

Weekly Summary	11-03-19	11-10-19
Sunday Bible Study Attendance	259	238
Small Group Attendance	21	10
WOW Bible Study	14	16
Men’s Fraternity	7	12
AWANA Wednesdays	71	60
Total Bible Study Attendance	423	383
Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM	216	185
11:00 AM	167	134
Offering	\$23,929.00	\$10140.40
E-Giving (9/25-10/22)	\$7,593.00	

Welcome, New Member

On Sunday, November 10—
Presenting himself as a candidate for church membership by his statement of faith:

- Timur Slabun



Media Center News

Fee Fee’s Media Center is packed with something that everyone in the family can enjoy. Want to dig deeper into God’s Word? We have an extensive section of Biblical reference texts and commentaries at your disposal. Prefer fictional titles? We have titles from best-selling authors such as Karen Kingsbury, Terry Blackstock, and Wanda Brunstetter. Don’t forget the kiddos! We have a nice selection of kids books, from toddlers to teens. lining our shelves. In addition to books, we have an array of DVDs such as *Fireproof*, *War Room*, and *God’s Not Dead* for your viewing pleasure. The best part...the Media Center is FREE to use! Simply meet with our knowledgeable librarians on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, and they can help you check out all the things that interest you!

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



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

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

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

December 4, 2019
Ham
Yams
Baked Apples
Brownies

December 11, 2019
Brats/Sauerkraut
Hot Dogs/Chili
Pudding Delight

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

Ministry Opportunities	Church Office Staff
Sunday, November 24 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship & The Lord’s Supper 12:00 p.m. Tree Construction 3:30 p.m. Tree Angel Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Precepts Bible Study Monday, November 25 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Pickup Basketball Tuesday, November 26 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 9:00 a.m. Spirit Lifters 6:30 p.m. ESL Classes Wednesday, November 27 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 9:00 a.m. Pickleball Thursday, November 28—Thanksgiving Day OFFICES & BUILDINGS CLOSED 8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day service led by Deacons in Chapel Friday, November 29—Day After Thanksgiving OFFICES & BUILDINGS CLOSED Saturday, November 30 Sunday, December 1– First Sunday of Advent 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. Tree Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m. Tree Angel Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. Deacons’ Meeting Monday, December 2—Week of Prayer 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 9:30 a.m. Sewing Group 11:15 a.m. Week of Prayer Soup Luncheon 6:15 p.m. Properties Committee 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Pickup Basketball Tuesday, December 3 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 6:30 p.m. ESL Classes Wednesday, December 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. Week of Prayer Service 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. Stewardship Committee 8:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal Thursday, December 5 10:00 a.m. Gloria Fox’s Bible Study 6:30 p.m. ESL Classes Friday, December 6 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 11:00 a.m. Week of Prayer Luncheon 1:00 p.sm. Prime Time Game Time 2:00 p.m. Pickleball 5:30 p.m. Adult 4 Christmas Social Saturday, December 7	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> <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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FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH

TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

A Word From Pastor Zach

Now We Thank Our God...

First of all, I wanted to thank each and every one of you who, after seeking the Lord, felt compelled to be a part of the Stepping Up initiative. I am thankful for your sacrificial generosity, and I am praying that God will work mightily in and through our church!

With the holidays coming up, we will have a guest columnist, Nina Palumbo, write a few articles about how we can focus on the right things this season – full of blessings instead of stress.

If you don’t know Nina, she is a member of Fee Fee Baptist Church and a Certified Christian Counselor. Originally from the Northeast, Nina relocated to St. Louis in 1986 to attend graduate school at Washington University. She earned a Master’s degree in social work and as a licensed clinical social worker she assists individuals and families with emotional or substance related concerns. Nina has teaching and training experience with St. Louis Community College and the Division of Family Services training prospective foster/adoptive parents. She has two young adult children who live in St. Charles and Warrenton, MO, and one adorable grandson. She shares her not-so-empty nest with her fur babies (two dogs and a cat) and enjoys a good historical fiction book or period setting movie.

I’m praying you will enjoy her articles and they will be beneficial to you!

