

Weekly Summary	12-01-19	12-08-19
Sunday Bible Study Attendance	231	232
Small Group Attendance	33	—
WOW Bible Study	14	—
Men’s Fraternity	—	—
Chi Alpha Wednesdays	28	—
AWANA Wednesdays	48	65
<b>Total Bible Study Attendance</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>297</b>
Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM	180	131
11:00 AM	146	112
Offering	\$18,004.55	\$14,302.05
E-Giving (11/23-12/2)	\$8,412.50	



**Sympathy**  
Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to

...**Phyllis (Ben) Hackney** in the passing of her mother, **Lola Asbury**, on December 1.  
...**Bob (Irma) Foster** in the passing of his brother, **Charles Foster**, on December 8.  
...**Peggy Winchester** in the passing of her husband, **Jack Winchester**, on December 10.

**Thank You**  
The church has received a letter of appreciation from **Pattonville School District**, thanking the church for the donation of coats to students in need and ongoing support for the school and students.

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

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

December 18, 2019  
Cooks’ Choice

December 25, 2019  
No Meal

January 1, 2020  
No Meal

January 8, 2020  
Soup  
Grilled Cheese  
Cookies

January 15, 2020  
Breakfast—Biscuits/Gravy  
Eggs  
Bacon  
Cinnamon Rolls  
Fruit Bar

**Meals commence on**  
**January 8, 2020.**

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
<p><b>Sunday, December 22– 4th Sunday of Advent</b> 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 2:15 p.m. Production Call for Tree 3:00 p.m. Singing Tree (Performance 3 of 3)</p> <p><b>Monday, December 23</b> 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 6:30 p.m. Tree Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Pickup Basketball</p> <p><b>Tuesday, December 24—Christmas Eve (Office/Building Close at Noon)</b> 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service &amp; The Lord’s Supper</p> <p><b>Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day (Office/Building Closed)</b> 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service led by Deacons</p> <p><b>Thursday, December 26</b></p> <p><b>Friday, December 27</b> 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 2:00 p.m. Pickleball</p> <p><b>Saturday, December 28</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, December 29</b> 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service 12:00 p.m. Tree Dismantle</p> <p><b>Monday, December 30</b> 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Pickup Basketball</p> <p><b>Tuesday, December 31 - New Year’s Eve</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday, January 1 - New Year’s Day (Office/Building Closed)</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, January 2</b> 10:00 a.m. Gloria Fox Bible Study 6:30 p.m. ESL Classes 6:30 p.m. Metro Baptist Volleyball League</p> <p><b>Friday, January 3</b> 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time 2:00 p.m. Pickleball</p> <p><b>Saturday, January 4</b></p>	<p><b>Rev. Zach Crook</b>, <i>SENIOR PASTOR</i></p> <p><b>Rev. Andrew Yakel</b>, <i>ASSOCIATE PASTOR</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Gloria Fox</b>, <i>DIRECTOR OF SENIOR ADULTS &amp; BIBLE STUDY</i></p> <p><b>Mrs. Kathy Scott</b>, <i>DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN &amp; FAMILY MINISTRIES</i></p> <p><b>Mrs. Ronna Paden</b>, <i>DIRECTOR OF MUSIC</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Kyle Baldwin</b>, <i>INTERIM YOUTH DIRECTOR</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Steve Middendorf</b>, <i>FINANCIAL OFFICER</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Ruth Thoma</b>, <i>PASTOR’S SECRETARY</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Vance Stewart</b>, <i>IT ADMINISTRATOR</i></p> <p><b>Mrs. Tara Smith</b>, <i>RECEPTIONIST &amp; MUSIC SECRETARY</i></p>

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**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, December 24—CHRISTMAS EVE!**

- \* Church office/building close at Noon.
- \* Christmas Eve Service and Lord’s Supper in the Worship Center at 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 25—CHRISTMAS DAY!**

- \* Chapel service will be led by Deacons at 9:00 a.m.
- \* Church office and buildings closed.

**Tuesday, December 31—NEW YEAR’S EVE!**

- \* Normal church office hours and building schedule.

**Wednesday, January 1—NEW YEAR’S DAY!**

- \* Church office and buildings closed.

