

THE FORERUNNER

FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH

TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

A Word From The Pastor

The story of the prodigal son is widely known by most believers. We have all made wrong decisions that need to be corrected. When you are doing something that is not producing the desired result, an evaluation is needed. The scripture says the prodigal son came to his senses. In life we develop habits. Sometimes those habits are good and sometimes those habits can be non-productive. Anything we do that is non-productive must be evaluated and changed. Change is a hard thing to do, especially if we have been involved in these habits for many years. Real change comes by evaluating the situation and correcting your course. If you have made wrong decisions, talk to God about it, turn around and ask for forgiveness and He will show you the right path.

"When he came to his senses,"
Luke 15:17a

Last week the Strategic Planning Committee shared with the church body a motion that will be presented to the church at a special called business meeting on July 3. This motion addresses the need to change some service times in order to better reach our community. Declines in attendance over the last several years alert us to the fact that the things we have been doing in the past are not relevant nor are they working to reach our community today. The committee and the staff met with over 400 people in our church focus groups. They have also researched about a dozen churches in the same situation and attended several conferences. We

have also spoken to many unchurched people in our community. Through all of this research, prayer, and gathering of information, it has become evident that we need to make these changes. There will be information sessions on June 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dining Room and on June 25 at 9:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. Both of these information sessions will contain the same information and are given for your convenience to be able to attend. Please come and hear the committee and staff talk about why these changes are needed and how these new time changes would help. We know that what we have been doing has not been working because our culture and our community have changed. This is our opportunity to adjust some of the things that would enable us to be better equipped to reach the lost and unchurched in our community. I pray that you would support this motion and attend one of the information sessions. As always, if you have questions, feel free to contact me or any of the members of the Strategic Planning Committee.

As our culture changes, so must the methods we use to reach the unchurched. I have a wish list of three things that would make it easier to reach our community. These are physicals things that would have a big impact on our efforts. They are: environmental projectors for the sanctuary and gym, baffles for the gym walls to reduce the noise, and a new digital

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Weekly Summary	6-5-16	6-12-16
Sunday Bible Study Attendance	281	273
Small Group Attendance	15	0
Total Bible Study Attendance	296	273
Worship Attendance: 8:00 AM	128	123
10:50 AM	257	206
6:00 PM	-	37
WOW Bible Studies	-	24
Nursing Home Ministry	28	-
Additions	0	0
Offering	\$24,008.00	\$16,072.00
E-Giving (5/25-6/6)	\$7,724.00	

A Word From The Pastor

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church sign out front. All three of these are high dollar items and not provided for in the budget. If you feel led to be used by the Lord to help us in this effort, please contact me.

Thank you again, Fee Fee family, for your love for the lost. See you in church.

Brother Randy

Thank You

A *Thank You* note received from **Dwight** and **Judy Turner** has been posted on the bulletin board in the hallway to the Cornerstone Café.

Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to

... **Yvonne Harrington** in the loss of her husband, **John Harrington**, on June 7.

... **Marge Rogers** in the loss of her sister-in-law, **Lavonia Lewis** of Georgia, on June 11.

Birth

Congratulations to **Mark and Katie Griggs** on the birth of **Collin Daniel Griggs** on June 5.

Motion From The Strategic Planning Committee

The Strategic Planning Committee recommends that the following changes be made in the service times of Fee Fee Baptist Church, to become effective this fall:

- ⇒ The First Sunday Morning Worship Service time be moved to 9:00 a.m.
- ⇒ The Second Sunday Morning Worship Service time be moved to 11:00 a.m.
- ⇒ That there be NO Sunday Evening Worship Service
- ⇒ That the Wednesday Night Supper begin at 5:30 p.m. with church activities to follow

Because elimination of the Sunday Evening Worship requires a by-law change, this entire motion requires a two-thirds majority to pass.

Informational meetings to discuss this motion will be held in the Dining Room as follows:

- Wednesday evening, June 22, at 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday morning, June 25, at 9:00 a.m.

There will be a Special Called Business Meeting on Sunday, July 3, at both morning worship services to vote on this motion. Vote will be by secret ballot with no discussion.

