

THE FORERUNNER

FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH

TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

A Word From The Pastor

Have you ever prayed to God about something and got tired waiting for the answer? Sometimes we feel that when we speak to God, He should answer right away. Whenever we do not get an answer immediately we sometimes get discouraged and frustrated. We often wonder if our prayers are heard or if God really cares about what is going on in our life. Sometimes we get impatient and decide to go ahead without God's guidance or God's wisdom. This always leads to trouble. God does not always answer your prayers immediately because He plans a delay in order to do things His way. It could be that God is preparing you for the situation before He answers. It could be that God is preparing the circumstances for the situation before He answers. God's timing is always perfect. We cannot see the whole picture nor do we understand everything that is going on. We need to trust God and believe in Him. Solomon, the wisest man who lived, said in Ecclesiastes 3:11, *God has set the right time for everything.* Trust Him. God has heard your prayers and is preparing an answer. Make sure you are ready when He gives it.

Last Saturday we finished our Simple Church meetings with the church family. Overall, 223 people attended the meetings. That is great. We shared about the disturbing trend in our attendance and we shared with you a new

process called simple church that we will be following. This process will be a filter through which all of our ministries must pass. I was very encouraged by the discussion and the comments I have heard since we had the meetings. In order for us to reach our community for Christ, it will take our entire church working together to be the very best that we can be. That will mean that we will be making some

changes in the way we do ministries at Fee Fee Baptist Church. Our neighborhood has changed and our culture has changed. It would be wise for us to realize that the church must change its methods in order to embrace the people and get them into the church so that we can teach them the truth about Jesus Christ. In this world that is so full of change, the one thing that will never change is the message that is preached from God's Word, the Bible. Jesus is still the only way to heaven and we must not only preach that, but we must live that and share that with those around us. Please pray for us as we embark on this wonderful journey. I believe that God is getting ready to use us in a very remarkable way. Come join the ride and help us as we reach the people in our neighborhood and disciple people become more like Christ. It is our desire to **“Know Christ and make Him known.”**

“Impatience will get you into trouble.”
Proverbs 19: 2. (GN)

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Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, March 6—Week of Prayer for North American Mission

8:00 a.m. Early Worship
9:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:50 a.m. Worship
3:30 p.m. Handbells
4:30 p.m. Grief LIFEgroup
5:00 p.m. Youth Band Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. AWANA Clubs
WOW Bible Studies
Preteen *LiveWire*
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Youth *Amplify*
7:00 p.m. After Church Recreation

Monday, March 7

9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
9:30 a.m. Sewing Group
11am-9pm Bandana's Youth Fundraiser
6:30 p.m. Worship Band/Team Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Pick-Up Basketball

Tuesday, March 8

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
10:00 a.m. Spirit Lifters Nursing Home Visits
6:00 p.m. ESL Classes

Wednesday, March 9

9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
3:30 p.m. eXtreme Joy Choir Reh.
5:00 p.m. Family Dinner
Midweek Service
Children's Choirs
Youth *Engage*
WOW Bible Study
6:45 p.m. Mission Friends, GA's, RA's
7:00 p.m. Praise Choir Rehearsal
Stewardship Committee
Public Relations Committee

Thursday, March 10

1:00 p.m. History Committee
6:00 p.m. ESL Classes

Friday, March 11

9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
5:30 p.m. Jeweled Youth Girls' Event

Saturday, March 12

8:30 a.m. Bosnian Food Pantry

Sunday, March 13—Annie Armstrong Easter Offering/Daylight Saving Time Begins

8:00 a.m. Early Worship
9:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:50 a.m. Worship
4:30 p.m. Grief LIFEgroup
5:00 p.m. Youth Band Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. AWANA Clubs
WOW Bible Studies
Preteen *LiveWire*

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Youth *Amplify*
7:00 p.m. After Church Recreation
Transportation Committee

Monday, March 14

9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
9:15 a.m. Wagner/Sherer WOM
6:30 p.m. Worship Band/Team Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Pick-Up Basketball

Tuesday, March 15

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
11:45 a.m. May Clermont WOM
6:00 p.m. ESL Classes

Wednesday, March 16

9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
3:30 p.m. eXtreme Joy Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Family Dinner

