

THE FORERUNNER

FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH

TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

A Word From The Pastor

God had made a promise to Abraham that he would have as many descendants as there were stars in the sky. Abraham was 86 years old and Sarah was afraid that this would not come true. She

Please keep our youth in your prayers this week; 26 of them are with our Youth Minister, Andrew, and chaperones in Savannah, Georgia, working with *World Changers*. They will be there all

could not understand why God had allowed her to pass childbearing age and now she was afraid that Abraham's lineage would not continue. Instead of waiting on God, they decided to take matters into their own hands. Surely God would not mind if they helped Him out to fulfill His prophecy. Some people think that the hardest

Abram's wife Sarai had not borne him any children. But she had an Egyptian slave woman named Hagar. So she said to Abram, "The Lord has kept me from having children. Why don't you sleep with my slave? Perhaps she can have a child for me." Abram agreed with what Sarai said. So she gave Hagar to him to be his concubine.

Genesis 16:1-3 (TEV)

part of living in relationship with the Lord is hearing Him speak. I don't think so. I think the hardest part of our relationship with God is doing what He asks us to do. Sometimes God asks us to do something and sometimes God asks us to wait. We like to "do", but the waiting is hard. Because Abraham and Sarah would not wait upon the Lord, they created a child through an Egyptian slave who would later become the father of all Islam. The Lord seldom works on our timetable. He has reasons why He makes us wait. Sometimes we understand them and sometimes we don't. The Bible reminds us that those who wait upon the Lord renew their strength and get better direction and focus on what we are to do. Wait on God; He will show you the right way.

week, traveling home on Sunday, June 25. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to work alongside other Christians, helping serve communities in various ways. This will also be a great opportunity for our youth to share their relationship with Jesus Christ with many people who do not know Him. Keep them in your prayers as they work and as they travel.

The mission team to Ukraine will leave July 5. Eighteen people will travel back to the village of Lalovo to help lead a children's camp for about 200 kids. Pray for our team as we continue with our preparations. With the growth of the camp, we have to take more supplies for the craft projects. This means more suitcases we have to transport there. Each suitcase is costing us \$100. Pray that we will come up with the funds to be able to pay for the 18 additional suitcases that we will be taking.

God has blessed our church in so many ways. We have seen new families attend and new families join. Come and be a part of what

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Weekly Summary	6-04-17	6-11-17
Sunday Bible Study Attendance	229	237
Small Group Attendance	43	37
Total Bible Study Attendance	272	274
Worship Attendance: 9:00 AM	201	192
11:00 AM	130	147
WOW Bible Studies	10	—
Nursing Home Ministry	28	23
Additions	0	0
Offering	\$24,873.22	\$14,404.06
E-Giving 5/25-6/9)	\$10,690.00	

Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Bea Diggs** who passed away June 9.



Thank You

A *Thank You* note received from **Ruth Thoma** has been posted on the bulletin board in the hallway near the Cornerstone Café.

2017 Concert Series

- July 9—The Daughters of Zion
- July 16—Charles Graham
- July 23—Alumni Praise Singers
- July 30—Assurance Quartet
- August 6—Timothy Noble
- August 13—The Lesters

Super Sundaes Nights

Following each of the Summer Concerts, we will enjoy hotdogs, nachos, ice cream sundaes and fellowship in the Dining Room.



Invite friends to attend the concerts with you and then stay for the fellowship that follows.

A Word From The Pastor

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God is doing here at Fee Fee Baptist Church. Our mission is *To know Christ and to make Him known*. Help us to do that. God bless you and I will see you in church.

—Brother Randy

Lost and Found

If you think you may have left something at church, please check our *Lost & Found* closet, located across from the church office in the Literature Room. Thanks!

Save These Dates!