In Him,
Pastor Zach

It’s that time of the year when we celebrate two important holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Did you know that the word holiday means “holy day?” How are we doing with remembering their “holiness?” It’s amazing how expectations and busy schedules can take our focus away from giving thanks to our Lord for His many blessings and preparing ourselves for His miraculous birth. Instead of a time of preparation, personal reflection, and enjoyment; the holidays can leave you feeling overwhelmed, tired, stressed and not of good cheer. How will you manage your time and resources this year? Take a moment to thoughtfully consider the following:

- 1) What’s most important to you about the holidays? What’s needed to feel fulfilled, happy, and healthy?
- 2) What challenges are you likely to face this year? How will you manage those?
- 3) What is one fun thing that you want to do? A new tradition or experience?
- 4) How will you nourish your mind, body, and spirit during times of overindulgence, or experience something out of your control?
- 5) How will you manage stress?
- 6) What’s your exit strategy or backup plan when things do not go as planned? Having a backup plan is like having insurance. Hopefully you won’t need it but have peace of mind knowing it’s in place.

“...with heart and hands and voices. Who wondrous things have done, in whom this work rejoices. Who from our mother’s arms has blessed us on our way. With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.”

Happy Thanksgiving!
Nina Palumbo

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

“It’s the most wonderful time of the year!” Can you hear me singing? If so, I apologize. As the holidays get closer, our schedule gets busier.

Consequently, there is only one Prime Time event remaining this year. We will go to see the Christmas lights at Santa’s Magical Kingdom at Jellystone Park in Eureka on Saturday, December 14. Be at the church by 5:00 p.m to get on the bus. Dinner will be at Culvers. The size of the crowds will determine whether we eat dinner first or tour the park first – let’s be flexible! The cost is \$5/person, plus your dinner. Don’t forget to sign up by the Media Center!

Make sure to invite your friends, neighbors, and relatives to the Singing Tree performances on December 20, 21, and 22. The gospel message will be clearly presented.

Bible Study Corner

In December the adult Bible Study lessons will be focusing on Christmas. Each adult class will have the opportunity to choose whether their class would like to study a series of lessons on Advent or spend five Sundays in the Dining Room sharing in the experience of “An Unexpected Christmas,” which features a humorous video of a group of misfits at a diner who decide to do their own Christmas pageant, followed by a lesson by Andy Stanley and table discussion of his teaching.

Angel Tree

Once again we will have an Angel Tree in the Welcome Center beginning December 1. This is an opportunity for you and your family to bless others. The tree will be decorated with handmade ornaments that will indicate a specific gift (such as *Boy, age 4, Paw Patrol characters*). You are invited to choose an ornament, purchase and wrap the gift, reattach the ornament, and bring it back by December 15. This is an excellent opportunity to experience Acts 20:35, “It is more blessed to give than receive.”

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Interim Youth Director

Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser - Our next fundraiser for our summer mission trip to Morganton, North Carolina will be at Texas Roadhouse in St. Charles on Thursday, December 12! Please come out for a good dinner in support of our student ministry; a portion of your bill will come directly back to us. How could you possibly pass up an opportunity for those delicious rolls and cinnamon butter? Yum!

Youth Christmas Party! Our annual Youth Christmas Party will be Wednesday, December 11! Come join us at 6:15 p.m. for a fun night of games, videos, and Christmas cheer! This will also be our last Wednesday night for 2019, so enjoy the holidays and time with your families!

THE BIG CHILL - This year’s Big Chill will be bigger and better than ever! All new events will be happening this year...and while we aren’t quite ready to spill those details yet, we can say that that you will want to be ready to drive, dance, and hide! The event will be January 17-18, so mark your calendars now, and start inviting friends!

Thanksgiving Schedule

Wednesday, November 27—No Wednesday Night Activities.
Thursday, November 28—THANKSGIVING DAY! Chapel service will be led by Deacons at 8:00 a.m. (Church offices and buildings closed).
Friday, November 29—Church offices and buildings closed.

