

Weekly Summary	08-11-19	08-18-19
Sunday Bible Study Attendance	244	272
Small Group Attendance	—	—
Total Bible Study Attendance	244	272
Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM	207	198
11:00 AM	187	161
Offering	\$15,065.00	\$10,426.00
E-Giving (7/26-8/12)	\$11,292.23	

Welcome, New Member

On Sunday, August 4, 2019 —
Presenting himself as a candidate for church membership by statement:

- Eric Beck

On Sunday, August 11, 2019 —
Presenting himself as a candidate for baptism and church membership:

- Eric Bowman

On Sunday, August 11, 2019 —
Presenting himself as a candidate for church membership by statement:

- Christopher Davis

Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to **Donna Conlon** in the passing of her husband, **John**, on August 17, 2019. John was the father of **Dawn Clemens** and grandfather of **Brendan Anderson**, **Tiffany McMahon**, and **Tasha Turner**.

Thank You

The church has received a *Thank You* card from **Jim Zirbas**.

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



Every Wednesday
@ 5:30 p.m.
Starting September 4.

Dinner Menu
September 4, 2019:

- Meatloaf
- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Green Beans
- Cobbler
- Children Ages 0-10 Menu:
- Chicken Nugget Meal
- Reserve dinner by 12:00 p.m. Tuesday.
- Adults
\$5.00
- Child's Nugget Meal (Ages 4-10)
\$2.00
- Child's Nugget Meal (Ages 0-3)
FREE

AWANA families are welcome!

Editor's Note: Dinner will be Free on September 11 (not September 4, as previously published). Also, dinner will start serving at 5:30 p.m. (not 5:00 p.m.). We apologize for the misinformation.

Ministry Opportunities	Church Office Staff
Sunday, September 1 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 10:45 a.m. KidsZone 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Monday, September 2—Labor Day Church Office and Buildings Closed Tuesday, September 3 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 6:30 p.m. ESL Classes 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice Wednesday, September 4 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 9:00 a.m. Pickleball 5:30 p.m. Church Dinner 6:15 p.m. AWANA 6:15 p.m. 3 Circles Study 6:15 p.m. Youth Small Groups 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee 8:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal Thursday, September 5 10:00 a.m. Bob Foster's Small Group 10:00 a.m. Gloria Fox's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. ESL Classes Friday, September 6 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 9:00 a.m. Pickleball 1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time 6:00 p.m. Singing Tree Music Read-Through Saturday, September 7 Sunday, September 8 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 10:45 a.m. KidsZone 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 3:30 p.m. Singing Tree Choir Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Precepts Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Beyond Ashes Grief Group 5:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting Monday, September 9 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 9:15 a.m. Wagner/Sherer WOM 9:30 a.m. Sewing Group 6:15 p.m. Properties Committee 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Pickup Basketball Tuesday, September 10 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 10:00 a.m. Spirit Lifters NH Visits 6:30 p.m. ESL Classes Wednesday, September 11 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 9:00 a.m. Pickleball 10:00 a.m. Prime Time Eckert's Farm 5:00 p.m. Q & A Regarding Radio Ministry 5:30 p.m. Church Dinner 6:15 p.m. AWANA 6:15 p.m. 3 Circles Study 6:15 p.m. Youth Small Groups 7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee 8:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal Thursday, September 12 10:00 a.m. Gloria Fox's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. ESL Classes Friday, September 13 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 9:00 a.m. Pickleball 5:30 p.m. Youth/Family Cardinal's Game Saturday, September 14	Rev. Zach Crook, <i>SENIOR PASTOR</i> Rev. Andrew Yakel, <i>INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR</i> Ms. Gloria Fox, <i>DIRECTOR OF SENIOR ADULTS & BIBLE STUDY</i> Mrs. Kathy Scott, <i>DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES</i> Mrs. Ronna Paden, <i>DIRECTOR OF MUSIC</i> Ms. Sarah Turner, <i>PRAISE & WORSHIP LEADER</i> Mr. Kyle Baldwin, <i>INTERIM YOUTH DIRECTOR</i> Mr. Steve Middendorf, <i>FINANCIAL OFFICER</i> Ms. Ruth Thoma, <i>PASTOR'S SECRETARY</i> Mr. Vance Stewart, <i>IT ADMINISTRATOR</i> Mrs. Tara Smith, <i>RECEPTIONIST & MUSIC SECRETARY</i> <div>OFFICE ♦ (314) 739-1525 FAX ♦ (314) 739-1302 www.feefeebc.org</div> <div>THE FORERUNNER is published Bi-weekly, by FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH 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: THE FORERUNNER Fee Fee Baptist Church 11330 St. Charles Rock Road Bridgeton, MO 63044-2792</div> <div>PERIODICAL</div>

