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

# The Disciple

**September 7, 2026**

## LINDA'S LINES

Thanks to all of you who worked so faithfully with our youth, children, and preschoolers this summer in the many ministries and programs we offered to our community. Thanks to those who provided financial support! Thanks to those who prayed. We certainly sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit as we shared Jesus with so many people!!

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.

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

Our Fall Session of Discipleship Training and Brave Believers resumes on the evening of **September 20**. You will have several opportunities of classes from which to choose. You will hear more from Michele Crider, our Discipleship Training Director.

The regular Wednesday evening activities resume on **September 9.** A few more workers are still needed for Children's Choirs. Let Debbie know asap if you are available and willing!!

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

## *"MUSIC NOTES"*

Debbie Gorbandt, Interim Minister of Music

Among the many exciting new beginnings, promotions, and new church year events that occur this time of year, we will soon start a new year of Young Musicians and Music Friends. I am anticipating another outstanding year of making music and worshiping God with our church's youngest participants. This year's Children's Choir theme is, "Standing on the Promises." It is based on Psalm 119:172 which states, *"May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commands are righteous."*

I hope and pray as many children as possible will join us as we sing and learn of God's rock-solid truths in Young Musicians and Music Friends this year. We will begin on Wednesday, September 9th, at 6:30 PM. Music Friends (preschool and K) will meet in Room #101 and Young Musicians will meet upstairs in Room #204. Please join us!

**OTHER NOTES FROM DEBBIE:**

Whenever you start to individually thank people who helped with a big project such as Children's Music Week, there is always the risk of inadvertently forgetting someone. I'm sorry to say I did just that. So, I want to apologize and very belatedly thank Adam and Sarah Jenkins for designing, cleaning, and setting up our wonderful stage set for "Mission: Possible." It was exactly what we needed to "set the scene" for our musical. THANK YOU, Adam and Sarah!

I also want to express my thanks to all of you who prayed, sent cards, texts, and phone calls of encouragement and hope during a difficult few weeks this summer. The burden of my Aunt Judy's passing and my Dad's serious fall and health issues were easier to bear because so many of you helped lighten the load. What a fantastic church family! The update on my Dad is that he is doing better than anyone expected, but still has a rather tough road ahead. Thanks again, FCBC!

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2026**
**LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026**
6:00 p.m. Support Committees
6:45 p.m. All Committees
7:00 p.m. Administrative & Ministry Committees
8:00 p.m. Church Council

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026**
6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs, LIGHT, Wednesday Worship
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026**
11:30 a.m. "Young at Heart" - Luncheon
3:00 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry
6:30 p.m. Academy Restructuring Team

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026**
6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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
6:00 p.m. Business Meeting

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026**
7:00 p.m. GROW (G & R Teams)

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026**
9:30 a.m. Sisterhood
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Deaf / Hard of Hearing Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026**
6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs, LIGHT, Wednesday Worship
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026**
10:00 a.m. FCBC Sewing Group - CLC
3:00 p.m. Homeless Shower Ministry

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026**
6:00 p.m. Youth Event - Hangout

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026**
6:00 p.m. Congolese Prayer Service - CLC

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 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. Youth Choir
6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training Brave Believers

# RESPONSIBILITIES

| WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13 | WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20 |
|---|---|
| **DEACON OF THE WEEK**<br>Roy Cantrall<br>270-300-6779 | **DEACON OF THE WEEK**<br>Melissa Logsdon-Young<br>643-0100 |
| **TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK**<br>Trustee Team | **TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK**<br>Adam Jenkins |
| **NURSE ON CALL**<br>Shirley Powers 551-6786 | **NURSE ON CALL**<br>Lesley Hass 836-9691 |
| **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**<br>Valerie Montgomery<br>Lucas Seraphine | **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**<br>Jodie & Emma Towles<br>Lori Ennis |
| **EXTENDED SESSION**<br>Joy Warren<br>Judie Walker | **EXTENDED SESSION**<br>Jayla Blansette<br>Kim Anderson |
| **NURSERY**<br>Donna Grimes<br>Marilyn Calvert | **NURSERY**<br>Donna Grimes<br>Chrissy Creech |
| **TECH TEAM**<br>Director – Chris Towles<br>Streamer – Bruce Ritchie<br>Sound – Sam Frizzell<br>AV – Lisa Payne | **TECH TEAM**<br>Director – Jon Heinrich<br>Streamer – Jacob Heinrich<br>Sound – Phil Shewmaker<br>AV – Sam Frizzell |
| **WEDNESDAY EVENING**<br>Lisa Payne | **WEDNESDAY EVENING**<br>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 - 82 Worship 100

**OUR STEWARDSHIP**

| | |
|---|---|
| Weekly Budget Needs | $ 10,990.00 |
| Budget Received | $ 9,875.55 |
| Year-to-Date Budget Needs | $ 571,479.00 |
| Year-to-Date Budget Received | $ 537,462.03 |

**BUILDING FUND**

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| Weekly Total | $ 35.00 |
| Year-to-Date Balance | $ 2,578.87 |

**PROPERTY @ 5912**

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| Amount Received | $ 200.00 |
| Year-to-Date Received | $ 89,755.28 |
| Monthly Loan Payment | $ 1,095.69 |
| Loan Balance | $ 87,311.07 |
| Current Fund Balance | $ 10,524.72 |

## "YOUNG AT HEART"

**Potato Bar Luncheon**
**Kick-Off for the New Church Year**
**Thursday, September 10, 11:30 a.m.**
**Christian Life Center**
**Cost - FREE**

Join us for good food, fellowship, and a preview of the exciting plans for the new church year! Please sign up at the shelf in the common area by Tuesday, September 8, so we can plan food accordingly.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 Six (Gary Kistner's Team): September 10-12.
- Team Seven (Phil Lucas' Team): September 17-19.
- Team One (Adam Jenkins' Team): September 24-26.

## OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

- The family of Carolyn Simpson at her death;
- Lily Pegourie and family at the death of her husband, Joe Pegourie.

## 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)

## BUSINESS MEETING

**September 13, 6:00 p.m.**

Please join us as we discuss the Business of God's Church. We will be hearing reports from the Nominating Committee, Academy Committee, etc., as well as the regular business. The regular Sunday evening activities will resume on September 20.

# WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOU!

## FCBC YOUTH GROUP

**HANGOUT!**
**Friday, September 18**
**6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**
**Christian Life Center**

All middle & high school youth — bring a friend!

- **Bonfire & Hot Dogs**
- **Recreation & Fellowship**
- **Devotional Time**
- **Ice Cream Bar**
- **End-of-Night Bonfire**




Let us know you are coming!
Register on the App, Call, or Email Will Ennis.




## 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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