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music


November 24 - SAVE THE DATE! We will need many volunteers to bring in the Tree components and then begin the fun of building --- better than Legos, Tinker Toys, or Lincoln Logs! Volunteers will also be needed to decorate our Worship Center, Welcome Center, and foyer on that day. Remember to sign up for the lunch that will be provided after 11:00 a.m. Worship. A sign-up sheet is by the Media Center.

Let’s Remember Some Worship Songs for Thanksgiving. There are many, but here is a short list:

- 1. *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* - This hymn was written by Robert Robinson in 1755. It is a hymn of thanksgiving and acknowledgement of God.
- 2. *Once Again* - Many of you may not be familiar with this song by Matt Redman. Give it a listen! It is a prayer full of the thankful emotional response when we remember the Cross.
- 3. *Great Are You Lord* - This song is performed by All Sons and Daughters. Our 8:30 choir has also sung an arrangement of this powerful song that recognizes God as Creator.
- 4. *My Tribute* - This great song written in the 1970s by Andrae Crouch is one of the most sung of Thanksgiving songs. The song simply says “How can I say thanks for the undeserved things You have done for me.”
- 5. *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* - This hymn inspired by Psalm 103, praises the glory of God. We found out a few weeks ago that our Fee Fee congregation doesn't know this hymn very well. If you didn't know this old hymn and weren't singing you at least heard a lovely rendition by our own David Pfeiffer.

Now for some Thanksgiving songs in a more secular vein:

- 1. *Food, Glorious Food* from the musical, “Oliver.”
- 2. Another song that seems appropriate is *Count Your Blessings (Instead of Sheep)*. It was performed by Bing Crosby in the movie, “White Christmas.”
- 3. *Thanksgiving Overture* - Key this in your search bar. It is written to the tune of *William Tell Overture*. Very funny - you and your kids will enjoy it.
- 4. *Thanksgiving Prayer* - Johnny Cash sang this on an episode of “Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman.”
- 5. *What a Wonderful World* - Another favorite, sung by Louis Armstrong, that will bring a smile to your face.



For blue of stream and blue of sky,
Father, we thank Thee.
For pleasant shade of branches high,
Father, we thank Thee.
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

We Thank Thee
By Ralph Waldo Emerson

For this new morning with its light,
Father, we thank Thee.
For rest and shelter of the night,
Father, we thank Thee
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For flowers that bloom about our feet,
Father, we thank Thee.
For tender grass so fresh, so sweet,
Father, we thank Thee.
For the song of bird and hum of bee,
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

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 to 10:00 p.m. Please sign up by the Media Center by December 1. This year the PNO kids will have opportunity to Christmas shop for their family. Cost is \$5 per child for the evening. Church family, we could use your help for this: consider donating new men’s, women’s and child gift items for our store so the kids can have a fun shopping experience. There is a bin in the collection area. We will also need volunteers to help that night. Contact Kathy Scott to get connected.

Week of Prayer for International Missions is December 1-8, with Ingathering on December 15. Children in K-5th grade will have their International Missions Study on December 1, from 9:45 a.m. until 12:00 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 (we can sign you up for once a month), 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

Dominican Republic Water Project Update - We want to keep everyone updated on the progress of the Dominican Republic Water Project as things happen. We have sent a payment to the project to begin to buy the physical pump equipment! They are still working with the engineers for the building plans, but we are excited about the progress that is being made. Pastor Andres is incredibly thankful for our generosity and God’s provision. Please continue to pray for the Dominican Republic and that the plans will continue to fall into place to provide clean drinking water for this community.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering - There are currently 3,678 missionaries out in the world from the International Mission Board. We are so thankful for these men and women who are willing to faithfully follow the call of God to “go and make disciples of all nations.” A huge portion of their financial support comes from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. As a church we are setting a goal for ourselves to give \$20,000 this year. Pray with your family about what you might be willing to give towards the Gospel being presented all over the world. Then bring your gifts in December marked for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Wheels for the World Mission Trip 2020 - We have a group serving with Wheels for the World in Mexico again next year. On April 13-20, 2020, a team will travel to Monterrey, Mexico to distribute mobility equipment, share the Gospel, and equip churches in disability ministry. Get more info and apply for this trip at the [Wheels for the World Website](#) or contact Andrew and he can help you through the process.