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TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

A Word From Pastor Zach

We've had a great summer at Fee Fee, but I am excited that our midweek programming will be back up in full force on September 4. There will be programming for all ages: AWANA for our kids, a Bible study for our youth, and adult Bible studies as well.

I did want to share with you a few changes to our format starting this fall. First, we are going to have our meal time starting at 5:30 p.m. We will then have all of our programming and studies starting at 6:15 p.m. Be sure to sign up for our meal (it is a great time of fellowship...and the food is delicious!). On September 11 (our second Wednesday night), we will be offering that meal free to everyone. We want to bless the people that are coming to our studies or bringing their kids to youth or AWANA. We also want to encourage them to be a part of our meal time. We will have breakfast that night and it is going to be great!

In addition, we will be having a special combined study for all adults for the first six weeks of the fall. We will be diving deeper into evangelism and the 3 Circles technique for sharing your faith. We will drill down into how to turn everyday conversations into gospel conversations. It is going to be a great study and I would encourage you to join us. We want to learn how to share our faith without fear.

Finally, on that note, I hope you have been challenged by the 3 Circles series thus far. The personal testimonies have been moving, and I'm praying that this tool will be a game-changer in our evangelistic endeavors. I wanted to close by sharing the 3 Circles script, and encourage you to practice walking through this method of sharing our faith.

3 Circles Script: God has a design for every area of our lives—our families, marriages, money, sex life, work life and just plain life. God designed us to be in relationship with Him, but we have all departed from that design. The Bible calls this sin. We're born with a sinful nature so sin comes naturally to us. There is no one who gets it right all of the time. We all sin and fall short of God's perfect design (Romans 3:23). This sin leaves us in brokenness. Brokenness is easy for most of us to understand. It feels like broken relationships, addiction, depression, discouragement, guilt and shame. We all want out of brokenness, so we try to fix it (squiggly lines out of brokenness). We medicate it with drugs or numb it with alcohol. We strive to be better people, hoping that somehow, someday, our good will outweigh our bad. We look for ways to alleviate our pain. When we do that, we just get more and more broken. This feels like a bad thing, but in many ways brokenness is a good thing because it's the way God gets our attention. When we feel broken on the inside and everything's all messed up, we know something needs to change. The Bible word for change is repent. Brokenness is what gets us ready to try God's solution, which is to repent and believe the gospel. The change we really need comes from Jesus. God sent Jesus to live a perfect life, die the death we deserve, and be raised to life again, proving He is who He says He is and can do what He says He can do. Jesus came to forgive our sins. When we repent and believe in Him, He gives us His Spirit who helps us recover and pursue God's design. Then Jesus sends us right back out into a broken world to tell others how to find their way out of brokenness.

Join me in praying that this series will spark an evangelistic fervor in our church!

In Him,

Pastor Zach

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

Make sure to hop on the bus at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, September 11 to go apple picking at Eckert's Farm in Belleville. You will need to bring \$1 for your bus ride and \$1 for the wagon ride to the orchard. Don't forget to bring money for the bushel of apples you plan to pick, plus we will have a tasty lunch at Eckert's Family Restaurant. Please bring some visitors along to share in the fun. Don't forget to sign up on the sheet by the Media Center!

