It is always a joy to have you around and your guitar talents greatly enhanced our performance.
* Thank you to Phil Shewmaker, Sam Frizzell, and the entire tech team who worked to make sure lines, solos, and songs could all be heard.
* Thank you to Tiffany Keranen who diligently worked on the program bulletin, as well as helping me create special activity folders for the participants.
* Thank you to the kitchen crew and the recreation crew and registration crew for keeping us fed, hydrated, energized, and organized.
* Finally, we should thank Pastor Linda who initiated Children's Music Week 44 years ago! Thank you, Pastor Linda, for there are hundreds, maybe thousands, who have been impacted by this special and unique event over the past four decades, many of whom are actively using their uniquely God-given musical talents to serve the Lord. All glory to Him!

LINDA'S LINES

And, thank you, Debbie, for your amazing leadership and kind spirit! You are precious and we are blessed to have the privilege to serve together. Thanks, also, to all of those who worked with the Music Friends: Bonnie Coyle, Anetta French, Kim Hight, Stella Popham, Eleonor Ritchie, Roger Seekell, Emma Towles. And thanks to Donna Grimes for running the errands.

Debbie will continue as Interim Minister of Music for about seven more weeks, and then we will have the privilege of being led by Steve Skaggs for a few months, as Debbie comes back to the choir. Praise be to God for all of those who lead us in all of the music areas with such dedication, excellence, and grace. We are blessed!

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026
7:00 p.m. GROW (R Team)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026
7:00 p.m. Deaf / Hard of Hearing Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026
6:30 p.m. Family Fun Night - Faith
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026
10:00 a.m. "Young at Heart" - Planning Retreat
3:00 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry
5:00 p.m. Academy Set Up
7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026
5:30 p.m. Fabulous Friday Fun Night

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026
6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 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
6:00 p.m. Academy Restructuring Team

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026
7:00 p.m. GROW (O Team)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026
9:30 a.m. Sisterhood -
10:00 a.m. Staff Retreat
7:00 p.m. Deaf / Hard of Hearing Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026
6:30 p.m. Family Fun Night
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026
10:00 a.m. FCBC Sewing Group - CLC
3:00 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry
6:30 p.m. Academy Orientation

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026
6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 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
6:00 p.m. New Members' Reception

FCBC SEWING GROUP

The FCBC Sewing Group is looking for new member to join us on the first and third Thursday of each month. We meet from 10 am to 2 pm and share lunch. Can't sew… no problem! We also sort fabric, cut, iron, and socialize. All interested persons are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Judie Walker at 270-589-7934.

RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF AUGUST 16	WEEK OF AUGUST 23
DEACON OF THE WEEK Sam Frizzell 645-7792	**DEACON OF THE WEEK** Danny Hass 836-9735
TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK Trustee Team	**TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK** Bill Montgomery 301-820-2524
NURSE ON CALL Martha Blansette 533-9666	**NURSE ON CALL** Shirley Powers 551-6786
CHILDREN'S CHURCH Valerie Montgomery & Jodie (Emma) Towles	**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** Deborah Raia & Anetta French
EXTENDED SESSION Joy Warren & Jeryl Presley (Ava)	**EXTENDED SESSION** Joy Warren & Kim Anderson
NURSERY Jayla Blansette & Beha Montgomery	**NURSERY** Martha Blansette & Eleonor Ritchie
TECH TEAM Director – Jon Heinrich Streamer – Jacob Heinrich Sound – Phil Shewmaker AV – Lisa Payne	**TECH TEAM** Director – Chris Towles Streamer – Jocab Heinrich Sound – Sam Frizzell AV – Lisa Payne
WEDNESDAY EVENING Lisa Payne	**WEDNESDAY EVENING** 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. 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?**

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

AUGUST 2, 2026

ATTENDANCE
Sunday School - 92 Worship 119

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	$ 10,990.00
Budget Received	$ 18,476.13
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	$ 527,520.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	$ 486,961.09

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	$ 50.00
Year-to-Date Balance	$ 2,393.38

PROPERTY @ 5912

Amount Received	$ 350.00
Year-to-Date Received	$ 89,150.28
Monthly Loan Payment	$ 1,095.69
Loan Balance	$ 87,311.07
Current Fund Balance	$ 11,015.41

FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee is currently seeking two childcare workers for Sunday and Wednesday evenings. This position is approximately five hours a week. All personnel will be committed Christians of exemplary character and active church members. Please turn in resumes/ applications by **August 31** to the church or mail to the church at 5920 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY 40291; Attention Personnel Committee. You may also email the resumes to linda@ferncreekbaptist.org.