- Sunday, August 27
Church Block Party
- Sunday, September 17
Fee Fee Baptist Church's
210th Anniversary Celebration



Ministry Opportunities

- Sunday, June 25**
 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
 4:00 p.m. Patriotic Choir Practice
- Monday, June 26**
 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
 9:00 a.m. Adult Victorious Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
 7:00 p.m. Pick-Up Basketball
- Tuesday, June 27**
 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
 9:00 a.m. Adult Victorious Bible Study
Spirit Lifters
 9:45 a.m. Youth to Six-Flags
- Wednesday, June 28**
 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
 9:00 a.m. Adult Victorious Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study in Café
 Chi Alpha Summers
 7:00 p.m. Scholarship Committee
 7:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
- Thursday, June 29**
 9:00 a.m. Adult Victorious Bible Study
 1:00 p.m. History Committee
 4:15 p.m. Ukraine Team Music Reh.
- Friday, June 30**
 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
 7:30 p.m. Men's Softball League
 8:00 p.m. Swimming Under the Stars
- Saturday, July 1**
Sunday, July 2
 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
 5:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting
- Monday, July 3**
 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
 6:15 p.m. Properties Committee
 7:00 p.m. Pick-Up Basketball
- Tuesday, July 4—Independence Day**
 8am-Noon Bridgeton 4th of July Parade
 Church Office & Buildings Closed
- Wednesday, July 5**
 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study in Cafe
 Chi Alpha Summers
 "I'm A Christian Now" Class
 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee
 7:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
 Mission Team leaves for Ukraine
- Thursday, July 6**
 Mission Team in Ukraine
- Friday, July 7**
 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
 1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time
 7:00 p.m. Prime Time Watermelon/Ice
 Cream/Games Night
 TBD Youth Movie Day
 Mission Team in Ukraine
- Saturday, July 8**
 Mission Team in Ukraine

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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

Many of you have been asking for dates for our upcoming events so today I'm going to give you them for the next three months. I'm glad you are so excited but I want to challenge you to share your excitement with your friends and invite them to come along.

Our next major event is Adult Vacation Bible school. This year we will be studying the model of Jesus for making disciples and sending them out. You won't want to miss this study. I want to challenge each of you to bring someone to this study. You don't need to look outside the church. Who do you know that has never attended adult VBS or hasn't attended for a very long time? Sometimes it just takes a personal invitation to get them here. Please find someone to invite.

Upcoming events:

- ♦ June 26-29, 9:00-11:30 a.m. - Adult VBS
- ♦ July 4, 9:00 a.m. - Ride or walk in Bridgeton parade and hand out water
- ♦ July 7, 7:00 p.m. - Home-made ice cream, watermelon and games
- ♦ July 20, 10:00 a.m. - King Tut Exhibit, Science Center and lunch
- ♦ August 4, 5:30 p.m. - Dinner at Culvers & Once Upon a Mattress, FCC
- ♦ August 5, 9:00 a.m.-noon - Back-to-School Free Market
- ♦ August 29, 10:00 a.m. - Old Ordnance Museum at Jefferson Barracks and lunch
- ♦ September 7, 11:00 a.m. - Barbeque in the Park
- ♦ September 18, 9:00 a.m. - Tour of Daniel Boone Home & village and lunch

Put these on the calendar and check sign-up sheets for any time changes.

Family Front

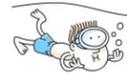
Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

THANK YOU, FFBC, FOR MAKING VBS 'MAKER FUN FACTORY' POSSIBLE!

It was a fun week that is only possible through crew leaders, station leaders, various helpers of all sorts, pray-ers, and those who donated the many needed supplies! Thank you, FFBC, for giving so that sharing the gospel in this fun and exciting way is possible!

Next Sunday, June 25, is the 4th Sunday of the month, the Sunday that is set aside for K-6th grade kids to worship with their parents in the 11:00 service.

Enjoy this time in worship with your kids.



Save the dates: TWO Swimming Under the Stars nights: June 30 and July 26, 8-10:00 p.m. I'll look for you there!

In July I will be leading a class for kids who are awaiting baptism: I'M A CHRISTIAN NOW class. This class answers questions about: salvation, being a follower of Christ, baptism, the Lord's Supper, what the church is, and how to grow as a Christian. I plan to offer this class on Wednesday nights, July 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 6-7:00 p.m. If you would like your child, 1st through 6th grade, to attend, see me. I'd love to have them in this class. Parents are encouraged to attend with their child.

Serving with you to help children and families KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN.

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Those Daring, Illegal Hymns!!!

