

THE FORERUNNER

FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH

TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

A Word From The Pastor

The Bible reminds us that nothing is more valuable to God on this Earth than his church. He refers to it as His bride. He calls Christians to protect the unity of the church, to protect the fellowship and promote harmony in the church. The church is a body of many members working together to accomplish that which God has ordained for them to do. Fee Fee Baptist Church is a great and wonderful church.

"You are joined together with peace through the spirit, so make every effort to continue together in this way."

Ephesians 4:3 NCV

It has been my honor for the last twenty-one and a half years to be the pastor of this remarkable church. It was a great church before I came and it will be a great church after I leave. The church is not the building but the body. The people of this church love the Lord and are seeking every day to find the purpose that He has for them to reach the community for Christ. Let me encourage you to do everything you can to help the church to grow through promoting unity, fellowship, peace, and love. It can be a disturbing time when you do not have a senior pastor. But the spirit of God is still here. You have a loving church staff that is very capable of ministering to the church body. You have a great group of dedicated deacons who are willing to step up and serve the church body in any way they can. Each and every one of you who is a member of this church has a duty to see that you do everything you

can to keep this church growing. You can do this by being regular in attendance, by continuing to give to support the many ministries of this church, by using your spiritual gifts by finding places of service in this church, and by inviting your family and friends to come. The love and prayers that you have given to me and Mary Louise in the last 21 years have been amazing. Our lives are forever changed by you. God has now called us to minister to another church and just as sure as He has called us away He is preparing a person to come and be your next pastor. You pray for us as we go to minister to Glendale Baptist Church but also pray for the man and his family that God is dealing with now to prepare him to come and lead this great congregation. Pray for the deacons as they put together a pastor search committee. They will bring that committee to the church to be voted on. Pray for that committee after it is formed that they will be led to the person that God is preparing to be the next Pastor here at Fee Fee. Until the next Pastor is called it is your duty to support this church. The ministry of the church does not stop just because you do not have a pastor. You are the church and God has given you specific gifts and abilities to use to reach the world for Christ. Seek every possibility to promote harmony.

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Ministry Opportunities

Church Office Staff

Sunday, October 29

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
 10:00 a.m. Youth Connect
 Preschool/Children/Preteen
 Worship & Activities
 10:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 3:30 p.m. Tree Choir Rehearsal
 Angel Tree Rehearsal
 5:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 30

9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
 7:00 p.m. Pick-Up Basketball

Tuesday, October 31

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
 6:30 p.m. ESL Classes

Wednesday, November 1

9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
 5:00 p.m. Family Dinner
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
 6:15 p.m. WOW Bible Studies
 Men's Bible Study
 AWANA
 Youth Small Groups

7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee
 8:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, November 2

6:30 p.m. ESL Classes

Friday, November 3

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

Saturday, November 4

6:00 p.m. Youth Trivia Night

Sunday, November 5—Daylight Saving Time Ends

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
 10:00 a.m. Youth Connect
 Preschool/Children/Preteen
 Worship & Activities
 10:10 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 3:30 p.m. Tree Choir Rehearsal
 Angel Tree Rehearsal
 5:00 p.m. Precepts Bible Study
 Deacons' Meeting

Monday, November 6

9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
 9:00 a.m. Sewing Group
 6:15 p.m. Properties Committee
 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
 7:00 p.m. Pick-Up Basketball

Tuesday, November 7

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
 6:30 p.m. ESL Classes

Wednesday, November 8

9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
 5:00 p.m. Family Dinner
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
 6:15 p.m. WOW Bible Studies
 Men's Bible Study
 AWANA
 Youth Small Groups

7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee
 8:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, November 9

10:00 a.m. Prime Time to Cathedra
 Basilica

6:30 p.m. ESL Classes

Friday, November 10

9:00 a.m. Gym Walking

Saturday, November 11

SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Randall L. Fullerton
 MINISTER TO STUDENTS & OUTREACH
 Rev. Andrew Yakel
 DIRECTOR OF SENIOR ADULT & BIBLE STUDY
 Ms. Gloria Fox
 DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & FAMILY
 MINISTRIES Mrs. Kathy Scott
 DIRECTOR OF MUSIC Mrs. Ronna Paden
 PRAISE AND WORSHIP LEADER
 Ms. Sarah Turner
 PASTOR'S SECRETARY/OFFICE MANAGER
 Janet Wiley
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Weekly Summary	10-8-17	10-15-17
Sunday Bible Study Attendance	248	227
Small Group Attendance		
Total Bible Study Attendance		
Worship Attendance: 9:00 AM	n/a	179
11:00 AM	109	118
AWANA Clubs	48	47
Additions	0	1
Offering	\$16,498.29	\$10,219.78
E-Giving (9/29-10/6)	\$7,614.40	

