

THE FORERUNNER

FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH

TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

A Word From Andrew

As we have wrapped up our *We are the Church* series, I hope you have been challenged to ask yourself, does my life and my church reflect what we read about what the church was like in the book of Acts? If there are areas it does not, what can you and I do about that? This past Sunday we looked at two specific ways the early believers supported the church – they served and they gave. If you are not involved in serving or giving to the church, I hope you will pray about how God would have you be a part of that. My goal for this series was to encourage us as we move forward to look more and more like the church God wants us to be. When we do that, we will see the results they saw in the book of Acts!

In the past year, after making some major changes to our church schedule, we have seen God do some great things. But we've also seen areas that need improvement. When we made those changes a little over a year ago, we said that, as we go, we would evaluate how things are going and if adjustments are needed we would make them. We've already lived that out. Last fall we saw some gaps in the children's and youth's Sunday morning schedules so we made adjustments that I think have been very beneficial to us. As we have continued to evaluate over the past year, one of the biggest gaps we have seen is in our Bible Study

time from 10:00-11:00 a.m. We have heard from multiple Sunday School class members and teachers how cramped that time is, that it doesn't allow for quality time engaging in community and Bible study. Pastor Randy saw this before he left and brought it up to our deacons. They discussed it and at our business meeting on Wednesday, November 15, they brought forward a recommendation that we make an adjustment. It was voted on and approved at that meeting that beginning the first Sunday of the new year, January 7, our new Sunday morning schedule will be: 8:30 a.m. – Traditional Worship 9:45 a.m. – Bible Study 11:00 a.m. – Contemporary Worship

This adjustment will allow for more time as a community to fellowship and give more adequate time to studying God's Word. I know that anytime there are changes there are challenges. But I also believe that these are changes that will bring growth to us as a church body. I hope you'll continue to pray for Fee Fee as we move forward. Pray that God will give us wisdom and direction. Pray that God will allow us to look more and more like the church in the book of Acts. Pray that God will continue to use us "to know Christ and make Him known".

Andrew Yakel
Interim Associate Pastor

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, November 26
9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - The Lord's Supper
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

Monday, November 27
9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Pick-Up Basketball

Tuesday, November 28
7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
9:00 a.m. Spirit Lifters
3:30-10:00 p.m. Texas Roadhouse Youth Fundraiser
6:30 p.m. ESL Classes

Wednesday, November 29
9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
5:00 p.m. Family Dinner
6:00 p.m. Week of Prayer Mission Study on Russia
6:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study
AWANA
Youth Small Groups
8:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

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

Friday, December 1
9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time
5:00 p.m. Parents' Night Out
5:30 p.m. Prime Time to *Best Christmas Pageant Ever*
6:00 p.m. Adult 7 Christmas Party

Saturday, December 2
7:00 p.m. Singles' Christmas Party

Sunday, December 3 - Week of Prayer 1st Sunday of Advent
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
12:00 p.m. New Member Class/Lunch
3:00 p.m. Tree Rehearsal
Angel Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Precepts Bible Study
Deacons' Meeting

Monday, December 4
9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
11:00 a.m. Week of Prayer Luncheon
1:00 p.m. History Committee
6:15 p.m. Properties Committee
6:30 p.m. Tree/Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Pick-Up Basketball

Tuesday, December 5
7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
10:00 a.m. Week of Prayer Meeting
6:30 p.m. ESL Classes

Wednesday, December 6
9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
5:00 p.m. Family Dinner
6:00 p.m. Week of Prayer Study
6:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study
AWANA
Youth Small Groups
7:00 p.m. Budget Q & A
8:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

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Weekly Summary	11-05-17	11-12-17
Sunday Bible Study Attendance	233	246
Small Group Attendance	17	
Total Bible Study Attendance	250	
Worship Attendance: 9:00 AM	196	206
11:00 AM	103	104
AWANA Clubs	42	44
WOW Bible Studies	34	31
Nursing Home Ministry	24	-
Additions	3	-
Offering	\$19,893.14	\$21,431.29
E-Giving (10/26-11/6)	\$9,439.00	

Wednesday Night Supper Menus

November 29	December 6
Beef Stroganoff	BBQ Chicken
Peas	Coleslaw
Salad Bar	Tator Tots
Pudding Delight	Salad Bar
	Cobbler

Welcome, New Members

On Sunday, November 19—
Presenting himself as a candidate for baptism and church membership by his profession of faith:
• **Clinton Whitaker**

Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to
...the family and friends of **Emma Yvonne Harrington** who passed away November 3.

...the family and friends of **Cliff Pass** who passed away November 17.

Single Adults

We are having *A Merry Little Christmas Gathering* on December 2 from 7 - 10 p.m. at Debbie Mead's home. Bring a plate of cookies and a White Elephant Gift. Come enjoy the evening.

Debbie's Address
3929 Albers Pointe Dr.
Florissant, 63033
314-381-2988

Ministry Opportunities

...Continued from back
Thursday, December 7
6:30 p.m. ESL Classes
Metro Baptist Volleyball League
Friday, December 8
9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
5:00 p.m. Adult 4 Christmas Party
6:00 p.m. Ember Worship Night
Saturday, December 9

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
Tis the season to be ____ you fill in the blank. I hope loving, kind, generous and being involved in ministry to our community and church family were some of your answers. I'm expecting my Prime Timers to step up and lead the way in the ministry opportunities that are coming our way. The church is watching us and we need to faithfully follow the direction of the Spirit of the Living God.

The council has planned the activities for the first quarter of 2018 and we have some exciting stuff coming your way. Put these on your calendar and plan to attend and invite someone.