**A Word From Pastor Zach**

Church Family, Christmas is approaching quickly. I am praying now that God will lay someone on your heart to invite to one of our Singing Tree performances and to our Christmas Eve candlelight service. There is no greater gift that we can give to the people we love than an encounter with Jesus!

Concerning gifts, here is Nina’s latest article about this greatest gift. Reflect and prepare your heart for Christmas!

In Him,  
Pastor Zach

OH COME, OH COME

# Emmanuel

Christmas is about the greatest gift you and I could ever receive – the gift of a Savior. We did nothing to deserve this gift, but we humbly accept Him. In return, we give gifts to others. Gift-giving can be a challenge. Is there someone on your list that you just can’t think of the perfect gift for? Sometimes when we take a moment and let the peace of Christmas enter our hearts, the perfect gift will come to mind.

*Gift Giving to Others.* Giving to others does not always mean spending money or buying things. Some of the most appreciated gifts may involve just giving someone your time, your heart, a much-needed smile, a helping hand, a watchful eye or a listening ear. One of the best gifts we can give to others and ourselves is the gift of being fully present and not being distracted by the next thing on our list.

*Gift Giving to Jesus.* While we cannot literally give a gift to Jesus, we can give to causes that are close to His heart. Jesus said, “as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40). When you check your gift list this year, what can you do for the “least of these”? A batch of cookies could be an evangelistic opportunity to spend a few minutes with someone who does not know Jesus, or with someone who may have wandered away from God.

*Gift Giving to Ourselves.* Reduce your stress by remembering what is important in your life. Jesus said, the greatest commandment was to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and to love others as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-39). This means that all the things on your holiday “to do” list pale in comparison to the people right in front of you. Turn off technology, slow down, and take a deep breath. Then, be still. Set aside special moments to experience the joy and miracle of Christmas. Be still, wait, gather, invite, and enjoy.

*“May we be like the Wise Men who were guided to a little baby by a star. May we have the wisdom to seek him, a light to guide us, the courage to search and the generosity to lay our gifts before Him.”*

Merry Christmas!  
Nina Palumbo

## Prime Time

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

A friend of mine reminded me that the past two years I have written about Axel and the nativity scene at my house. I thought I needed a new story so the other day I put the barn and Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus and the rest of the cast of characters on the coffee table without a word to Axel. Later that day, I saw several cars parked in front of the barn and a monster truck in the hayloft. The Biblical characters were lined up on the TV stand. I wonder how many of us have done the same – replaced Jesus and the Joy of Christmas with other things that we love? Is it time for you to reset your priorities and to remember the hope, peace, joy, and love that came to us at Christmas?

Don't forget to bring your friends and family to the Singing Tree! There are three performance times you can choose from: Friday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 21 at 3:00 p.m.; or Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 p.m. It's a great opportunity for all to hear a clear presentation of the gospel message.

I am still looking for input into next year's activities. If you have suggestions, please let me know as soon as possible.

Hope you and yours have a wonderful Christmas!

## Bible Study Corner

All Bible studies will resume on Wednesday, January 8 and Precepts will resume on Sunday, January 5.

## Angel Tree and Coats for Kids

Thank you all for showing your love to others during this Christmas season. You have blessed so many. Your generosity to others is humbling and encouraging. Let's take that generous spirit into the New Year!

## Chi Alpha News

*Kyle Baldwin, Interim Youth Director*

### Singing Tree Celebration/Hangout

The Singing Tree is just around the corner, December 20-22! Many of our students are heavily involved in the tree production this year, so to celebrate we are going to be having a Tree Celebration/Hangout on Saturday, December 21 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Kyle will feed you dinner that night and we will just spend time up in the Rafters relaxing and playing some games. So sign up in the Rafters and come have some fun!

### THE BIG CHILL

We are just over a month away from one of our biggest events of the year...THE BIG CHILL!! This year's event will be taking place January 17-18 from 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. and it is set to be bigger than ever before! We have so many awesome activities planned for you including a trip to Adrenaline Zone to play Demolition Ball and Laser Tag, a full on concert put on by Kyle and other students from Missouri Baptist, and one more secret event that will be announced soon (think UNDERGROUND)! You don't want to miss this all night event and the cost is only \$10! So sign up today in the Rafters and invite your friends! This is going to be the best one yet!