Wednesday Night Supper Menus

November 1	November 8
Brats	Turkey
Chili Dogs	Mashed Potatoes
Fries	Green Bean Casserole
Salad Bar	Salad Bar
Pudding Delight	Cobbler

Welcome, New Members

On Sunday, October 15—
 Presenting himself as a candidate for baptism and church membership by his profession of faith:

- Aaron Klaser

Baptized:

- Stephanie Sanborn
- Mary Lou Townsend

Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Stella Moore**, who passed away October 13. Stella was the mother of **Joyce (Gary) Plambeck** and the grand-mother of **Stacey (Rob) Seuss**.

Thank You

Thank You notes received from **Bernice Stewart and Marge Rogers** have been posted on the bulletin board in the hallway to the Cornerstone Café.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time will end on Sunday, November 5. Mark your calendars to move your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 4.

Staff Appreciation

October is traditionally the month set aside for congregations to affirm and express love for their pastor and staff. Please let our church staff know how much you appreciate them.

Media Center Hours

Sunday Mornings

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Wednesday Evenings

4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Please come by and check out a book, video, or exchange a puzzle.

Fee Fee Baptist Church Vision:

Intentionally reaching our community by living a lifestyle committed to Christ

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

As I write this article, I can verify that the Florida beaches on the Atlantic are in good shape for Pastor and Mary Louise to move here as I have thoroughly checked out the area this week during vacation.

While we will miss them, we know that God will use them in Vero Beach where He has called them to serve. He has also called us to step up to serve here in their absence. God has fully equipped His church and every position and responsibility should be covered. Looking forward to serving with you while we find the pastor God has already prepared to lead Fee Fee.

Sign up for the trip to the Cathedral Basilica tour and the play, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. I have been told that it will be a sell out. I am going to buy 20 tickets and the first 20 to pay me will get to go!

We will have many exciting opportunities over the holiday season to serve our community. Don't forget to sign your trunk up for Trunk or Treat and bring lots of candy. We also need to invite our friends and neighbors to the Christmas tree so they can clearly hear the gospel message.

We will start a study on the Armor of God on Thursday, October 26, at 10:00 a.m. You won't want to miss this necessary study equipping you to live in today's world.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

The *Operation Christmas Child* boxes are available for pickup in the Parlor. Filled boxes, along with \$9 for postage (please note that this is an increase from last year), must be returned to the church no later than Wednesday, November 15. White boxes are available this year. If you are creative, take one of those and decorate it. Be sure to participate in this important ministry—you'll be glad you did!

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

"Tree" Music for 2017

Our "tree" music this year features classic carols. Many new Christmas songs come out every year from nearly every music genre, but with very few exceptions, the classics still reign as most popular.

Carols were first written as art songs. The carols associated with Christmas were the ones that tended to survive. Strangely enough it took some time for "Joy to the World" to be widely accepted because it was considered a barroom song and "O Holy Night" was thought to be stylistically very worldly.

People like to sing what they know and especially at Christmastime these songs take you to special places in your memory. Almost everyone will sing during the Christmas season even if they don't normally sing at all.

Here's a list of the most popular Christmas songs based on yearly sales: *O Come, all Ye Faithful* - *Joy to the world* - *Hark! The Herald angels sing* - *Angels we Have Heard on High* - *Silent Night, Holy Night* - *O Holy Night!* - *O Come, O Come, emmanuel* - *Go tell it On the Mountain* - *The first Noel* - *Angels, From the realms of glory* - *O Little Town of Bethlehem* - *Away in a Manger* - *What Child is This?* Did your favorite make the cut?

Chi Alpha News

Andrew Yakel, Minister to Students & Outreach

Youth and Family Trip to Eckerts – Saturday, October 28

All youth and their families are invited for an evening of hayrides, apple picking, pumpkin cannons, a campfire, and fun! On Saturday, October 28, we'll meet at the church at 3:00 p.m. and travel to Eckerts in Millstadt, IL (www.eckerts.com/millstadt-farm/). We'll make dinner and S'mores by campfire (food will be provided). The cost is \$10 per person and covers the entry fee and food. Bring extra money for any of the extra activities at the farm that you might want to take part in. We'll return to the church by 10:00 p.m. Sign up at the church or by emailing Andrew (Andrew@feefeebc.org) by Wednesday, October 25.

