

Weekly Summary	06-02-19	06-09-19
Sunday Bible Study Attendance	247	226
Small Group Attendance	15	—
WOW Bible Studies	12	—
Men’s Fraternity	7	—
Total Bible Study Attendance	281	226
Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM	186	185
11:00 AM	194	152
Offering	\$16,118.75	\$12,930.00
E-Giving (5/25-6/3)	\$9,875.00	



**JULY 7**

The Lesters

**JULY 14**

The Harris Trio

**JULY 21**

Assurance Quartet

**JULY 28**

Timothy Noble

**AUGUST 4**

Erica Lyles

**Sundays at 6:00 p.m.**

**All concerts are FREE!**

Freewill offerings are accepted.

**\*Don’t miss Super Sundae Nights immediately following each concert!**

**Thank You**

The church has received a *Thank You* card from **Paul and Darren Snow**.



**Vacation Bible School 2019**

Have a roaring good time as kids who have completed K-6th grade come to enjoy a day of free, safe, and fun activities that teach of Jesus’ love for them. Register online by June 19. Before and after care available upon request.

**June 24-28**

**9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon**



Immediately following VBS, is Sports Crusaders Basketball Camp for kids who have completed 1st-6th grade. Registration is required along with a \$45 camp fee. Please register online by June 17 to secure a spot!

**June 24-28**

**1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

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

Ministry Opportunities	Church Office Staff
<b>Sunday, June 23</b> 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship & The Lord’s Supper Bible Study 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 12:15 p.m. Children’s Committee 4:00 p.m. Youth Returning from Houston Mission Trip 5:00 p.m. Deacons’ Meeting <b>Monday, June 24</b> 8:00 a.m. Before VBS Childcare 9:00 a.m. VBS 1:00 p.m. Basketball Camp 4:00 p.m. After VBS Childcare 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Pickup Basketball <b>Tuesday, June 25</b> 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 8:00 a.m. Before VBS Childcare 9:00 a.m. Spirit Lifters 9:00 a.m. VBS 1:00 p.m. Basketball Camp 4:00 p.m. After VBS Childcare <b>Wednesday, June 26</b> 8:00 a.m. Before VBS Childcare 9:00 a.m. VBS 1:00 p.m. Basketball Camp 4:00 p.m. After VBS Childcare 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Chi Alpha Summers (Youth) 6:15 p.m. WOW Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Men’s Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal <b>Thursday, June 27</b> 8:00 a.m. Before VBS Childcare 9:00 a.m. VBS 1:00 p.m. Basketball Camp 4:00 p.m. After VBS Childcare <b>Friday, June 28</b> 8:00 a.m. Before VBS Childcare 9:00 a.m. VBS 1:00 p.m. Basketball Camp 4:00 p.m. After VBS Childcare 6:30/7:30 p.m. Men’s Softball League <b>Saturday, June 29</b> <b>Sunday, June 30</b> 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 10:45 a.m. KidsZone 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 12:00 p.m. Short Program/Lunch for VBS Families 2:30 p.m. Youth Amazing Race <b>Monday, July 1</b> 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 9:30 a.m. Sewing Group 6:15 p.m. Properties Committee 7:00 p.m. Pickup Basketball <b>Tuesday, July 2</b> 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels <b>Wednesday, July 3</b> 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Chi Alpha Summers (Youth) 7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee 7:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal <b>Thursday, July 4—Independence Day</b> Church Offices and Buildings Closed <b>Friday, July 5</b> 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time <b>Saturday, July 6</b> TBD Dominican Republic Mission Trip Team Departing	SENIOR PASTOR.....Rev. Zach Crook INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR ..... ..... Rev. Andrew Yakel DIRECTOR OF SENIOR ADULT & BIBLE STUDY .....Ms.Gloria Fox DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES .....Mrs. Kathy Scott DIRECTOR OF MUSIC..... Mrs. Ronna Paden PRAISE AND WORSHIP LEADER.. ..... .....Ms. Sarah Turner INTERIM YOUTH DIRECTOR..... ..... Mr. Kyle Baldwin FINANCIAL OFFICER.....Steve Middendorf PASTOR’S SECRETARY..... Ruth Thoma IT ADMINISTRATOR.....Vance Stewart RECEPTIONIST/MUSIC SECRETARY ..... .....Tara Smith  OFFICE ♦ (314) 739-1525 FAX ♦ (314) 739-1302 www.feefeebc.org  THE FORERUNNER is published Bi-weekly, by <b>FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 11330 St. Charles Rock Road Bridgeton, MO 63044-2792  Periodicals Postage rates paid at Hazelwood, MO 63042-9998  USPS 016957  POSTMASTER: Send address changes to:  <b>THE FORERUNNER</b> Fee Fee Baptist Church 11330 St. Charles Rock Road

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# THE FORERUNNER

## FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH

*TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN*

**A Word From Pastor Zach**

It’s summertime, and you know what that means...Vacation Bible School is around the corner! From June 24-28, we will have the incredible privilege of having a ton of kids on our campus! They will learn about our God who loved each of them so much that He sent His Son to die on the cross for their sins!

