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

The Disciple

August 24, 2026

LINDA'S LINES

Our sermon text for this coming Sunday is Isaiah 54:1-3. Please read and mediate on this text before Sunday and ask God to speak to you through it. Speaking on this text on May 31, 1792, William Carey presided before a group of Baptist ministers at Kettering, England. His main message from this text was:

- Expect great things from God.
- Attempt great things for God.

The enthusiasm kindled by the sermon led to the formation of the Baptist Missionary Society (October 2, 1792). We know Carey as the father of the modern missionary movement. Carey answered his own challenge by spending the rest of his life as a missionary in India.

- Do you/we expect great things from God?
- Will you/we attempt great things for God?

On a similar note, we are in need for more ushers/greeters for Sunday mornings and evenings, Wednesday evenings, funerals, and other occasions. If you can help, please contact Susan Hudgins, Usher Coordinator, or call the church office. The Team Captains are: Susan Hudgins, Deborah Lawrence, and Sherry Osburn. You may, also, contact one of them if you would like to serve on a team.

The first committee meetings for the new church year will be held on Tuesday, September 8. (Please make note of this change.) Support Committees will meet at 6:00 p.m. All committees will meet together at 6:45 p.m. Ministry and Administrative Committees will meet at 7:00 p.m. We will end the evening with Church Council (committee chairpersons, program leaders, organization leaders) at 8:00 p.m.

Please join me in anticipation of a glorious Lord's Day this Sunday! And as always, continue to pray, "Lord, Send a Great Revival!"

✨ WILL'S WORDS ✨

The upcoming church year brings a sense of hope, change, and new beginnings. Some of our younger members will transition into the youth group, and some of our current youth will take on leadership roles to serve our church. While change may present challenges, it also offers opportunities and a fresh perspective. I am encouraged by the growth of our youth in their faith and their desire to serve. I hope that as a church, we will encourage this newfound energy and willingness to serve, which will invigorate us as a community. It's never too young to start, as we are reminded by the joy of God's little ones who fill our halls, rooms, and play areas at Fern Creek Baptist Academy with their enthusiasm, eager minds to learn, and guided by God's love. Let's all be encouraged and celebrate this wonderful journey together.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026
7:00 p.m. GROW (W Team)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026
10:00 a.m. "Young at Heart" - Day at the Fair
6:30 p.m. "Date Night" for Married Couples - Sushi
7:00 p.m. Deaf / Hard of Hearing Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026
10:00 a.m. Academy Teacher Orientation
6:30 p.m. Family Fun Night - Trivia Night - CLC
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026
10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Council
3:00 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry
7:00 p.m. Usher Training

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2026
9:00 a.m. FCHS Choir Retreat
7:00 p.m. Deacons' Retreat - Room 416

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026
9:30 a.m. Deacons' Retreat - Room 416
6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026
9:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast - CLC
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
4:30 p.m. Homebound Communion

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026
9:00 a.m. First Day of Preschool
6:00 p.m. Nominating Committee
Sanctuary Rental
7:00 p.m. GROW (All Teams)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Sunday School Leadership Meeting
7:00 p.m. Deaf / Hard of Hearing Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026
6:30 p.m. Family Prayer Service
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026
10:00 a.m. FCBC Sewing Group - CLC
3:00 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry
6:00 p.m. Academy Restructuring Meeting

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026
6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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. Sunday School Class Parties

RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF AUGUST 30	WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6
DEACON OF THE WEEK	**DEACON OF THE WEEK**
Lesley Hass 836-9691	Melissa Logsdon-Young
TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK	**TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK**
Joe Montgomery 422-2208	Gary Kistner 419-5505
NURSE ON CALL	**NURSE ON CALL**
Norma Routt 741-0724	Norma Routt 741-0724
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**
Valerie Montgomery & Lori Ennis	TBA & TBA
EXTENDED SESSION	**EXTENDED SESSION**
Joy Warren & Susan Hudgins	TBA & TBA
NURSERY	**NURSERY**
Jayla Blansette & Donna Grimes	TBA & TBA
TECH TEAM	**TECH TEAM**
Director – TBD Streamer – Bruce Ritchie Sound – Phil Shewmaker AV – Lisa Payne	Director – Jon Heinrich Streamer – Jocab Heinrich Sound – Sam Frizzell 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. 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 16, 2026

ATTENDANCE
Sunday School - 84 Worship 117

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	$ 10,990.00
Budget Received	$ 20,978.21
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	$ 549,500.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	$ 518,565.30

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	$ 50.00
Year-to-Date Balance	$ 2,468.38

PROPERTY @ 5912

Amount Received	$ 255.00
Year-to-Date Received	$ 89,455.28
Monthly Loan Payment	$ 1,095.69
Loan Balance	$ 87,311.07
Current Fund Balance	$ 10,224.72

Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m.

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

- **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

"YOUNG AT HEART"

Senior Day at
Kentucky State Fair
Tuesday, August 25, 2026

We will leave the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m.
Please bring money for lunch.
There is no admission charge if you are 55 or older.
We will spend much of the time at the fair listening to our own Gene Wright – the Music Man – as he plays for the Horse Show! Sign up at the shelf in the common area.
We will return to the church around 4:00 p.m.

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 contact Susan Hudgins, Usher Coordinator (773-6473).

WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOU!

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 Four (Bill Montgomery's Team): August 27-29.
- ♦ Team Five (Joe Montgomery's Team): September 3-5.
- ♦ Team Six (Gary Kistner's Team): September 10-12.

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- Mark and Debbie Gorbandt and family at the death of Debbie's aunt, Judy Schaefer;
- Bruce and Eleonor Ritchie and family at the death of Bruce's mother, Diane Ritchie;
- Jan Miller and family at the death of her brother Rea Hargon.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS



Tuesday, September 8

6:00 p.m. – Support Committees
(Baptismal, Bereavement, Decorating, Publicity, Rec, Tech)

6:45 p.m. – All Committees

7:00 p.m. – Admin. and Ministry Committees
(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)

September

2 Jesse Douglass
3 Holly Ballback
Ellery Bickers
Samantha Owens
Debbie Ryan
4 Travis Henck
5 Kenny Callahan
Jeremy Lucas
James Martin
6 Amber Barger
Adrienne Streander
7 Danny Hass
Billie Walker
8 Morgan Robinson
9 Kaiden Dour
10 Lucas Anderson
Miranda Dumm
Mattie Jo Greenfield
Cory Ware
11 Will Ennis
Izabella Farmer
Steve Hopkins
Ali Russell
Ray Russell
Sadie Russell



13 Sue Brown
Dusty May
Nona Reid
14 Ann Hopkins
Adam Leary
Jacqueline Miles
15 James Dumm
Mary Redmond
Tony Whyte
16 Nancy Calebs
Haley Stevens
17 J. T. Fletcher
Rhonda Woodson
18 Kelsey Reid
20 Donna Grimes
Caige Hertel
Judy Hughes
Bill Spires
23 Jenny Green
Hydiatu Konneh
Jane Skaggs
24 Chris Berry
Naomi Pierson
Robert Tunget
25 Dorothy Curtis
26 Ava Presley
29 Linda Simpson

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