

Weekly Summary	10-20-19	10-27-19
Sunday Bible Study Attendance	236	234
Small Group Attendance	30	10
WOW Bible Study	20	7
Men’s Fraternity	12	8
AWANA Wednesdays	66	—
Total Bible Study Attendance	376	259
Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM	185	180
11:00 AM	165	137
Offering	\$11,635.09	\$9,145.54
E-Giving (9/25-10/22)	\$23,266.78	

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Wednesday, November 20
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. Bible Study
6:15 p.m. Men’s Bible Study
6:15 p.m. WOW Bible Study
6:15 p.m. Youth Small Groups
7:00 p.m. Business Meeting
8:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursday, November 21
10:00 a.m. Gloria Fox’s Bible Study
6:30 p.m. ESL Classes
7:00 p.m. Lesters Benefit Concert for WFTW

Friday, November 22
9:00 a.m. Gym Walking
9:00 a.m. Pickleball

Saturday, November 23—OCC Boxes taken to Have Bible Will Travel

Welcome, New Member
On Sunday, October 20 —
Presenting themselves as candidates for church membership by their statement of faith:

- Adam Bishop
- Liz Bishop

Thank You
The church has received *Thank You* cards from:

- Jack and Peggy Winchester
- Jim Zirbas
- Bill Hunter

Cards can be viewed in the Church Office.



**Every Wednesday
@ 5:30 p.m.**
(RSVP BY 12:00 P.M. EVERY TUESDAY)

November 6, 2019:
Turkey
Green Bean Casserole
Mashed Potatoes
Stuffing
Pumpkin Bars

November 13, 2019:
Fettucine
Broccoli
Garlic Bread
Cake

November 20, 2019:
Breakfast—Pancakes
Sausage
Eggs
Cinnamon Rolls
Fruit Bar

November 27, 2019:
NO MEAL SERVED
(Thanksgiving Week)

Adult Entrée
\$5.00
Child’s Nuggets or Entrée (Ages 4-10)
\$2.00
Child’s Nuggets or Entrée (Ages 0-3)
FREE

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

Ministry Opportunities	Church Office Staff
Sunday, November 10 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. Leadership Lunch 3:30 p.m. Tree Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m. Tree Angel Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Precepts Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Beyond Ashes Grief Group Monday, November 11—Veteran’s Day 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 9:15 a.m. Wagner/Sherer WOM 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Pickup Basketball Tuesday, November 12 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 10:00 a.m. Spirit Lifters NH Visits 11:30 a.m. May Clermont WOM 6:30 p.m. ESL Classes Wednesday, November 13 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. Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Men’s Bible Study 6:15 p.m. WOW Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Youth Small Groups 7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee 8:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal Thursday, November 14 10:00 a.m. Gloria Fox’s Bible Study 6:30 p.m. ESL Classes Friday, November 15 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 9:00 a.m. Pickleball 1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time Saturday, November 16 7:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast Sunday, November 17—OCC Boxes Due 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 10:45 a.m. KidsZone 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 12:15 p.m. Children’s Committee 3:30 p.m. Tree Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m. Tree Angel Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Precepts Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Beyond Ashes Grief Group Monday, November 18 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 9:30 a.m. Sewing Group 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Pickup Basketball Tuesday, November 19 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 11:30 a.m. Prime Time Lunch & Movie (Rafters) 2:00 p.m. Prime Time Council 4:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes Ministry 6:30 p.m. ESL Classes	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> 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>
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A Word From Pastor Zach

We have been spending the last few months looking at the book of James. James is an incredibly practical book that is, in a sense, a field guide to the Christian life. James is imploring believers to live authentically. He wants us to be doers of the Word. He implores us to follow Christ’s example and live out our faith and be witnesses for the truth of the gospel. James seems to say over and over again that our actions as Christians speak louder than our words. If we are going to claim that we are followers of Jesus, we had better be living for him.