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Weekly Summary

	2-14-16	2-21-16
Sunday Bible Study Attendance	184	307
Small Group Attendance	-	16
Total Bible Study Attendance	184	323
LIFEgroups	-	16
Worship Attendance: 8:00 AM	112	117
10:50 AM	124	258
6:00 PM	-	-
AWANA Clubs	-	30
WOW Bible Studies	24	23
Additions	3	1
Offering	\$10,109.00	\$16,264.25
E-Giving (1/26-2/12)	\$9,238.00	

Wednesday Night Supper Menus

March 9	March 16
Chicken Alfredo	Corned Beef
Broccoli	Cabbage
Cheesy Bread	Salad Bar
Salad Bar	Brownies
Pudding Delight	

Welcome, New Members

On Sunday, February 21
Presenting himself as a candidate for church membership by statement of faith:

- James Ferguson

Baptized

Sunday, February 28

- Semaj Daniels

Ministry Opportunities

Wednesday, March 16 (continued)

6:00 p.m. Midweek Service
Children's Choirs
Youth *Engage*
WOW Bible Study
6:45 p.m. Mission Friends, GA's, RA's
7:00 p.m. Praise Choir Rehearsal
Missions Committee

Thursday, March 17

6:00 p.m. ESL Classes

Friday, March 18

9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
1:00 p.m. 55+ Game Time

Saturday, March 19

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

A Word From The Pastor

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Easter is just a few weeks away and now is the time to invite your family and friends to come and join us on that wonderful Sunday. It is a great time to share how Jesus Christ can and does change lives and we want you to share that with your family and friends. We will be having our normal Easter schedule which includes breakfast. Start inviting your family and friends now to come and hear the truth about the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It will change their lives.

God is always the same but He gives us new and fresh opportunities every day. Come help us be a church committed to reaching the lost in our community. It will not happen overnight but with patience, we will see the Holy Spirit work do a tremendous work.

See you in church,
Brother Randy

Fee Fee Baptist Church Vision:

Intentionally reaching our community by living a lifestyle committed to Christ

55+ Corner

Gloria Fox, Interim Senior Adult Director

Thanks to all of you who came to the Simple Church meetings. I appreciate your commitment to our church. If you would like to talk to me or if you have any suggestions about how we can go about making sure our church is fulfilling its mission of knowing Christ and making Him known, please call, email, or stop by my office. I am in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Easter is fast approaching. Please invite people to our services. The 8:00 a.m. service will be moved to 7:00 a.m. It will be followed by a hot breakfast at 8:00 a.m., Bible study at 9:00 a.m., and our second service at 10:30 a.m. Let's see if we can fill the church and balcony in both services with those who need to hear the good news of Jesus.

To make the church look its best, you will find a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those willing to help do a little extra cleaning on Tuesday, March 15, at 2:00 p.m. We will be dusting staff offices, sanitizing toys, and polishing furniture. Doesn't that sound fun? Really? Well come anyway.

Gloria

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Simple Church meetings have been held. We have been encouraged to hear the questions and comments from you. It has been fun to share with you. I am so excited to think about what can happen in reaching families and children with your involvement. I am encouraged that we are ready for change that will bring people to Christ and make followers of Christ. Next month we will begin focus groups that will focus on individual ministries. Focus groups for preschool and children's ministries will be scheduled as well as small group and worship focus groups. Thank you for walking through this as we follow how God wants us to reach this community.

Week of prayer for Home Missions is March 6-13. Watch for upcoming events to explore what God is doing in North America and how the world has come to us. Annie Armstrong Easter Offering comes at this time as well. Give as you can to see the work progress and how your missionaries are at work where God is moving.

From the Media Center

We still have a few copies of the "Experiencing God" devotional books. If you have not come by the Media Center to pick up a copy, now is your chance. They are available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

If you missed either of these, we still have a few copies of the 2015 Singing Tree performance as well as copies of the Mid-Winter Bible study with Dr. Bob Werner. Come by and pick one up; we are asking for a \$1 donation to cover the costs of the DVDs.

Thank You

A *Thank You* note received from **Sylvia Williams** and **family** has been posted on the bulletin board in the hallway to the Cornerstone Café.

