

# THE FORERUNNER

## FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH

*TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN*

### A Word From The Pastor

Henry Blackaby, in his *Experiencing God* Day by Day devotion, says that your cross is God's will for you, regardless of the cost. Taking up your cross is a choice that each of us has to make.

Many people want to deny themselves and follow Jesus, but Blackaby tells us that we miss a very important part of a Christian's life. We have to be willing to take up His cross. This

*"Then Jesus said to his disciples if anyone wants to come with me he must deny himself take up his cross and follow me."*

**Matthew 16:24**

This means that we must be willing to suffer for the sake of Christ. This means going where He wants us to go, doing what He wants us to do, speaking to whom He wants us to speak. There is no greater joy in the life of a Christian than suffering for Christ. I believe that it is impossible to follow Jesus with all of your heart if you are not willing to do that which makes you uncomfortable, inconvenienced, and sometimes put you at risk. I believe that there is no Christianity without a cross. Will you take up your cross today?

I am writing this article in Lviv, Ukraine. I have just finished speaking to the wonderful Fee Fee church family via Skype in the morning worship service. I am here with a team of six, doing construction work at the Ukrainian Baptist Theological Seminary. This year we will be renovating three classrooms from top to bottom. The seminary is growing by leaps and bounds. They have added 120 new students since last September. It is a joy to be a part of helping provide a place for these men and women who will study

God's Word and then make a difference in the lives of the people of Ukraine. Please keep this nation in your prayers. They are under such stress in their relationship with Russia. They are discouraged and feel as if they have been abandoned by the world, especially the Christians here in Ukraine. The Christian population in Ukraine is less than 1% but I can see God doing a mighty work here and your prayers can make a difference.

Pray for us this week as we will be working very hard and long hours to get the job done. Pray for our health and opportunities to share what Jesus Christ has done in our heart.

I want to tell you about some meetings that are coming up this next month called Simple Church. These meetings are aimed at informing the church body about the current state of our church and some very disturbing trends. They are intended to show the church body that we need to take some new approaches to reach people for Jesus. There are meeting times for every age. Check the Forerunner for more details.

Fee Fee has a tremendous history and I believe that its future is just as great. But it will not happen unless we deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow Jesus. Come and help us as we embark on that journey in a new and wonderful way.

*Brother Randy*

### Ministry Opportunities

- Sunday, January 24**  
 8:00 a.m. Early Worship  
 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Time  
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
 10:50 a.m. Worship  
 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, January 25**  
 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking  
 6:30 p.m. Worship Band/Team Rehearsal  
 7:00 p.m. Pick-Up Basketball
- Tuesday, January 26**  
 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels  
 9:00 a.m. Spirit Lifters  
 6:00 p.m. ESL Classes
- Wednesday, January 27**  
 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking  
 3:30 p.m. eXtreme Joy Choir Reh.  
 5:00 p.m. Family Dinner  
 6:00 p.m. Midweek Service  
 Children's Choirs  
 Youth *Engage*  
 WOW Bible Study  
 Preschool Committee  
 Mission Friends, GA's, RA's  
 6:45 p.m. Praise Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 p.m. Praise Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, January 28**  
 9:30 a.m. 55+ Eagle Watch/Lunch  
 6:00 p.m. ESL Classes  
 6:30 p.m. Metro Baptist Volleyball League  
 7:00 p.m. Nursing Home Ministry
- Friday, January 29**  
 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
- Saturday, January 30**  
 9:30 a.m. Simple Church Brunch
- Sunday, January 31**  
 8:00 a.m. Early Worship  
 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Time  
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
 10:50 a.m. Worship  
 4:00 p.m. Ukraine Mission Trip Meeting  
 5:00 p.m. Youth Band Rehearsal  
 5:30 p.m. AWANA Clubs  
 WOW Bible Studies  
 Preteen *LiveWire*  
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship—The Lord's Supper  
 Youth *Amplify*  
 7:00 p.m. After Church Recreation
- Monday, February 1**  
 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking  
 9:30 a.m. Sewing Group  
 6:15 p.m. Properties Committee  
 6:30 p.m. Worship Band/Team Rehearsal  
 7:00 p.m. Pick-Up Basketball
- Tuesday, February 2**  
 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels  
 6:00 p.m. ESL Classes
- Wednesday, February 3**  
 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking  
 3:30 p.m. eXtreme Joy Choir Rehearsal  
 5:00 p.m. Family Dinner  
 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  
 Preschool Committee