Do you know the origins of VBS? Landry Holmes, the managing director of Lifeway Kids Publishing, shared the story of how VBS began. Virginia Hawes noticed children needing direction in a section of New York City’s East Side. In 1898, she opened what has become known as the most prominent precursor of today’s VBS...in a beer parlor! She wanted to have a school where the Bible was the only textbook!

Holmes also noted that by 1934, approximately 700 Bible schools reached as many as 100,000 children. It has continued to grow in prominence. In the Southern Baptist Convention alone in 2017, there were 2,494,059 people enrolled in VBS, with 65,301 salvation decisions. Further, there was over \$7 million dollars given to missions through VBS! What started in a beer parlor has developed into the greatest evangelistic event a church can put on each year!

Last year, Lifeway Research surveyed Americans about VBS. From that survey came some stunning statistics. Two-thirds of American parents say they plan to send kids to VBS this summer—even if they skip church themselves! Can you believe that?! The harvest is plentiful! Parents are looking for places to send their kids to VBS! Additionally, 17% of the adults surveyed remembered making a

spiritual commitment at VBS. If we can get the kids there, there is a good chance God will do something amazing!

Therefore, I think we need to do three things. First, we need to pray. Pray that God would prepare the hearts of the kids that will be coming to VBS. Pray for salvation. Pray for our workers. Pray that God would be at work! Second, we need to invite! If two-thirds of parents in America are willing to let their children go to VBS, then it’s imperative for us to invite our neighbors’ and friends’ kids! Third, we need to volunteer! We want to be ready for the harvest that we are praying for God to bring. Check with Kathy Scott and see how you can help this year!

Besides VBS, I want us to be praying for our missions teams that are serving this summer. As you are reading this, our student ministry team is down in Houston for World Changers. Pray that God uses our team in a powerful way and that our students and leaders get opportunities to live out the gospel and verbally share the gospel this week! Pray for strength for our team and for safe travels when they come home.

Overall, it’s an exciting time in the life of our church. With VBS around the corner and mission trips happening throughout the summer (in Houston, the Dominican Republic, Ukraine, and at Windemere), I can’t wait to see what God does. It’s such a blessing to be a part of Fee Fee Baptist Church!

In Him,  
Pastor Zach

## Prime Time

*Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study*

What a difference one split second in time can make. Right now I'm sitting on the couch trying to figure out how to accessorize my walker. So far I've decided on battery powered Christmas lights. Please send other suggestions.

Breaking my femur has put a little crimp in my style, and just like everything in life, since we are connected and live in community, it has affected you too.

Prime Timers will be going to Circus Flora on June 28. The show is at 1:00 p.m. and the cost is \$20. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table outside the Media Center.

Once again Fee Fee Baptist Church will participate in the annual Bridgeton 4th of July Parade. To accomplish this, we will need some help. On Tuesday, July 2 at 1:00 p.m., we will put our Fee Fee label on over 2,000 bottles of water in the gym. On July 4, we will prepare our vehicles for the parade. We need lots of walkers to hand out water to the people along the parade route. Please sign up and show up by 9:30 a.m. on the parade route or meet us at church at 9:00 a.m. Come hand out a cup of cold water in Jesus's name!

Adult VBS has a new date. We will study the book of James from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. starting the week of July 29, rather than the previously announced July 8. Please mark your calendars with this change. I have a lot of sitting time, so be prepared to study what Jesus's half-brother has to say to Christians and the Church. I can assure you that Jesus loves His Church and cares for us. He knows us intimately and knows our strengths and weaknesses, (just read Revelation 2 and 3). Let's find out how to be light and salt and make disciples who make disciples.

On July 23, we will go to the Saint Louis Science Center to view the Pompeii Exhibit and see the movie on volcanoes. Times for these will appear in the next *Forerunner*.

Invite your friends to join us on our trips. They need the fellowship and encouragement from those of us who know and love Jesus.

## Bible Study Corner

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28 NIV

Do you believe this? That good things can come out of bad situations if we love God and we are accomplishing His purpose through our lives? Come be encouraged and disciples in the many Bible studies that are offered. God's word is able to transform your life through the renewing of your mind.

## Chi Alpha News

*Kyle Baldwin, Interim Youth Director*

**Pray for the Youth Mission Trip!** Pray for the 31 church members who are traveling to Houston, Texas on June 16-23 for a mission trip through World Changers. Pray that God would use them for His Kingdom purposes as they do hurricane Harvey relief projects and share the love of Christ with the people of Houston!

**The Amazing Race!** On Sunday, June 30 from 2:30-6:30 p.m., we will be running the Amazing Race once again! And while we might not have the luxury to travel around the world like the TV show, we will be participating in the most extravagant race around the St. Louis area! So make sure you invite your friends and sign up for a spot in the race! Parents and adults, we also need your help! If you are available to help facilitate the race, please contact Kyle (kyle@feefeebc.org), Jen Pfeiffer, or Laura Paden to offer your services! This event wouldn't be possible without your help!