YARD WORK TEAMS

Please help us by signing up for one of the seven different yard teams. Each team works every seven weeks. The trustees and others are the team captains. You may join a team by signing up at the shelf in the Common Area foyer or by calling the church office. Thanks for your help!

- Team Two (Jim Raia's Team): August 13-15.
- Team Three (Will Ennis' Team): August 20-22 .
- Team Four (Bill Montgomery's Team): August 27-29.

USHER / GREETER TRAINING

Thursday, August 27, 7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

Thanks to all who will be a part of this vital ministry for the new church year. If you are willing to serve in this area, please fill out the Service Opportunities form in your bulletin insert or contact Susan Hudgins, Usher Coordinator (773-6473).

MARRIED COUPLES DATE NIGHT

Join us for a fun date night in the Christian Life Center. Married Couples of all ages are welcome to join us for a "Let's Roll Sushi-Style Workshop". You'll learn the simple techniques that make sushi style rolls easy, from making perfectly seasoned sushi rice to prepping colorful fillings and rolling with confidence. Don't like Sushi? Learn fun variations, sweet Frushi (Fruit Sushi), or creative twists like Italian and Mexican rolls. Once you learn the basics, the possibilities are endless. The cost will be $30 per couple. That will cover food expenses and an Easy Roll Sushi Maker that you get to take home. You will also have the opportunity to see other products for purchase with Pampered Chef.

Tuesday, August 25, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Cost - $30 per couple

Please register at the shelf in the common area or with Tiffany Keranen, 239-0316 so that we can plan accordingly. Childcare is available. Children will be supervised in the preschool department and have a pizza dinner.

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- George and Linda Popham and family at the death of George's sister, Brenda Sasser, of South Carolina.

Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m.

The schedule for the next few Wednesday evenings is as follows:

- **August 12** – Family Fun Night in the CLC
  - ◊ Hot Dog & Brat Dinner with Ice Cream
  - ◊ Theme: Faith
  - ◊ Inflatable
- **August 19** – Family Fun Night in the CLC
  - ◊ Taco Night with Ice Cream
  - ◊ Theme: Hope
  - ◊ Board Games
- **August 26** – Family Fun Night in the CLC
  - ◊ Pizza with Ice Cream
  - ◊ Theme: Love
  - ◊ Trivia Night
- **September 2** – A Prayer Service for all ages will be led by our Prayer Team.
- **September 9** – Children's Choirs Begin; LIGHT and Wednesday Worship Resume

Dear Church Family,

50,000….$50,000 is what the church needs to be on more stable footing. $50,000 pays off our current liabilities and makes our budget balanced for the current Church year ending, August 31, 2026. $50,000 will allow the personnel committee to start, under the guidance of our pastor, with the help of our current and past interim music ministers to call another staff member. $50,000 is the start that our Church needs to begin our growth and revival that we see coming. As we approach the next Church year's budget, and a fifth Sunday (a "Ketchup Sunday"), we know we have asked a lot this year, but we ask that each family would consider giving $322 to help reach our goal. $50,000 seems like a lot, but together with the help of the Lord it can easily be achieved. If you tithe regularly (10% of earnings, Numbers 18:28), please consider an additional offering. If you currently do not tithe or give an offering, please start; even the penny is blessed (Mark 12:41-44). Each and every one of us needs to tithe. It is a covenant with the Lord and we will be blessed so much that we will not have enough "room" to store it (Malachi 3:6-10). $50,000 is just our start.

Stewardship & Personnel Committees

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