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### Weekly Summary

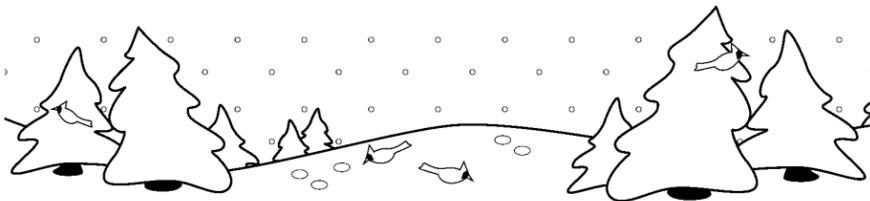
	1-3-16	1-10-16
Sunday Bible Study Attendance	296	266
Small Group Attendance	-	21
Total Bible Study Attendance	296	287
Worship Attendance: 8:00 AM	106	93
10:50 AM	256	259
6:00 PM	-	-
AWANA Clubs	31	30
WOW Bible Studies	8	42
Nursing Home Ministry	-	30
Additions	1	-
Offering	\$23,083.58	\$9,580.90
E-Giving (12/24-1/4)	\$12,181.00	

### Lottie Moon

Gifts to Date: \$17,066.73

### Wednesday Night Supper Menus

January 27	February 3
Tacos	Meatloaf
Black/Refried Beans	Mashed Potatoes
Spanish Rice	Peas
Salad Bar	Salad Bar
Ice Cream	Cake



### Thank You

A *Thank You* note received from **Jim and Deanna Gurlen** as well as a letter from **Lucille Shrimpton** have both been posted on the bulletin board in the hallway to the Cornerstone Café.

### Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to

... **Janet Wiley** in the loss of her brother, **Mike DeShong** on January 16.

... **Stella Moore** in the loss of her husband, **Elmer Moore** on January 17.

### Ministry Opportunities

(Continued from back)

- Thursday, February 4**  
 6:00 p.m. ESL Classes  
 6:30 p.m. Metro Baptist Volleyball League
- Friday, February 5**  
 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking  
 1:00 p.m. 55+ Game Time
- Saturday, February 6**

### Fee Fee Baptist Church Vision:

Intentionally reaching our community by living a lifestyle committed to Christ

## 55+ Corner

Gloria Fox, Interim Senior Adult Director

Hope you are having a great week. I just came in from outside and it is 25 degrees. Brrrr! I may have to get out my winter coat. I am sure some of you are wondering why it has to get so cold. That is easy! So the eagles will come south to see us.

Please sign up on the bulletin board and join us on January 28th. We will leave church at 9:00 a.m. and go to the Audubon Center. After you get your fill of these majestic creatures, we will go to Pere Marquette for lunch – I know! I know! – that is the only reason some of you are coming. Lunch includes 2 pieces of chicken, all the sides, dessert and tea or coffee. Lunch is \$15 which includes all taxes and gratuity. We are asking for additional \$1 to cover the cost of gas for the van so total cost is \$16!

Any adult who is free on the 28th is welcome to come. We will not hold your age against you. Looking forward to having fellowship and serving with you.

## Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

### Calling ALL Ringers - Old and New

The lovely, talented and wonderful Mary Downen has agreed to direct our hand bells once again. Mary has suggested very succinct rehearsals with service ringing following promptly. Our rehearsals will likely happen on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. and then we will play for the following Sunday morning service(s). She needs commitment from 20 persons to really pull this together. There is a sign-up list posted on the bulletin board outside the choir room. Mary will plan a rehearsal/playing time for February and again for early in May.

I say if we get really good - lets practice “Flight of the Bumblebee” and rename it “Flight of the Bottle Rockets” for July! KIDDING!!!! Seriously, please plan to play in this choir. If we have more than twenty - that is good, too. We will just add bells.

### You Knew This Was Coming!

Easter is early this year (March 27). AND yes - we want a great choir to sing for our Easter worship celebrations. Both choirs will be singing the same music so you may practice with either choir to be able to sing with us on Easter. Again, I will practice with any of you who need a special time to practice or will meet with the Easter choir at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. Do not miss singing this uplifting celebrative music!

### How Should Christians Sing?

We have varying degrees of musical talent to be sure. The Lord is pleased with an attitude that desires to plan, prepare and present the best to Him, whether ministering the Word, singing, or giving a simple witness. The Bible makes it clear that everyone should be an active participant in worship. “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands.” (Psalm 100:1) The Lord is more interested in the “heart attitude” than the “art attitude”.

