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The Disciple

September 21, 2026



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

LINDA'S LINES

Our Fall Session of Discipleship Training and Brave Believers resumes on the evening of **October 4.** You will have several opportunities of classes from which to choose. Watch this coming Sunday's bulletin insert to see the list of classes. Youth Choir, also, resumes on October 4, 5:00 p.m.

The regular Wednesday evening activities have resumed**.** A few more workers are still needed for Children's Choirs. Please let Debbie know asap if you are available and willing!!

On another musical note, Steve Skaggs will once again join us this fall (October 7 through the end of December) as our Interim Minister of Music. Debbie will go back to the choir and she and Mark will be able to enjoy some traveling! Again we are so incredibly blessed with Debbie, Steve, and the Wrights as they rotate in leading this vital ministry in our church. Pray for the Personnel Committee as we search for a more permanent minister in this area.

Our deacons recently elected officers for this church year. They are:

- Phil Shewmaker (Chairperson), Chris Towles (Vice-Chairperson), Lisa Payne (Secretary), and Sam Frizzell (Flower Coordinator/Treasurer).

The others serving the year are:

- Roy Cantrall, Melissa Logsdon-Young, David Magruder, Deborah Raia, and Nancy Shewmaker.

Since our deacons each have responsibility for approximately 30 to 40 families each, we are requesting deacon helpers. If you are willing to help your deacon in carrying out his/her ministry, that would be greatly welcomed. Just contact your deacon about ways you can help.

The newly restructured Fern Creek Baptist Academy has started off on a great note! The teachers and staff are enthusiastic, the children are happy, and parents are already extremely pleased! You will hear more details at the next Business Meeting! Also, an Academy Emphasis Day is planned for the fall.

The Academy students certainly enjoyed Grandparents' Day!! Thanks to those of you who helped in any way, especially by being substitute grandparents for those whose grandparents could not attend. If you would like to be a volunteer in The Academy, please see Tiffany or me. Enjoy some of The Academy pictures below:





I challenge our entire church family to be a part of Sunday School this Sunday! Experience the joy of studying God's Word together!

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026
7:00 p.m. GROW (O Team)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Deaf / Hard of Hearing Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026
6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs, LIGHT, Wednesday Worship
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026
3:00 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
8:00 a.m. Yard Sale - CLC
6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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
5:00 p.m. Care Night: "Love Your Neighbor"
6:00 p.m. Sign Language Class
7:00 p.m. Evangelism & Outreach Meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2026
7:00 p.m. GROW (W Team)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Deaf / Hard of Hearing Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026
6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs, LIGHT, Wednesday Worship
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026
10:00 a.m. FCBC Sewing Group - CLC
3:00 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026
6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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
4:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training Brave Believers

WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOU!

RESPONSIBILITIES

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27	WEEK OF OCTOBER 5
DEACON OF THE WEEK	**DEACON OF THE WEEK**
David Magruder 592-7306	Lisa Payne 558-1414
TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK	**TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK**
Jim Raia	Trustee Team
NURSE ON CALL	**NURSE ON CALL**
Martha Blansette 533-9666	Shirley Powers 551-6786
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**
Lesley Hass Deborah Raia	Marsha Murphy Taren Walton
EXTENDED SESSION	**EXTENDED SESSION**
Judie Walker Eleonor Ritchie	Susan Hudgins Joy Warren
NURSERY	**NURSERY**
Martha Blansette Donna Grimes	Donna Grimes Chrissy Creech
TECH TEAM	**TECH TEAM**
Director – Jon Heinrich Streamer – Jacob Heinrich Sound – Sam Frizzell AV – Lisa Payne	Director – Jon Heinrich Streamer – Bruce Ritchie Sound – Sam Frizzell AV – Chris Towles
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

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

ATTENDANCE
Sunday School - 80 Worship 101

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Budget Needs	$ 11,084.00
Budget Received	$ 8,824.63
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	$ 22,168.00
Year-to-Date Budget Received	$ 20,977.81