With James being such a practical book, I have loved that we have had some practical ways for us to live boldly for Christ in our community. Specifically, I think that we have a prime example of that type of authenticity lived out by our church this past month. That example was our annual Trunk or Treat outreach event. By our best estimates, we had between 1,500 and 2,000 people on our campus for this event. One of our volunteers at a trunk kept a clicker, and they had 923 children stop by! What an incredible way to simply show our neighborhood that we love them. I love that we were able to provide a safe place for the neighbors in our community to come and have a good time.

However, I am also thankful that we didn’t just pass out candy. We made efforts to communicate God’s love in a variety of ways. We had kids collect stickers to build a verse and learn about God’s love. We had different church members walking around and sharing the three circles with groups

of people. We were able to communicate to some of our neighbors why we went through the trouble to do what we did. It is because of God’s love!

So, I wanted to take a moment to simply say “thank you” to our many volunteers. Whether you provided candy, ran a game, helped with traffic, or had a trunk, I am so appreciative of your servant’s heart. This community outreach event could not have happened without each of you doing your part. Thank you! I’m so grateful for a church that wants to be authentic and live out our faith and impact our community.

Now, along the same lines of being a blessing to our community, I want to encourage each of us to begin praying now for our Singing Tree. There are so many different people who will be on our campus for the Tree. Will you please join me in praying that God will already begin to prepare the hearts of those who are going to come? This is another unique outreach opportunity that we have at our church each Christmas season. Let’s pray that God uses this event as a way to reach our community with the gospel!

I can’t wait to be a part of the Singing Tree this year and I can’t wait to see how God uses it!

In Him,
Pastor Zach

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

This year is flying by. We have done some really fun things this year and we are not stopping now!

On Thursday, November 7 at 10:00 a.m., we will head for historic Hermann, MO. We will eat lunch at the Tin Mill, do a little shopping on Main Street, and tour the Deutschheim State Historic Site. The site preserves two structures that reflect the 1840s and 1850s, when Germans first settled the Missouri River Valley which reminded them of home. The cost of this trip will be \$10, (\$5 for tour, and \$5 for transportation), plus the cost of lunch.

Are you ready for a good movie and lunch? Tuesday, November 19 at 11:30 a.m., we will have lunch and a movie in The Rafters. Lunch will cost \$6.00, but the movie is FREE! The movie tentatively to be shown is *Overcomer*, (this is subject to change).

Finally, remember to mark your calendars for Saturday evening, December 14, for dinner and the lights at Jellystone Park! More details with cost will follow in later *Forerunner* issues.

Bible Study Corner

I receive several devotionals on my phone every day. This morning I read one by Rick Warren. The scripture was from Genesis 2:18 (NIV), “It is not good for the man to be alone.” As Christians, we know that we have the privilege of having a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus. We can talk to Him anytime, anywhere, about anything.

We also were not made to be "Lone Ranger" Christians. We need desperately to connect with others. Every one of us needs to find a spot where we can get involved, where we can get to know others, and where we will find the support we need when we are going through tough times.

At Fee Fee, the best way to do this is to join a Sunday morning Bible Study group, Small Group, or Transformation Group. If you don't know how to get connected, go to the Welcome Center on Sunday morning or contact Gloria via text, (314) 604-6071, or email Gloria@feefeebc.org. You weren't meant to be alone!

Coats for Kids

Brrr! It's that time of the year when temps are turning frigid and we have to dig out our winter coats. Unfortunately, we have some kids (and adults) in our community who don't have one to keep them warm. For over 10 years, Fee Fee has been working with Pattonville School District to provide coats, hats, and gloves for students. If you can help out, you can give a check or cash to Steve or Gloria, and we will meet as many of these needs as possible. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

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Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Singing Tree Reminders

Singing Tree Construction November 24 - We will need volunteers to bring in Singing Tree components and people to decorate our foyer, Worship Center, and Welcome Center from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be served, but please sign the list in the media center so we know how much water to add to the soup!