## Music Musings

*Ronna Paden, Director of Music*

### Pop Songs Influenced by Psalms

Amazingly enough there are many songs of popular culture that contain quotes from the Psalms.

Here are some a few examples from varied pop genres:

- **Coolio - *Gangsta's Paradise***—The opening line from this "rap" example is "As I walk through the valley of the shadow of death."
- **Mumford and Sons - *Awake My Soul***—Lyric from this British Band number is actually from Psalm 57:8, "Awake, My Soul."
- **U2 (Irish Rock Band) - *40***— The first verse is from Psalm 40, "I waited patiently for the Lord. He inclined and heard my cry. He brought me up out of the pit, out of the miry clay."
- **Boney M (Euro Caribbean Group) - *Rivers of Babylon***— The text is taken from Psalm 137 which tells the story of the Israelite's captivity in Babylon and the anguish they experienced when their captors asked them to sing the songs they used to sing in their beloved Jerusalem.

**Bedtime Psalms to read to your kids.** They will sleep better and have less stress especially if they struggle with anxiety. Contemplating these verses may create a sense of protection and safety.

- **Psalm 4:8** - "I will lie down and sleep in peace, for You, O Lord makes me dwell in safety."
- **Psalm 121** - "He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber."
- **Psalm 147:4** - "He determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names."
- **Psalm 139:3-5** - "You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord. You go before me and follow me. You place Your hand of blessing on my head."

### Summer Concert Series

Our Summer Concert series is fast approaching. Concerts will be every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. from July 7 through August 4. Our new Music Secretary, Tara Smith, has created informational cards that can be handed to friends when they are invited to attend. You may pick one or more up from the table in the Welcome Center. This is a great way to invite someone to church who would not normally come!

## Community Connection

*Andrew Yakel, Interim Associate Pastor*

**Supplies Needed for Dominican Republic Mission Trip:** We are less than a month away from our Dominican Republic Mission Trip! Please be praying for our team going and for the people of the Dominican Republic. You can also support this trip by donating some needed items. For the Vacation Bible School that we will be doing we need: colored Sharpies, small craft paint brushes, paper plates, washable tempera paint (black, red, white, blue, green, and yellow), white poster board, sun catcher kits (found at Walmart), small boxes of crayons, and mechanical pencils. We are also collecting kids shoes and kids clothing items to be a blessing to the city. So over the next few weeks as you are at the store, pick up some of these items and drop them in the marked containers at the church. You are also welcome to just give a monetary donation to pay for the supplies (make checks out to Fee Fee Baptist Church and put 'Dominican Republic Trip' in the memo line). Contact Andrew Yakel with any questions.

## Family Front

*Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries*

Thank you for your very generous supplies to help support VBS this year! WOW! You did well! Now, prayers are needed! Please pray for VBS and Basketball Camp, June 24-28. VBS is 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Basketball camp is 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pray for energy, excitement, patience, and love from all leadership involved, particularly for our students who will have just returned from the mission trip; also pray for the hearts of the children who will hear and receive Jesus.

**KidZone** for elementary age kids during 11:00 a.m. worship will meet the first three Sundays this month. On June 23 and June 30 children will worship with their parents. June 23 is our regular 4th Sunday that the kids will worship with parents. On June 30 we will have a special VBS worship involving the children leading in worship. We are so excited for this opportunity for the kids to lead and to hear what they have learned in VBS the week prior. Be mindful of families that may visit us by special invitation to our Sunday services to see their kids lead in worship. Make them feel welcome.

**FMSC:** We will have 3 church-wide opportunities to serve this summer and fall at Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack event, July 13, September 21, and October 20. We had a great turnout last year. Look for sign-up opportunities in June for the first one.

We have a need for loving adults to help us in childcare during 11:00 a.m. worship. Reflect on this poem by an unknown author, *My Turn In The Nursery*, as you prayerfully consider how important it is that we take care of our littlest ones:

Last Sunday was my turn in the nursery to work.  
My heart wasn't in it, and my feelings were hurt.

A child from its mother did not want to part.

And cried a lot with its broken heart.

I prayed that soon the hour would end.

That I could relax—

Felt good to be free.

I said once a month was too much for me!

That very next Sunday,

As I sat in the pew.

A very good sermon, but visitors were few.

But down came a woman and her soul was saved;

And she was the mother of the crying babe.

Then it dawned on me

That I had been a part

Of one being saved—

Giving God her heart.

From that day on,

I would never dread

Working in the nursery

While souls were being fed.

## Free Market

As you are doing cleaning around your house you may come across some stuff that you don't need anymore or haven't used in a long time. Those would be great items for the Free Market on July 20th! The Free Market is like a garage sale but everything is FREE! This event has been a big blessing to our community the past two summers, so we hope you'll consider being a part of it this year. There will be more details coming soon but you can start collecting your items now.