Ministry Opportunities Church Office Staff

- Sunday, June 26**
 8:00 a.m. Early Worship
 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
 10:50 a.m. Worship
 3:00 p.m. All-Church Picnic
- Monday, June 27**
 8:30 a.m. Music Camp
 9:00 a.m. Adult Victorious Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Worship Band/Team Rehearsal
- Tuesday, June 28**
 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
 8:30 a.m. Music Camp
 9:00 a.m. Spirit Lifters
 Adult Victorious Bible Study
 Youth Amazing Race
 Socials Committee
 6:30 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
 7:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
- Wednesday, June 29**
 8:30 a.m. Music Camp
 9:00 a.m. Adult Victorious Bible Study
 3:30 p.m. eXtreme Joy Choir Reh.
 6:00 p.m. Midweek Bible Study
 Chi Alpha Summers
 Personnel Committee
 Praise Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Praise Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, June 30**
 8:30 a.m. Music Camp
 9:00 a.m. Adult Victorious Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
- Friday, July 1**
 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
 1:00 p.m. 55+ Game Time
- Saturday, July 2**
- Sunday, July 3—Patriotic Services**
 8:00 a.m. Early Worship—Special Called Business Meeting
 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
 10:50 a.m. Worship—Special Called Business Meeting
- Monday, July 4—Independence Day**
 Offices/Buildings Closed



- Tuesday, July 5**
 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
 6:30 p.m. Worship Band/Team Rehearsal
- Wednesday, July 6**
 Ukraine Mission Team Departs
 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
 3:30 p.m. eXtreme Joy Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 p.m. Midweek Bible Study
 Chi Alpha Summers
 Stewardship Committee
 Praise Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Praise Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, July 7**
 7:00 p.m. Tae Kwon Do
- Friday, July 8**
 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
- Saturday, July 9**
 5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Class Fellowship

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Fee Fee Baptist Church Vision:
 Intentionally reaching our community by living a lifestyle committed to Christ

55+ Corner

Gloria Fox, Interim Senior Adult Director

The all-church picnic is quickly approaching. Don't forget to sign up and find out which two large sides you are to bring. Beside your salads, vegetables or dessert, bring an unchurched friend and a lawn chair.

Fredbird will be with us from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. It is going to be a good time.

Adult VBS will begin June 27, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m., Monday - Thursday. I will be teaching from the book of Philippians. Come find out how to have peace and joy through all of life's tests and trials. It is a little book with a life changing message!

A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would like to participate in the July 4th activities in Bridgeton. We will be having some vehicles and walkers in the parade and handing out water with our church logo and website on them. That evening we will host a baby changing tent at the fireworks with info on our church. Come be a part of the celebration and invite others to worship with us.

Finally, I am doing *Tae Kwon Do*. Are you? Come join us and bring an unchurched friend.

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Family Choir - June 26

So looking forward to our first family choir which will be singing on June 26.

The song is *Open Up the Heavens* which will be sung with the accompaniment track - the same as the rehearsal CD, without the sample voices. Singers will meet in the choir room at 10:30 a.m. to run the music and get lined up before we sing for the 10:50 worship. You may pick up a rehearsal CD on the table in the welcome center. The CD also contains the music that will be sung on July 31 (*Nothing But the Blood*) and August 21 (*One Thing Remains*). Any questions - do not hesitate to speak with me or **Janet**.

Music Camp

A huge thanks goes to **Kathy Scott** for arranging this wonderful event for our children. What a gift! This event is all inclusive - a great music experience and more that includes choreography, drama, art projects, Bible teaching and recreation.

The director, **Tom Brown**, and teaching staff are from Northside Baptist Church in Victoria, Texas. This innovative ministry will be fun, nurturing and fostering the love and hope found in Jesus.

July 3 - Patriotic Service

Please join us as we present *Prayer for America*, a short musical for our Patriotic Service. Come rehearse with us on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. Music rehearsed will be the same.

This work uses scripture and words of our Founding Fathers to encourage praying for guidance and strength. This patriotic piece will stir your hearts and fill you with joy as you contemplate the blessings our Heavenly Father wants to bestow on our country if only we will pray.