BUILDING FUND

Weekly Total	$ 50.00
Year-to-Date Balance	$ 2,703.87

PROPERTY @ 5912

Amount Received	$ 200.00
Year-to-Date Received	$ 90,735.28
Monthly Loan Payment	$ 1,095.69
Loan Balance	$ 86,227.53
Current Fund Balance	$ 11,504.72

PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS/ATTENDEES IN THE HOSPITAL AS OF SEPTEMBER 17:

- Sonya Davis – Norton Women's & Children's Hospital – Room 531
- Jimmy McCune – Encompass Health – Room 109
- Detra Anderson – Baptist – Room 581 (Park Tower)

"YOUNG AT HEART"

Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill

Thursday, October 8

Spend the day together touring and enjoying Shakertown in Harrodsburg, Kentucky!
We will depart at 9:30 a.m. and return around 6:00 p.m.
Cost - $55 (includes admission, tour, lunch, and van transportation)
Lunch at the Trustees' Table is included.

Your check serves as your reservation. Please turn in your money by **September 23** to the church office or Judie Walker.

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 **September 15, 2026** 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.

FCBC SEWING GROUP

The FCBC Sewing Group is looking for new members 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.

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 One (Adam Jenkins' Team): September 24-26.
- Team Two (Jim Raia's Team): September 10-12.
- Team Three (Phil Lucas' Team): September 17-19.

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- Dot Hester and family at the death of her niece, Judy Lewis;
- Darlene Clem and family at the death of her husband, Dave Clem;
- Marilyn Calvert, Pat McDonald, Bobby Cundiff, and families at the death of their cousin, Mae Holland;
- Lisa Clark and family at the death of her grandmother -in-law, Tomoe Rhodes.

A thank you note has been placed on the bulletin board in the Common Area from:

- Bonnie Floyd
- Sandi French
- The Family of Carolyn Simpson



October

1 Judy Weimer
2 Michele Crider
Marcie Wright
3 Kevin Keranen
Seth Owens
6 Nancy Ames
7 Penny Pickering
8 Travis Fahey
Destiny Kendall
9 Sarah Daniels
Chris Towles
10 Pat McDonald
11 Chris Weixler
12 Dana Adams
13 Nico Moreno-Hines
15 Phil Kelley
Jim Raia
Nancy Shewmaker
17 Steve Dean
18 Melanie Rhea
20 Chris James
Ellie Muhich
22 Mary Kleber
Norma Routt
23 Nann Anderson
24 Beth Clark
Tonya Grigsby
Kim Hight
Connie Polley
Maddie Squires
25 Martha Blansette
Steve Bruce
26 Joe Montgomery
28 Gary Fenwick
29 Karin Self

GIVE BLOOD…HELP SAVE LIVES.
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, October 5
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Go to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor keyword: fcbclouky
or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (733-2767), to schedule appointments.
Questions? Contact Norma Routt.



2026-2027 Theme

"Standing on the Promises"

The theme, "*Standing on the Promises"*, is inspired by Psalm 119:172, "Let me sing about Your promises." As they sing, move, and engage with God's Word, children learn that God's promises are true, trustworthy, and guaranteed for life. Our prayer is that these songs and Scriptures will take root in children's hearts, drawing them into a personal relationship with Jesus—the greatest promise of all—and will become a lifelong soundtrack of faith and hope.

Children's Choirs

Wednesday Evenings
6:30 - 7:20 p.m.
Beginning September 9

Music Friends

(ages 3 - K): Room 101
(must be 3 by August 1, 2026)
Director - Anetta French

Young Musicians

(grades 1 - 5): Room 204
Director - Debbie Gorbandt / Steve Skaggs

During this hour the following activities are also offered:

- LIGHT (Bible Study & Activities) - Grades 6-12 - Christian Life Center
- Wednesday Worship - Adults - Sanctuary
- Childcare for babies and toddlers (Room 111) is provided for the children or grandchildren of adults who are attending Wednesday Worship.

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