In the coming weeks there will be sign-up sheets for Tree greeters, ushers, parking lot attendants, and child-care workers, including "angel care." All of these opportunities to serve are vital to the success of the Singing Tree presentation.

The Debate of the Century

When should the playing of Christmas music begin?

Here are some thoughts from a *pro-Christmas* music group:

- These people believe that once Halloween decorations come down Christmas should begin.
- These cheerful, sociable folks support the idea that Christmas music brings happiness to celebrants everywhere. Therefore Christmas music should be played in November. 'Tis the season!

Here is thinking from an *anti-Christmas music* group: (They are really not anti-Christmas music. They just want it played a little later).

- It has been said - "For every Christmas song played before Thanksgiving a baby reindeer dies."
- These people tend to have negative attitudes toward Christmas decorations and advertising that appears before Thanksgiving. In their thinking, Christmas music is overrated and shouldn't be overplayed. Every holiday deserves it's time to be celebrated, so Thanksgiving should not be overlooked.

Valid points from both sides. So...the debate goes on.

Which percentage do you fit into deciding when Christmas music should be played? A recent poll found these results:

- 15% - The day after Halloween
- 40% - The day after Thanksgiving
- 22% - December 1
- 6% - Every day
- 10% - Right now
- 7% - Never (Bah! Humbug!)

When Should Christmas Music Begin Playing in Church?

There are experts who say we may begin singing carols on the third Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Joy.

The first two Sundays of Advent need to emphasize expectation and longing. Beginning with the Advent Sunday of Joy - Christmas music in the church can play with abandon!

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Praise Report - Trunk or Treat was a success and ONLY because of a great church family that made it happen! Thank you for the generous candy donations, the decorated trunks, game leaders, serving food prep and service, parking and shuttle attendants and general welcome to our community! We counted 923 children that came through the candy line.

Children's Nativity - It is time to sign up for Children's Nativity for the Singing Tree. Children ages 3 through 5th grade are welcome to take part if they can follow directions well and come to a couple of practices. Sign up by the Media Center or see Laura Paden - the deadline is December 1.

Parent's Night Out is December 6, 5:00 to10:00 p.m. Please sign up by the Media Center by December 1. This PNO the kids will have opportunity to Christmas shop for their family. Cost is \$5 per child for the evening. We need your help for this: please donate new men's, women's and children gift items for our store.

Week of Prayer for International Missions is December 1-8, with Ingathering on December 8. Children in K-5th grade will have their International Missions Study on December 1, from 9:45 a.m. until12:00 p.m. on the Children's Bible Study floor. Pray about what your family can give to support our missionaries as they serve.

Ministry Opportunities - It takes many people to help make our Children's Ministry great but we still have a few roles that need filled: Assistant Teacher in Livewires, Childcare Workers during 11:00 a.m. worship (this can be just a once-a-month commitment), and Kindergarten Assistant Teacher on Sunday morning for Bible Study. These needs are vital to the on-going discipling of our children. See Kathy Scott if you would like to serve.

Loaves and Fishes - On Tuesday, January 21 the children and their families are invited to help with dinner for the Loaves and Fishes ministry. Save the date and watch for information in early January.

Community Connection

Andrew Yakel, Interim Associate Pastor

Operation Christmas Child Boxes

You can make an impact in the life of a child thousands of miles away from right here in Bridgeton! Pick up an Operation Christmas Child box (or 2 or 3, or a dozen!) and fill them up with great gifts for kids. Inside each box is a brochure with info about what to put in the box. So fill your box up and bring it back to the church by Sunday, November 17, so they can get shipped all over the world for kids to open on Christmas morning!

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The men of Fee Fee Baptist will be meeting for their monthly prayer breakfast at Golden Corral in St. Charles at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 16. All men are encouraged to come out, enjoy good food, and fellowship.

Newly Released

A book entitled *Hidden Biblical Gems Revealed* has just been published by one of our members, Alan Enloe. This book reveals some of those treasures that are often overlooked in the Bible. The book is available for purchase from Alan.