Chi Alpha News

Andrew Yakel, Minister to Students and Outreach

Chi Alpha Summers Start June 22

Chi Alpha Summers is back starting Wednesday, June 22! Chi Alpha Summers happen on Wednesday nights from 6-7:00 p.m. during the summer. This year will be a little different though...all Chi Alpha Summers will be held at Vago Park (at the intersection of Fee Fee Rd. and Midland Ave.)! We will do big games and a Bible study at the park. So invite your friends and join us at Vago Park at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays starting June 22 for all the fun!

Movie Day: *Finding Dory* – June 22

We are going to see the movie *Finding Dory*! We will meet at the church the afternoon of June 22 (specific times will be given the week of the movie after the theater releases its show times) and travel together to the theater. After the movie, youth can stay at the church through Chi Alpha Summers that night. Youth will need to bring money for the movie ticket (\$5) and a fast food dinner.

Amazing Race – June 28

You should join us on *The Amazing Race: Youth Edition*! *The Amazing Race* is on Tuesday, June 28, from 9:30 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. Teams of 3-4 people will race around St. Louis finding clues and completing tasks to win! The race is free this year but you need money for fast food lunch and ice cream at the end of the race. Each team with a guest will get a special bonus to help them in the race. So invite your friends! You MUST sign up by Sunday, June 26, to be in the race. On your marks, Get set, GO!!

Ukraine Mission Trip – July 6-19

Please keep those going on the trip to Ukraine in your prayers. Pray that God would empower them to serve the people of Ukraine and that God would grant them safety and protection throughout the trip.

Six Flags Trip – July 12

Roller coasters, funnel cakes, and fun at our Six Flags Day on Tuesday, July 12. We will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and travel to Six Flags St. Louis. The cost is only \$20 per person. If you have a season pass, then you go for free. Everyone must also bring a sack lunch and money for dinner in the park. We will return to the church by 9:30 p.m. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, July 10.

Summer Schedule:

June 22 – Chi Alpha Summers Begin	July 6-19 – Ukraine Mission Trip
June 22 – Movie Day: <i>Finding Dory</i>	July 12 – Six Flags Trip
June 28 – The Amazing Race	July 23 – Bosnian Food Pantry
	August 5 – Youth and Family BBQ



College Ministry

College Summer Small Group

Join us for fun and Bible study at our Summer Small Group! We meet at the Yakels' house on Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. for dessert and talking through the books of 1st and 2nd Peter. All college students AND recent high school graduates are invited to join us for this great small group experience.

Here's the schedule for the summer:

June 21 – 1 Peter 2-3

August 2 – 2 Peter 2

June 28 – 1 Peter 4-5

August 9 – 2 Peter 3

July 26 – 2 Peter 1

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Thank you, everyone, for your work and prayer for *Egypt VBS*! Our workers were tireless while setting up, taking down, leading, teaching and serving. The kids and families had a fun time learning about God's provision in good and bad times through the life of Joseph. Pray for follow-up as we connect with families who expressed an interest in FFBC and in growing in their faith.

The All-Church Picnic is coming this Sunday, June 26, at Tiemeyer Park from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. You will need to bring big helpings of side dishes because we will have lots of guests—the friends you invite and the mission team of 52 people that will be leading our children's music camp next week. You won't want to miss this picnic!

Next week is Summer Music Camp here at our church for kids who have completed 1st – 5th grades. The camp will be from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, ending with a parents' program on Thursday night. The group that is leading this camp is a youth choir from Northside Baptist Church in Victoria, Texas and they have planned an exciting week! Our church will host them by providing sleeping arrangements in our gym. Please pray for this camp that the kids will learn more about our Lord through worship, drama, art and music. Pray for the mission team that will be leading this camp.

See you at the Bridgeton Pool for FFBC swim night THIS FRIDAY (June 24) from 8-10:00 p.m. \$5 per person; \$20 max per family.

FFBC will participate in Bridgeton's July 4th parade. Put it on your calendar and plan to participate.

2016 Summer Concert Series, 6:00 P.M.

July 10

Timothy Noble, Pianist

July 31

Sackcloth & Ashes

July 17

Assurance Quartet

August 7

The Lesters

July 24

Scott Freeman, Artist

August 14

MBU Ringers & Alumni Ringers

Super Sundae Nights will following each concert. Enjoy ice cream, hotdogs, nachos and fellowship in the Dining Room.