## Chi Alpha News

Andrew Yakel, Minister to Students and Outreach

### Winter Jam - January 23; 2:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Want to see For King and Country, Matthew West, Crowder, KB, Tedashii, Trip Lee, Lauren Daigle, and more great artists all for only \$10?!! Then come to Winter Jam 2016 on Saturday, January 23. We will meet at the church at 2:00 p.m. and be back before 11:00 p.m. You will also want to bring some money for dinner at the concert. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, January 20. You can go to 2016.jamtour.com for more info.

### Super Bowl Party – February 7

The Super Bowl is Sunday, February 7, and we want all youth and their families to join us in the Rafters for our Super Bowl Party starting at 5:00 p.m.! We will have lots of food and fun for all, whether you care about watching the game or not. All families need to bring a snack or side dish to share (drinks and sandwiches will be provided). Hope you will come and hang out with us for the big game!

### Simple Meeting – February 20

You have heard Pastor mention some of the exciting opportunities coming to Fee Fee in 2016. We, as a church staff, have been discussing and praying about how our church can most effectively do what God wants us to do. To help accomplish this, we are hosting several meetings this spring for the church to hear about the process we have been using called Simple Church. The meeting for all youth and their parents is on Saturday, February 20, from noon till 2:30 p.m.; lunch will be provided. We need your help to make our church successful so I hope you will plan on coming to this meeting!

### Upcoming Schedule:

January 23 – Winter Jam Concert

February 7 – Super Bowl Party

April 8-10 – DNOW

## College Ministry

### Small Group Starts

Our college small group is starting back on January 26th!! We are having a college small group on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 8:00 p.m. at Andrew’s house! Every week we will do a video-based bible study, have prayer time, eat desserts, and have fun. We are starting a series called “Not a Fan”, which will challenge our faith as we examine whether we are fans or followers of Jesus. Plan on joining us!

## Thank You

Let me and **Marilyn** use this medium to thank the church family for the participation in the celebration of my retirement. Thank you for your expressions of kindness and words of encouragement.

We find that words are inadequate to communicate our gratitude and emotions.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Joe and Marilyn

## Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Grief Care LifeGroup and a New Member class will be starting soon. If you are interested in one of these, sign up today on bulletin board in the parlor.

### Parents' Night Out, Friday, February 12, 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Invite your favorite valentine for a night out. Invite friends to participate especially those who do not have a church home! Just let them know that you will sign them up to have a night out. This is a great way to get families you know who are not involved in a church to come check us out! We just need to know they are coming so we can have enough supervision for safety and fun for the kids. Get the word out!

## Simple Church

These Simple Church meetings are aimed at informing the church body about the current state of our church and some very disturbing trends. They are intended to show that we need to take some new approaches to reach people for Jesus. We have arranged meeting times for every age group. You may fit into multiple groups. If so please rsvp or sign up for the meeting you will be attending. You do not need to attend every meeting as the information will be the same.

Email invitations requesting a reservation count will be sent out, if you do not receive an email invitation please sign-up on the bulletin board so we know how many to prepare food for.

Simple Church meeting dates and times:

**January 30 @ 9:30 a.m.** - Deacons and Wives; Personnel Committee; Strategic Planning Committee

**February 20 @ 9:00 a.m.** - 55+ Adults

**February 20 @ 12:00 p.m.** - Youth and Parents

**February 27 @ 9:00 a.m.** - Adults ages 36 - 54

**February 27 @ 12 p.m.** - Adults ages 18 - 35

## Snow Schedule and Cancellation Policy

As a reminder, weekday activities will be canceled on the days that the Pattonville School District is closed due to inclement weather. This includes day and evening activities, including all Wednesday night activities. You may also check the closings on KTVI Channel 2 and KSDK Channel 5 on your television. This policy does not apply to the church office—it will remain open.

## Mid-Winter Bible Study

Our annual Super Sunday - Mid-Winter Bible Study will be February 7. **Dr. Bob Werner** will be our guest Bible study leader. Lunch will be served in the Dining Room for those who stay for the afternoon sessions. In order to prepare enough food, we ask that everyone sign up on the bulletin board outside the choir room, letting us know how many will be staying for lunch and the afternoon sessions, as well as childcare needs. The study will end around 3:00 p.m. There will be no other afternoon activities or evening service, with exception of the Youth Super Bowl Party at 5:00 p.m.