On Thursday, September 26, we will board the bus at 10:00 a.m. for Pere Marquette Park, in Grafton, IL. Soon after we arrive, we will have their famous chicken lunch. The price will be \$17.00 which includes 3 pieces of chicken, all the sides, pie, tea and coffee, tax and tip. Yum! After lunch we will go outside and enjoy games on the patio or go for a hike. It's going to be a beautiful day of fun and relaxation.

Please sign up on the sheet by the Media Center if you are interested in going to Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, Arkansas October 23-25. This is a 2-night trip. Hotel and transportation will be \$115 per person for double occupancy and \$205 for a single room. When we see how many are interested, more details will be provided.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- ◆ October 10 - Piazza Imo at St. Ambrose on The Hill, Meeting of the Waters, City Park, and lunch at Zia's.
- ◆ November 7 - Deutschheim State Historic Site and lunch in Hermann, MO.
- ◆ November 19 - Lunch and a movie in the Rafters.
- ◆ December 14 - Dinner and lights at Jellystone Park.

Please make sure to sign up for [ALL](#) Prime Time Events by the Media Center.

Adults

Have you noticed how much fun the youth have with activities like the Amazing Race and paint ball? Even the seniors took a tour of the SWAT facilities and visited Silver Dollar City. No need to envy them any longer! On Saturday, October 5, the adults are going on a Video Scavenger Hunt. Expect lots of laughs and challenges. You can sign up by the Media Center. FYI: This is an adult-only event (this is not a senior event – sorry Prime Timers). Childcare will be provided at the church so you don't need to worry about the kids while you're out having a good time. Warning: Ax throwing is coming in December!!!

Bible Study Corner

In addition to Sunday morning Bible Studies, the following will begin after Labor Day:

Starting September 4, the Pastor's Bible Study, WOW (Women's Bible Study), and Men's Fraternity will join together to learn an evangelism tool to help us all to share Jesus with those who share their problems with us. This is a great tool to talk to those who need the hope of Jesus. Hope to see you there for this six week training at 6:15 p.m. in the dining room.

Precepts will begin on Sunday night, September 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We will study the gospel of John. It's a great time of diving deep into scripture so the Holy Spirit can teach us the Bible precepts that we need to bring joy, hope, and love for others into our everyday life. This class does involve homework!

Prime Time Bible Study will resume on Thursday, September 5 at 10:00 a.m. We will study the book of Acts. We will be looking at the early church and those who turned the world upside down as they carried the gospel message. Let's learn how we can do the same in our community. Bring your Bible!

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Thankful Beyond Words - I am so thankful for all the prayers on my behalf as I have gone through recent surgery. Your kind words of encouragement along with sharing of scripture and beautiful cards have been greatly appreciated. This experience has given me an up-close and personal perspective on the power of prayer and the gift of friendships. May I take this opportunity to say thanks to my wonderful church family; you all mean so much to me.

Singing Tree Reminder - Don't miss our Music Read-Through on September 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in our coffee café. We will get a count of rehearsal CDs that will be needed at this time. Some singers like part-specific and others will want equal voice parts. Child care will be available. Please inform Kathy@feefeebc.org if you will need this service. She needs to know how many kids will need care.

Christmas choir rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 15 at 3:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. We will also rehearse Christmas music for the first 30 minutes of our regularly scheduled Monday evening rehearsals (beginning at 6:30 p.m.).

Our hope is to have a multi-generational Christmas choir! We also welcome friends you may wish to invite from neighboring churches to sing with us. Some churches have suspended their choir programs and our Singing Tree would be a wonderful outlet for them to use their gifts. Invite your friends who love to present the joyful story of Christmas.

Community Connection

Andrew Yakel, Interim Associate Pastor

How are you going to serve at Impact Week? Impact Week is a month away! Our goal for the week of September 22-28 is to give over 300 volunteer hours to bless our community. The week will kick off with Praise and Worship Night on Sunday, September 22 at Matthews Park (11050 Ayrshire Dr). We will clean up the park and then we will worship God together. During that week we will be serving at food pantries, a homeless shelter, at homes in our neighborhoods, and much more. We will end the week with a combined worship service on Sunday, September 29 at 11:00 a.m., celebrating all that God had done throughout the week. Sign-ups will start towards the beginning of September in the Welcome Center at church. Be praying now for God to do incredible things through Impact Week and pray about your part in serving our community!