Youth Fundraiser Trivia Night – November 4 – 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Our annual Youth Trivia Night Fundraiser is Saturday, November 4! This is our biggest fundraiser every year so make sure your student is at this event to earn money towards our mission trip in 2018. Students can only earn money from this event by working at trivia. All money earned at trivia can only go towards the mission trip. We could use your help with Trivia Night in a couple ways:

First, plan on attending this fun event and INVITE AS MANY of your family, coworkers, neighbors, and friends as possible. They do NOT have to attend Fee Fee to come to this event. The cost is \$80 for a table of eight. You can sign up for a table at the church or by emailing Andrew (andrew@feefeebc.org).

Second, every year we have some great giveaways and silent auction items that are all donated. If you have items that you are willing to donate (sports tickets, filled gift baskets, gift cards, etc.) please let Andrew know as soon as possible.

Small Groups – Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.

Youth Small Groups are a time for discipleship where students connect with each other and loving adults as they talk about the Bible together. Youth Small Groups are every Wednesday night during the school year from 6:15-7:30 p.m. This will be your students' best chance to mature in their faith!

Pastor Search Committee

To begin the process of finding our new pastor, the Deacons are asking for names to be submitted for consideration for the Pastor Search Committee. Please prayerfully consider individuals who you believe will be assets to this committee. Names may be submitted through November 1 in the following three ways:

- using the form attached to the Sunday bulletin
- calling the church office (314-739-1525)
- or via the church website (www.feefeebc.org)

The Deacons will consider the submitted names and present a proposed search committee to be voted on for approval by the church body.

Bible Study Corner

Be faithful in your Bible study attendance. Stop by the information desk if you don't know where you belong. There are traditional classes, topical studies and transformation groups meeting.

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Trunk or Treat

This Sunday, October 29, 5:00-7:30 p.m. is our Trunk or treat. We publicized with all elementary schools from Pattonville and Ritenour School Districts so there will be a crowd! That means we need your help! We need more trunks, decorated with a game; others to help with set-up and take down, and LOTS Of CANDY! I can help with ideas for games at your trunk. Put it on your calendar and sign up now. Sign-up sheets are posted by the choir room. Trunk sign up is required so we can plan for number of parking lot space needed. We will be setting up from 2:00-4:30 p.m. and everyone needs to be in place by 4:30 p.m. Let's welcome our community in the 'Fee Fee Fun' way! Thank you!

Also that day is our **BirthDay Bash** in KIDZONE at 11:00 a.m. for kids who have birthdays in September and October.

Parent's Night Out: Friday, December 1, from 5:00 - 10:00 p.m. and Christmas shopping opportunity for the kids that night. We will accept donations of new items for the store and for workers to help with child care! This is a night that parents can use for shopping or for a night out with the spouse. Supper, snacks and soft drinks will be provided. Thank you!

Statistically, the greatest mission field in our church is the Children's Ministry. Pray about it today. If you feel like God is calling you to serve in this area, I would love to hear from you.

Jesus said, *Let the little children come to me...People who are like these little children belong to the kingdom of God.* " Mark 10:14.

*Stats from Children's Ministry Resources.

WMU WorldCrafts Brunch

The WMU is sponsoring a WorldCrafts Brunch on Saturday, October 28, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to shop for hand-crafted items made by artisan groups in third world countries. WorldCrafts, a division of WMU, develops sustainable, fair-trade businesses among impoverished people around the world. Their vision is to offer an income with dignity and the hope of everlasting life. Kick off your holiday shopping and help people around the world to be able to help themselves. For more information, contact Donna Potts.

Volunteers Needed

Please contact Gloria if you are willing to help with safety watch on Sundays, Monday nights during choir, or Wednesday nights. We also need ushers and greeters. Please be obedient to serve where God is calling you.

A Word From The Pastor

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God is alive and working at Fee Fee Baptist Church and I know that it has a wonderful future. Thank you again, for allowing me to pastor you and to love you for the past 21 years. You have blessed my heart beyond any words that I can say. Mary Louise and I will never forget you. You are a chapter in our lives that we will read often. Again, thank you so much for the privilege of letting me be your pastor. Until we meet again, all our love.

In Christ,
Pastor Randy and Mary Louise