Thursday, January 11 - Chili lunch and movie, *A Return to Grace*

Tuesday, January 23 - Omnimax and lunch at Zia's

Tuesday, February 6 - Old Ordnance Room - Part 2 of WWI exhibit/Café Telegraph

Thursday, February 22 - History Museum *Panoramas of the City*/ Boat House

March TBA - *The Odd Couple*, Florissant Civic Center

March TBA - Overnight trip to Springfield, MO - Aquarium/Wonders of Wildlife and Stained Glass Theater

If you have suggestions for upcoming events, please submit those in writing to Gloria.

Bible Study Corner

As we approach the holidays, many of our topical studies and special Bible Studies will be shutting down until the new year. Please continue to be faithful to your Bible study group, small group or transformation group. New topical studies are being planned for January including one on spiritual parenting. This might be a good opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors who might benefit from this study.

Giving Tree

This season Fee Fee has a "Giving Tree" set up in the parlor, filled with gift requests from needy families in our community. Each ornament on the tree has a specific gift request - just take the ornament, purchase the gift, wrap the gift and attach the ornament to the top. Return the gift to church by Sunday, December 17 - there will be a large wrapped gift box located in the church office.

If you'd rather check online, there is a link on our website at feefeebc.org, or scan the qr code to the right with your smart phone, where you can look over the requests and provide a gift that way.



Finally, if you'd rather donate money and let a special set of Christmas elves shop for you, just drop an envelope marked "Giving Tree" in the offering plate. We're looking forward to blessing the community!

Helping Opportunity - November 25 9:00 a.m.

Bring your rakes, gloves, leaf blowers and some yard waste bags and join Gloria Fox to clean up the yards of several church members who need our help. This is a great way to make Christ known to our community through our love for one another. Please let Gloria know if you will be joining her.

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving!

Here's hoping you will enjoy a wonderful feast with your family. Be sure to eat your vegetables - carrot cake, zucchini bread and pumpkin pie!

Seriously, cherish the time with family and/or good friends. Above all take some time to reflect on your blessings. Express gratitude to special teachers, mentors and friends for the way they have touched your life.

*Do not be anxious for anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with **THANKSGIVING**, present your requests to God.*

Philippians 4:6

"Tree" Production Helpers Still Needed

We need:

Wrangler moms to help with managing the children who will be involved in the presentation

Stage hands to move and set props

Ushers and greeters

Nativity characters - Mary & Joseph and adult shepherds

Get the Word Out

Help us publicize this event. We have small cards to hand to friends, neighbors, co-workers and other acquaintances.

Thanks for listening!

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Parents' Night Out

Friday, December 1, from 5:00–10:00 p.m. Sign up your kids (birth through 6th grade) for this fun night of Christmas shopping, games, and more. We are accepting donations of new items for the store. Sign-up 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 for the kids. **Don't forget to sign up by Sunday, November 26.**

In this holiday season there are many needs around the world, in our community and in our church family. You will hear about many needs: from giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to helping a local family with Christmas gifts. Choose the best way for your family to participate. Thank you ahead of time for however God leads you to give.

There are many ways to serve in children's ministries: Bible study teachers, Awana leaders, worker child care. If 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.

New Member Class

On Sunday, December 3, following the 11:00 service, Kathy Scott will be leading a New Member Class for new members or people who haven't attended a new member class in the past. The class will take place in the Dining Room and lunch will be provided. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the choir room so we know how many to prepare for.

Chi Alpha News

Sarah Turner, Praise and Worship Leader & Interim Youth Director

Hey Students and Parents! Over the past few weeks in Wednesday Night Youth, we have been talking about “Who is My Neighbor?” As the body of Christ, it is so important for us to love on the people around us and be a good neighbor, as well as letting others be a neighbor to us, and not being too prideful to ask for help or show vulnerability.

I'd like to encourage you to keep the conversation going in your home! Do you know your neighbors? What are some ways you, as a family, can love your neighbors? Have you ever talked to them about spiritual things, or maybe even invited them to church? Perhaps in the coming weeks you could take a step toward one of those things and see what God does!

A couple of “need to knows” about upcoming events:

November 28 - Texas Road House Youth Fundraiser

Come eat some delicious food at Texas Roadhouse in St. Charles between the hours of 3:30–10:00 p.m. and a portion of what you spend will go to the youths mission trip to World Changers next summer! Make sure you grab a flyer from church or download one from the church website to take with you.

December 1 - Parents' Night Out

Youth, sign up in The Rafters to work and you will get hours toward the World Changers trip!

December 3 - World Changers

Deadline for signing up and deposits.

December 16 –Community Pantry

Our church body will be serving at the International Community Pantry that Saturday. Meet at church to ride over on the bus at 8:30 a.m. and we'll arrive back at church by noon. We will be helping the food pantry organize, package, and handout food to families. Come join us in serving!

Lottie Moon / International Missions Week of Prayer

Week of Prayer for International Missions is December 3-10 with the ingathering of your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering on December 10 in both services. The goal for Fee Fee this year is \$18,000. Be a part of sharing hope by praying for IMB missionaries (there are 3,596 right now) and by giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. 100 % of gifts to LMCO support our international missionaries and their work around the world. Over 2.8 million people have little or no access to the gospel. Men, women, and children, and entire communities are transformed as a result of this offering.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal

\$18,000

Wednesday, November 29, will be a mission study on Russia at 6:00 p.m. in the Dining Room.

Week of Prayer Meetings

Monday, December 4 - The Potts' home at 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 5 - Fee Fee at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 6 - Fee Fee at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend all the meetings!