Tech Help Needed!

We are looking for anyone who would be interested in serving in any of the technical aspects of worship. We have spots to fill in both services. Fee Fee is starting to stream the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services so we need more help to accomplish this endeavor. This may include streaming the service using our new video equipment, running cameras, or operating the media computer to display lyrics and slideshows on the screens. These jobs are not technically difficult and require no technical expertise. Plenty of training will be given so you are comfortable as you serve. If you are interested or have questions please talk to Vance directly or via email Vance@feefeebc.org.

Beyond Ashes Grief Group

When we have lost someone, it can be helpful to share the journey with others who are walking in that, too. If you have lost a spouse, child, or loved one due to death, we would love to walk with you. Join the Beyond Ashes group as we deal with the pain of loss together. The book, "The Tender Scar," will guide our discussion. Sign up by the Media Center or contact Debbie Mead (314) 226-2964, with your name and phone number, to join the group. This group will meet on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in room B4 beginning September 8.

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Our Children's Ministry is growing in numbers. We need you to help our children grow in their relationship with God. We have places in Bible study, Preschool Worship Care, KidsZone, and Wednesday night AWANA for you to serve. See Kathy to start stepping into your new position! Your church needs you; our kids need you!

AWANA Club begins Wednesday, September 4 from 6:15 to 8:00 p.m. Registration form and information is available by the Media Center and on the church website. There is a place for you in AWANA for just 30 minutes each week to assist kids in learning Bible verses. If you can give just 30 minutes, from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., we can use you! And what could be a better use of your time than to help children learn God's Word?

KidsZone (K-5th graders) is celebrating Christmas in August with a mission project for a missionary. We will collect and send needed supplies to one of our North American Missionaries. This year we are assisting Chaplain Robert Arnold who serves veterans in the Iowa Health Care System. Last Sunday your kids should have brought home info and a list of items to bring back by September 1. Here are the list of items: t-shirts (adult/larger sizes); body wash; hot cocoa packets; socks; coloring books (children and adults); puzzle books; and small crayon packs; reading glasses; underwear (men and women); and coffee. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and we thank you for helping your child support missions.

Super Start is coming October 11-12 for our 4th/5th grade LIVEWIRES. Super Start is the nation's best and biggest preteen Christian event and it is right here in our area. Your preteen brought home info for this event last Sunday. The cost is \$50 for this 2-day event with other preteens from all over the area! A \$20 deposit is due September 1.

See Kathy for any questions to serve in any of these areas of our Children's Ministry.

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Interim Youth Director

Youth & Family Trip to the Cardinals Game! On Friday, September 13, students and their families are invited to Busch Stadium to watch the Cardinals take on the Brewers. This will be a special night, not only because of the playoff race, but because it is Blues Night at Busch. Tickets for this event are only \$10 and are ON SALE NOW! So if your family is interested in going, see Kyle for tickets. You must pay for your tickets before they are released to you. The church will not be providing bus transportation, however, if you do not have a way to make it downtown, talk to Kyle and we will arrange a ride for you. We hope you will join us and LETS GO CARDS!!!

See You at the Pole - See You at the Pole is an annual day of prayer for students. All around the globe, in every time zone, students will be gathering at their flagpoles before school, praying for their school, friends, families, churches, and communities. Make sure to be a part of this incredible event by getting to your school early to pray on Wednesday, September 25.

World Changers 2020 - We are so excited to announce our 2020 World Changers Mission Trip to Morganton, North Carolina! If your student is even slightly interested in serving on our mission team, come to our Parent Info Meeting on Sunday, October 6 right after the second service to get all of the details of the trip. Now is the time to begin praying for Morganton and all that will participate on this trip. We know God will do great things in 2020!