

THE FORERUNNER

FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH

TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

A Word From Andrew

Paul gives us incredible insight into what worship is in Romans 12:1. He says “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.” Paul was urging Christians to think of their entire lives as vehicles for worshipping God. Every activity they do, every word they say, every relationship they are a part of, every place they go can be an opportunity for worship. Is that how you think of your life? When you go to work in the morning, when you eat dinner with your family, when you go to the grocery store, do you pray, “God show me how to make this worship?” This week try to think of that – wherever you go, whoever you are with, and whatever you are doing has the potential to be worship to God. How would that change your actions?

We will end our “Undignified” series on worship by having our rescheduled Prayer and Worship Night! On Sunday, January 21, at 6:30 p.m. the whole church body is invited to join us for this special night in the sanctuary. Start the year off joining other believers as we come together before God in prayer and worship. Childcare will be provided for kids 3rd grade and younger. I hope you will be there as we experience worship and I pray that you will feel free to “celebrate before the Lord” and

“become even more undignified” in your worship of God (2 Samuel 6:21-22).

I also encourage you to begin praying for our Dominican Republic Mission Trip this summer. The Dominican Republic is a beautiful country with a great need for the gospel. Pray for the Dominican people as well as the missionaries we

will be working with. Maybe God is leading you to not just pray, but to go. Our team will go July 7-14 to do children’s ministry and other missions work. The cost is \$900 per person. You can grab an info sheet and application at the church or on the download section of the church website. Sign up by turning in a completed application with a \$150 deposit to me or the church office by Sunday, February 4.

Our annual Midwinter Bible Study will be Sunday, January 28. Dr. Matt Easter will be sharing with us from the book of Hebrews in both morning services as well as afternoon sessions. You can sign up for this in-depth Bible study and lunch on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.

The following week, February 4, is Super Bowl Sunday. This year for the Super Bowl I would like to encourage you to consider how you could use the day to reach people for the Gospel. This would be a great Sunday for you to invite your unchurched friends,

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Weekly Summary	12-31-17	01-7-18
Sunday Bible Study Attendance	139	176
Small Group Attendance	-	13
Total Bible Study Attendance	139	189
Worship Attendance: 9:00 AM	130	138
11:00 AM	91	95
Lottie Moon (as of 1/9/18)	\$18,961.00	
AWANA Clubs	-	45
WOW Bible Studies	11	14
Additions	-	2
Offering	\$9,693.96	\$19,573.50
E-Giving (12/23-12/29)	\$4,925.00	

Wednesday Night Supper Menus

January 31	February 7
Meatloaf	Tacos
Potatoes	Salad Bar
Peas	Brownies
Salad Bar	
Cookies	

Welcome, New Members

On Sunday, January 7— Presenting herself as a candidate for church membership by her statement of faith:

- Cheryl Morris

Presenting himself as a candidate for baptism and church membership by his profession of faith:

- Drake Morris

Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to ... **Kevin Kurtz** in the death of his stepfather, **Ronald Philipp**, on January 3. He was the grandfather of **Maria, Shawn and James Kurtz** ... the family and friends of **Jan Ray** who passed away January 9. ... **Dave (Donna) Potts** in the death of his mother, **Melba Jane Potts**, on January 9. She was the grandmother of **Cindy (Ben) Tyler and Chris (Anna) Potts**. ... **Sharon Maessen** in the death of her niece, **Rhonda Leonard**.

Birth

Congratulations to **Donna and Mike Stammer** on the birth of their new granddaughter, **Kinsley Faith Dolan**, on January 12. Kinsey’s proud parents are **Ned and Amanda Dolan**.

Recycle Bins

We now have a blue paper recycle bin in the Parlor. Please feel free to drop used paper in the recycle bin instead of the trash cans.

A Word From Andrew

...continued from front neighbors, and coworkers to your Super Bowl Party. This is a great opportunity to interact with them and let them see a loving church community. Who are you inviting to your Super Bowl Party? This is a great way to live your life as a living sacrifice of worship!

