

Weekly Summary	12-4-16	12-11-16
Sunday Bible Study Attendance	243	263
Small Group Attendance	-	-
Worship Attendance: 8:00 AM	169	222
10:50 AM	154	160
AWANA Clubs	40	-
WOW Bible Studies	-	-
Additions	0	0
Offering	\$24,194.14	\$13,796.00
E-Giving (11/24 - 12/5)	\$9,050.00	

Wednesday Night Supper Menus

January 4	January 11
<i>Soup & Sandwiches</i>	<i>Spaghetti</i>
<i>Salad Bar</i>	<i>Corn</i>
<i>Cobbler</i>	<i>Cheesy Bread</i>
	<i>Salad Bar</i>
	<i>Pudding Delight</i>

Women of the Word Bible Studies

Beginning in January, the following three classes will be offered:

Wednesday nights at 6:15 p.m.:

Entrusted – A study of 2 Timothy (by Beth Moore)
Seamless – Understanding The Bible as One Complete Story (by Angie Smith)

Sunday Nights at 5:00 p.m.:

The Gospel of Mark: The Jesus We're Aching For (by Lisa Harper)
Precept Upon Precept Study for Men and Women

Sunday nights at 5:00 p.m.

Deuteronomy
Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.

A Word From The Pastor

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Merry Christmas and God bless you. I pray that you will have a happy New Year and that 2017 will be the best year in the history of our church. Do not forget that we will be going back through the "Experiencing Day by Day" by Henry Blackaby devotional this next year. Have a Merry Christmas and I'll see you in church

Brother Randy

Ministry Opportunities Church Office Staff

Sunday, December 25—Merry Christmas

10:00 a.m. Christmas Worship Service
12:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner

Monday, December 26

Church Offices/Buildings Closed

Tuesday, December 27

9:00 a.m. Spirit Lifters
1:00 p.m. Youth to Six Flags

Wednesday, December 28

9:00 a.m. Gym Walking

Thursday, December 29

Friday, December 30

9:00 a.m. Gym Walking

Saturday, December 31

Sunday, January 1

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. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Monday, January 2

Church Offices/Buildings Closed

Tuesday, January 3

6:30 p.m. ESL Classes

Wednesday, January 4

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

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

Thursday, January 5

6:30 p.m. ESL Classes
Metro Baptist Volleyball League

Friday, January 6

9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time
6:00 p.m. Youth Ember Worship Night

Saturday, January 7

SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Randall L. Fullerton

MINISTER TO STUDENTS & OUTREACH

..... Rev. Andrew Yakel

INTERIM SENIOR ADULT DIRECTOR

..... Ms. Gloria Fox

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & FAMILY

MINISTRIES Mrs. Kathy Scott

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC Mrs. Ronna Paden

PRAISE AND WORSHIP LEADER

..... Ms. Sarah Turner

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TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

A Word From The Pastor

I have always wondered what it would have been like to have been with the shepherds that first Christmas Eve. The angels appeared and proclaimed the birth of Christ. We know the shepherds

were afraid because it is not every day that you see an angel. The angels tried to calm their fears by saying do not be afraid.

They said we have good news about a great joy. What is the difference between joy and a great joy? The dictionary tells

us that joy is an emotion of great happiness. We have all felt that but we also know that joy is usually temporary. The great joy the angels were talking about was a joy that would last not only our lifetime but for all eternity. This great feeling of happiness can only be found in Jesus Christ. The gifts we receive this year will make us happy, but soon those gifts will break, wear out or grow old. They won't last forever. But the gift of Jesus brings great joy that can make you happy now and for all of eternity. Try on some of this great joy today. You will not be sorry.

The weather impacted our presentation of The Singing Christmas tree this year. We had a lot of ice over the weekend and had to cancel two of our presentations. The two presentations we did get in were spectacular. They were so inspired and uplifting. They vividly

portrayed the true meaning of Christmas and the birth of Christ. Thank you, Ronna Paden, and everyone else who had a hand in making this year's presentation a success. It takes so many to put

this presentation on and we are thankful to the volunteers who give their time as a ministry to do this.