It's hard to imagine hymns as something new and daring, but in the 18th century they were not only a novelty, but their use in the church was strictly illegal. However, this NEW form was seized with enthusiasm by **John Wesley** and his brother, **Charles**, who made hymn singing an important feature of their ministry. These new hymns in a secular style would not have been out of place in the theatre, the pleasure gardens (outdoor entertainment venues), or even the tavern. The shocked and staid Establishment delayed the introduction of hymns into parish churches. However, by the end of the century, hymns were widespread in nearly all denominations. Uhhhhh....any parallels come to mind? Hmmmmm.

John Wesley's Instructions for Singing - 1761 (condensed)

1. Sing ALL. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can...
2. Sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength....
3. Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony...
4. Sing in Time. Whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run before nor stay behind it...and take care not to sing too slow...
5. Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself or any other creature.

Summer Choir

Our choir will continue to sing through the summer months. However, we will take a "vacation" from choir rehearsals during most of July. Rehearsals will resume on July 31 in preparation for our fall schedule. We will not rehearse on July 3, 10, 17 and 24.

Summer Concerts

Please help us get the word out for our summer concerts. These concerts have been well supported by our community. Many have been blessed by the messages delivered through these wonderful Christian artists. These concerts, as always, will be provided at no charge, but a free will offering will be received for each. We will soon have informational flyers available.

Bible Study Corner

Bible study is all about being disciples and/or followers of Jesus. Our church has followed Jesus over the past school year by providing over 7,000 meals for children with food insufficiency. We will not be collecting food this summer as your generosity has left us with some food on our shelves until school starts again.

Our community still has many needs, however. On August 5 we will minister to our community by having a Back-to-School Free Market. I'm sure many of you are wondering what you can do to help. First, we would like to collect school supplies to be given away that day. Our students and families, however, need more than that.

I would like to challenge you to go through your "stuff" and find items that you would normally sell in a garage sale. Bring these items, your car and a table at 8:30 a.m. on August 5 and give these items to those who have needs. I would like to challenge you to go a step further. There are some fabulous gently used clothes for kids at resale shops. Take the money you might have used for backpack food items this summer and buy some kids clothes in various sizes. Let's show our community that they will know us by our love!

Chi Alpha News

Andrew Yakel, Minister to Students & Outreach

World Changers Mission Trip – June 18-25

The *World Changers* Savannah Mission Trip is this week! Your students are currently serving as the hands and feet of Christ in Savannah, Georgia. Please continue praying for their safety and health. Most importantly, make sure to be praying for God's intervention in the hearts of our students and the people of Savannah.

Six Flags – June 27

Our Six Flags Day on Tuesday, June 27, will include roller coasters, funnel cakes, and fun! We'll meet at the church at 9:45 a.m. and travel to Six Flags St. Louis. The cost is only \$20 per person, unless 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, June 25.

Swim Night – June 30

Dive in to summer fun with our Swim Night on Friday, June 30, at the Bridgeton Pool (4201 Fee Fee Rd.) from 8-10:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person (\$20 max per family). Guests are FREE, so invite your friends and neighbors!

Movie Day – July 7

We are going to see *Despicable Me 3* on Friday, July 7, at the AMC Theatre in Creve Coeur! Specific times will be given the week of the movie, after the theater releases its show times. Be sure to come and see what evil plan *Gru* has stirred up next!



Upcoming Dates:

- June 27 – Six Flags
- June 30 – Swim Night
- July 5-18 – Ukraine Mission Trip
- July 7 – Movie Day
- July 23 – Amazing Race
- July 26 – Swim Night
- August 6 – Youth and Family BBQ

July 4th Bridgeton Parade

Our church will have an entry in the Bridgeton July 4th parade. The parade theme is honoring First Responders and our theme will be "Fee Fee Baptist Church - Responding to spiritual needs since 1807".



Our entry will be one of our church buses pulling a trailer displaying a banner with our theme printed on it. To ride in the bus or walk behind you will need to meet our entry at the parade staging area on Avery Lane after 9:00 a.m. and before 10:00 a.m. on the morning of July 4. The parade will end at the Target/Machinist Hall parking lot. To reserve a seat on the bus or for more information, contact **Larry Condra** at 314-994-1187.