Andrew Yakel
Interim Associate Pastor

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, January 21
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
I'm A Christian Now Class
10:45 a.m. KidsZone
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship—The Lord's Supper
4:00 p.m. Children's Committee
5:00 p.m. Precepts Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Night of Prayer & Worship
Monday, January 22
9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
9:30 a.m. Sewing Group
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Pick-Up Basketball
Tuesday, January 23
7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
9:00 a.m. Spirit Lifters
10:00 a.m. Prime Time to Omnimax & Zia's
6:30 p.m. ESL Classes
Wednesday, January 24
9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
5:00 p.m. Family Dinner
6:00 p.m. Bible Study
6:15 p.m. WOW Bible Studies
Men's Bible Study
AWANA
Youth Small Groups
8:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
Thursday, January 25
6:30 p.m. ESL Classes
Metro Baptist Volleyball League
Friday, January 26
9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
6:30 p.m. Family Game Night
Saturday, January 27
2:00 p.m. Winter Jam Concert
Sunday, January 28
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
I'm A Christian Now Class
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
12:00 noon Light Lunch
12:30 p.m. Mid-Winter Bible Study
Children's Sessions
1:45 p.m. Dessert Break
2:00 p.m. Mid-Winter Bible Study
Children's Sessions
Monday, January 29
9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Pick-Up Basketball
Tuesday, January 30
7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
6:30 p.m. ESL Classes
Wednesday, January 31
9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
5:00 p.m. Family Dinner
6:00 p.m. Bible Study
6:15 p.m. WOW Bible Studies
Men's Bible Study
AWANA
Youth Small Groups
8:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal
Thursday, February 1
6:30 p.m. ESL Classes
Metro Baptist Volleyball League
Friday, February 2
TBD Children's Ministry Expo
9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time
Saturday, February 3

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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

Who knew the church owed Martin Luther so much for his leadership toward a return to Scripture and a return to grace. The early church had truly lost their focus on Jesus's sacrifice of love and the free gift of salvation! If you missed our chili luncheon and movie, you might want to find some way to watch the documentary, *A Return to Grace!*

Our first event of the year is cleaned up but in just 12 days we get to escape the cold at the Omnimax presentation of *Journey to the South Pacific*. Now doesn't that warm you up? The bus will leave church at 9:15 for the 10:00 a.m. showing. The cost of the movie is \$9 unless they give us a senior or group discount. After the movie, we will go to The Hill to experience our favorite Italian restaurant, Zia's.

Bible Study Corner

It's not too late to join the Spiritual Parenting class on Sunday mornings at 9:45 in Room 213. You can watch the session you missed on Right Now Media.

If you have an idea for topical studies during the Bible Study hour, please let me know. If you would be willing to lead a topical study, that would be even better

Bible Study classes, Transformation groups, and Small groups

You may not have realized it yet, but we moved Mid-Winter Bible study off of Super Bowl Sunday. Why? Because we wanted to give our full attention to both! January 28 will be a great day of getting into the Word and studying together.

February 4 will be a great day for connecting on a completely different level with those you study with each week. I would like to see each group plan a Super Bowl Party in someone's home. Someone could open their house and the rest of you bring tantalizing, unhealthy appetizers and snack foods that we all so enjoy. Jesus always fellowshiped in the homes of those who were His followers. It's the perfect way to connect on a completely different level. Plan one today and invite your group and some neighbors!

Church

Do we have an exciting opportunity for you? Yep, we are going bowling! On Friday night, February 16, we will go to one of the local lanes and fellowship in cute shoes! We are working with Carrolton Brunswick or Olivette Lanes on our options. Specific details will be in the next Forerunner. For right now, just put it on your calendar and plan to attend. We have made this event to coincide with Parents' Night Out, so guys, if you are looking for a perfect date night, here's an option. The entire church is invited. Bring some friends and neighbors to join in the fun and antics!

Fee Fee's Snow Policy

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.

For Sunday closings, check the TV channels listed above, Facebook, or the church website.