We have two more opportunities this year to celebrate Christmas as a church family. On

Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m., we will have our Candlelight Lord's Supper Service. You will want to join us. And then on Christmas Day we will have only one worship service and that will be at 10:00 a.m. There will not be any Bible study that morning.

As the year comes to a close, people always ask if there are special needs around the church to which they can donate. My answer is yes. One of the places that you can donate is to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Another place that you can donate is to our electronic sign fund. We will be placing an electronic sign out front of our church next year. We have a little bit over half of the money needed. If you feel led I would encourage you to donate to one of these two areas.

"But the angel said to them, do not be afraid I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

Luke 2:10



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Fee Fee Baptist Church Vision:

Intentionally reaching our community by living a lifestyle committed to Christ

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Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Interim Senior Adult Director

It is Christmas week and I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. As you enjoy family, friends, good food, and celebrations, remember the reason we celebrate.

My youngest grandson, Axel, provided me with the perfect illustration. I keep him three days a week and one day last week he was in a nasty mood in the morning. Frustrated, he threw cars and trucks and when he ran out of them, he turned to the nativity under the tree. He hurled wise men, shepherds, cows and even Mary and Joseph. But then he picked up baby Jesus and his manger, gently placed Jesus in his bed of straw and kissed his little resin face. His entire demeanor changed just looking in the face of the Savior. I know the holidays can be filled with stress and tension but when we focus on Jesus and remember the humble way He came to save the world, be like Axel. Embrace the Savior!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you. I look forward to serving with you in 2017!

Bible Study Corner

Topical studies and new small groups are coming in February. Let me know if you want to lead a group or have an idea for a topic.

Also, remember that there is no reason to study the Bible if we do not do what it says. Pray for opportunities to share the good news with someone each day. Then ask God to give you eyes to see the needs and to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. We must be about our Father’s business!

So are you ready for command number 2 of the 50 commands of Jesus in the Gospels? Two weeks ago I challenged you to repent. Jesus’s second command quickly follows it. In Matthew 4:19, He commands us to Follow Him. That is what He told His disciples then and that is what He is telling us to do today.

So what does that look like?

Everyone follows something - it might be friends, pop culture, family, selfish desires, or God. But Jesus tells us to follow Him – to make Him the boss and submit ourselves completely to Him. Following Jesus means striving to be like Him. He always obeyed His Father so that is what we need to do. To do this, every dream and every decision needs to be filtered through His word with the goal of glorifying Him. This can only be accomplished by allowing the Holy Spirit to have complete control of every area of our lives. This is a tough command. Jesus’s first disciples were not always successful and neither will you be, but we are commanded to try.

Are you truly following Jesus?

Thank You

Thank You notes received from **Cameron and Miriam Kerns and Anita and Kevin Leahy** and **Wayne and Carol Gollaher and family** have been posted on the bulletin board in the hallway to the Cornerstone Café.

By-Laws Changes

Recommended changes to the Fee Fee By-Laws are available for review on the parlor table. These changes to the By-Laws will be voted on at the January 25 business meeting.

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Singing Tree 2016 - History

Our joyous "singing tree" has come and gone for another year! Bitter sweet memories to say the least - in light of the weather-driven cancellations. So glad, however, for the two presentations we were able to give.

So many people to thank, but if I get started, there will be NO more room in this Forerunner for news! It takes an unbelievable number of folks with many combined talents to create the spectacular tree event.

Another special feature this year was the addition of more singers from surrounding churches in our community. We had several joining us from First Baptist of Creve Coeur. Their choir is directed by **Demetrius Beverly**, a former student of mine from Parkway South High. Demetrius began serving in the music ministry of this church while still in high school. It gives me such joy to see this young man using his exceptional talent for the Lord and it has been nice to work with him as a peer.