Chi Alpha News

Andrew Yakel, Minister to Students and Outreach

DNOW – April 8-10

DNOW is a weekend for all 7th-12th graders to focus on growing your relationship with Christ and having fun! Invite your friends to this life changing weekend! We will see God's call for us to follow Him with our hearts as we "Act. Love. Walk." We will play fun games, take part in incredible worship and teaching times, stay in great host homes, and have a blast with the DNOW Pics Game! You can sign up by turning in a registration form and \$10 deposit to me or the church office. You can also sign up online at dnow.feefeebc.org. The full cost is only \$40. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 27.

Bandanas Fundraiser – March 7

Wanna eat some great barbecue AND help the youth go on their mission trip? Then join us on Monday, March 7, at Bandanas! Pick up a flyer from the church and take it with you when you go to eat at the Bandanas in Maryland Heights (12222 Dorsett Rd) for lunch, dinner, dine in, or carry out. A portion of what you spend will go toward the youth going on the World Changers mission trip to New Orleans this summer. You MUST bring a flyer with you for it to support the Fee Fee youth. So make sure to grab a flyer for you and some extras to give to your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers!

Bosnian Food Pantry – March 12

On Saturday, March 12, our church body is serving those in need by volunteering at the Bosnian Food Pantry! Arrive at the church at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. We will travel by church bus to the food pantry and help organize, package, and hand out food to needy families. We will return to the church by noon and then the youth will all go to lunch together. This is a great chance to be the hands and feet of Christ!

Shred Truck Fundraiser – April 2

Do you have documents that need to be securely destroyed? Bring them on Saturday, April 2, to the Shred Truck Fundraiser from 10:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. at Shepard Funeral Chapel (9255 Natural Bridge Rd). A Shred Truck will be on site to securely destroy your unwanted paper items. The suggested minimum donation is \$5 per box and all proceeds go to youth going on the World Changers mission trip to New Orleans. You can help support this event by handing out the Shred Truck flyers to your friends and family as well as any businesses. Flyers can be picked up at the church.

Will Work for Ukraine

Need some work done around your house? Need yard work done? Need a babysitter? Then hire one of the people going on the Ukraine Mission Trip! The people going to serve in Ukraine this summer would love to work for you to raise money for their trip. You can find a list of their names and numbers on the "Classified" bulletin board in the parlor at the church.

Upcoming Schedule:

March 7 – Bandanas Fundraiser

March 12 – Bosnian Food Pantry

April 2 – Shred Truck Fundraiser

April 8-10 – DNOW

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Worship is War

In an attempt to stay informed on all aspects of church music, I stumble onto many websites and articles that are intriguing to say the least. A recent finding was an article written by Stephen Miller, a worship pastor. The piece was taken from *Relevant Magazine* and I felt the following paragraph was worth sharing and timely in pursuit of the Simple Church perspective.

"Worship is war. But it is not to be fought over our own preferences. We must turn our energy towards killing the selective, prideful nature within us. We must fight to put to death anything in us that would hinder us from pursuing Christ with all we are. We must fight to worship Him with a joyful adoration that cannot be contained.

So the next time you go to church and the music is too loud or they are singing that song you don't like, go to war. Fight against the sin at work within yourself. Fight against consumerism and disunity. Fight for a grateful heart. Fight for the TRUTH to captivate you in a way MUSIC never could. Fight to stay in awe of a mighty God Who rescued you and graciously sings over you.

Fight the true war of worship."

"God arranges the members in the body, each one of them as He chose." 1 Corinthians 12:18 NRSV

EASTER Choir

Please plan to sing in our EASTER choir. We are using segments of regularly scheduled choir rehearsal times to prepare this music.

~ 4:15 during Wednesday afternoon choir rehearsal.

~ 7:00 during Wednesday evening choir rehearsal

~ OR By Appointment (I'm serious!) - You may contact me by email or phone: Ronna@feefeebc.org - 314-291-2948

Handbell Ensemble

Rehearsal - Sunday, March 6 - 3:30 p.m. - Room 203

Play date - Sunday, March 13

Walk-ins welcome. NO age or gender limitation!

Thanks for listening.

Ronna

Helping Hands

The Helping Hands for Loaves and Fishes have reached their goal of 100 cans of sliced pineapple and 50 bags of brown sugar! Thank you, Fee Fee family, for your generous contributions.

Easter Meal

One of our members will once again provide a meal for adults alone on Easter. The meal will be served following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on March 27 in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up on the 55+ bulletin board if you wish to attend.