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Community Singers Informational / Organizational Meeting

This meeting will be held on Sunday, February 4, after 11:00 a.m. worship from 12:15-1:00 in the choir room.

This group of singers is being formed to serve in our community with a strong involvement in nursing home, assisted living and retirement facility ministry.

We need to gather a group of singers who has a heart for bringing joy and hope and a loving spirit to those who may need the blessing of music. Singers will not be auditioned. The music selected will not be difficult, but it will be good quality and enjoyable to sing. All are welcome to participate regardless of previous singing experience.

New Year - New Choir Members Welcome

Choir meets on Monday evenings at 6:30 in the choir room. There is no audition process. We welcome all ranges of voices. All you have to do is show up. The value of letting **Janet** know ahead of time is that we can have a folder prepared for your use even if you are just wanting to visit. Give us a try.

Listed below are some health benefits of choir:

- * Singing is an aerobic activity. When we sing we draw more oxygen into the bloodstream improving circulation.
- * Research has shown that singers produce antibodies in the blood which enhance the immune system.
- * Throat muscles are toned when we sing and studies have suggested that this can help reduce snoring.

In addition to health benefits, you can learn some good vocal skills.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP NIGHT RESCHEDULED

Due to ice and uncertain weather conditions the Prayer and Worship Night planned for January 7 was postponed, but it is now rescheduled for January 21 in the sanctuary from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided from infant – 3rd grade. Everyone is invited to join!

Matthew 18:20 says “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” Let us *gather* together to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. Would you join us?

Media Center

We have DVDs of this year's tree performance available in the Media Center for a \$1 donation. This donation will help offset the cost of the discs.

Look in the windows, we have several books on “Love” just in time for Valentine's Day. Stop by and check on out.

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Happy New Year! God has great things in store for Fee Fee Baptist!

Coming up for kids and families:

- * **Family Game Night**, Friday, January 26 (date change), 6:30-9:30 p.m. “Winter Games”
- * **Parents' Night Out**, Friday, February 16.
- * **VBS/Soccer Camp**, June 25-29 (DAYTIME)

Mid-winter Bible study, January 28. Please sign up your children if you expect to have care provided. Thanks!

Watch for more info on Children's Mission Day coming soon.

There are many ways to serve in children's ministries: Bible study teachers, Awana leaders, child care workers. If God is calling you to serve in this area, I would love to hear from you.

This is a verse hanging on my office wall and a New Year's resolution I want to strive toward this year. Will you join me? “*Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*” Psalm 51:10. Amen.

Chi Alpha News

Sarah Turner, Praise and Worship Leader & Interim Youth Director

Hey Youth and Parents! We have a lot of awesome things coming up!

Winter Jam – January 27 Meet at church at 2:00 p.m. (returning around 11:00 p.m.) and we will load up the busses and a few cars and head down to the Scottrade Center. Winter Jam is the largest Christian touring Concert with the line-up ranging from Kari Job to Skillet to KB plus so many more! You won't want to miss out. Cost is \$15, plus any extra money for food and merchandise.

Mid-Winter Bible Study – January 28 The youth are not doing anything separate for Mid-Winter Bible Study this year. We are hoping for participation or there is need for childcare workers.

Youth Family Super Bowl Party – February 4 Youth and their families! You are invited to watch the Super Bowl up in the rafters at 5:00 p.m. on Super Bowl Sunday! Bring your favorite sports watching side dish! Sandwiches will be provided.

Ember – February 10 Come on out and join us for our first Ember of the year from 6:00-9:00 p.m.! Pizza, Freeze Pops, Worship, the Word, Fellowship, Human-size Foosball... what more could you ask for on a Saturday night?

Keep your eyes posted for more upcoming dates!

Announcements:

Youth, be sure to check the sign-up board in the back of the rafters for opportunities to work childcare for some up-coming events at church. You will be paid, and if you are going on any of our mission trips this summer you could get scholarship hours! Great opportunities; be sure to check it out!

Parents, we are looking for volunteers to help with the youth in the Sunday Bible Study hour. If you have the time available or the interest, please email me at sarah@feefeebc.org.