Choir Schedule for the Holiday Season

Our choir will NOT rehearse on December 26 or January 2. For 9:00 a.m. worship on January 1, we will sing the classic *Holy is He*. Many of you have sung this piece before. It is a favorite and we invite you to join us.

The Christmas Animals

I am sure many of you love the stories that highlight imagery of the animals of the Nativity. There is a legend that tells how the animals received the gift of speech on Christmas Eve so they could sing praises to the baby Jesus. In *The little Drummer Boy*, the animals dance to honor the Christ child. In the French carol *The Friendly Beasts*, the donkey, cow, sheep, and dove are given human characteristics as they share their gifts with the newborn King.

Here is a poem by **C.S. Lewis** that focuses on the animals around the manger. Lewis reflects on the characteristics of each to capture traits evident in his own life.

THE NATIVITY

Among the oxen (like an ox I'm slow)

I see a glory in the stable grow

Which, with the ox's dullness might at length

Give me an ox's strength.

Among the asses (stubborn I as they)

I see my Savior where I looked for hay;

So may my beast like folly learn at least

The patience of a beast.

Among the sheep (I like a sheep have strayed)

I watch the manger where my Lord is laid;

Oh that my baaing nature would win thence

Some woolly innocence!

Merry Christmas!

May I take this opportunity to say thanks for the many beautiful expressions of Christmas wishes received and may I return the greeting to each of you.

May blessings and joy abound for you and yours this Christmas!

Birth

Congratulations to **Megan Maschmidt** on the birth of **Avery Leigh Fanning** on November 28. Avery’s grandparents are **Eugene & Kim Maschmidt** and great grandmother is **Marilyn Wood**.

Chi Alpha News

Andrew Yakel, Minister to Students and Outreach

Six Flags Holiday in the Park – December 27

Youth and their families are invited to go to Six Flags “Holiday in the Park” with us on Tuesday, December 27. Cost of the tickets will be \$15 per person (unless you have a season pass – then it is free). We will meet at church at 1 p.m. and travel to Six Flags. Then in the evening we will leave the park and head out for dinner (make sure to bring money for dinner). Sign up in the Rafters by December 25 to reserve your spot.

Big Chill – January 15-16

The best way to start the year is at the Big Chill!! All 7th-12th graders are invited to the Big Chill on January 15-16. Cost is only \$5. We will start by going to Sports Fusion for laser tag, dodgeball, mini golf, and more! Then we will head back to the church to play games, eat food, watch movies, and more! Cost includes all activities at the church and two hours at Sports Fusion in Chesterfield. Bring extra money if you want to play arcade games or get food at Sports Fusion (for more info: www.chesterfieldsportsfusion.com). Bring a 2-liter of soda and a snack to share for the night. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, January 8. Invite your friends to this fun event! Sign up in the Rafters.

Upcoming Dates:

December 21 and 28 – NO Small Groups	January 15-16 – Big Chill
December 27 – Six Flags	January 28 – Winter Jam
	“Holiday in the Park”
February 5 – Super Bowl Party	
January 4 – Small Groups Resume	April 7-9 - DNOW
January 6 – Ember Worship Night	

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

International Missions Emphasis is here! What a great gift to give at this Christmas season—supporting what God is doing around the world through our missionaries. The goal for this offering for FFBC is \$20,000. Thank you for your generous giving -- a bit more to go to meet our goal! We can do it! Continue to be a part of what God is doing by praying and giving.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT: Thank you, to all who helped during this event to take care of the kids! It was a fun evening of games, play, and fun with friends. Thanks to all who donated items for the Christmas store. The kids loved “shopping” for their families. What a treat for them! The next Parents’ Night Out will be in February, around Valentine’s Day, so watch for more info after the New Year!

Wishing you and your families a Very Merry Christmas!

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Our goal this year is \$20,000. You nearly gave that much last year, so we are challenging you to surpass it this year! Your offering will support missions around the world! We are off to a good start, the current amount given is \$14,803, let’s see if we can meet our goal by the end of December!