## Music Musings

*Ronna Paden, Director of Music*

**Opportunities Still Available** - As I looked over the sign-up sheets asking for helpers during the Singing Tree performances, I took note that there is still a need for [Angel Helpers](#) and [Children's Nativity Helpers](#). It looks like we are doing very well with Greeters and Parking Attendant sign-ups.

Remember that you do not have to help during every performance. Simply indicate the day(s) you would be available to help. And don't forget to attend a performance for yourself!

You may not have any idea how much you are helping, but you are vital to the success of bringing the message to our community and beyond. Thanks, again.

**Musicians Needed** - I am in need of musicians who play treble instruments that would be able to play Silent Night in B♭. Also, I am looking for acoustic guitar players who can play (chords) in B♭, for the same song. Please contact Ronna at (314) 941-8711.

**A Favorite Carol: *Mary, Did You Know*** - In 1970, Thomas Road Baptist Church began a Broadway-style Christmas program that was known as The Living Christmas Tree. (Does that have a familiar ring?) In 1984, the virtually unknown singer/songwriter, Mark Lowry, stepped forward to write the program for the Virginia Christmas Spectacular. Lowry designed the program around popular carols and hymns that would work well to depict the wonder of the First Christmas. Mark was writing for the event when his mother came up with the idea for the song with a simple comment. "Mark, you know if anyone knew Jesus was virgin born, it was Mary...and her silence...and her silence at the cross is proof that her story was indeed true." In the same year (1984), Lowry wrote the text for the song, but it took seven years for the lyrics to pair with the proper music. It was a Gospel music writer who came up with a tune that fit the lyrics perfectly.

By this time, Lowry had one singer in mind to record this song – Michael English. English recorded the song on an album that was released after Christmas, but it was an instant hit. This time-honored song has been recorded by over 500 artists since it was first released in 1991. The most famous versions are a duet by Kenny Rogers and Winona Judd, as well as the more recent recordings by Clay Aiken and Pentatonix.

Surely, there are many things which Mary did not know. Yet in her own song, Mary did, at least, know this: *"My soul exalts the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God, my Savior...For the Mighty One has done great things for me...The Lord has given help to Israel so that we remember His mercy"* (Luke 1:46).

## Tech Help Needed!

We are looking for anyone who would be interested in serving in the technical aspects of worship on Sunday mornings. We have a dire need to fill a tech position in the 8:30 a.m. service running slides. If you can click a mouse, you can do this job! 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](mailto:Vance@feefeebc.org).



## Family Front

*Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries*

**Parents' Night Out** - Thank you Church, for the gifts you donated to the store for our Parent's Night Out. The children were able to shop for their family and had a great time doing that! Thank you again for your generosity of those wonderful gift items.

**Planning Center** – We want to extend a thank you to our families and teachers for your patience as we are working out the kinks of Planning Center, our new Children's Ministry check-in system. We believe it will be a much easier system to use. There is even a mobile remote feature that we will introduce after the first of the year. Thanks again for your cooperation and patience as we continue to do our very best to keep your children safe as we minister to them.

**Combined Worship Service** - On Sunday, December 29, our K-5th grade kids will be singing in the combined 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Practice is during KidsZone on Sunday mornings. Mrs. Eva does a great job helping them get ready for the service. Parents, thank you for allowing them to lead us in worship.

**Loaves and Fishes Ministry** – On Tuesday, January 21, our children and their families are invited to help prepare dinner for the Loaves and Fishes shelter. Save the date and watch for further details in early January.

**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 4th-5th grade and Kindergarten on Sunday morning for Bible Study, and Childcare Workers during 11:00 a.m. worship (this can be just a once-a-month commitment). These needs are vital to the on-going discipling of our children. See Kathy Scott if you would like to serve.

Mark 10:13-16: *Then they brought little children to (Jesus), that He might touch them: but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them: for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it. And He took them up His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.*

## Community Connection

*Andrew Yakel, Interim Associate Pastor*

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** - Masuda San was a broken man when he showed up at Mark Bennett's sidewalk chapel for the homeless in Tokyo, Japan. "It was a typical story. They come for the food," said Mark, an IMB missionary. "But while they're there, we give them a portion of Scripture and share the Gospel." And Mark learns their names—a big deal when you feel nameless and faceless, not seen by anyone. It got Masuda San's attention. It brought him out of the shadows, and he just couldn't get enough. He couldn't get enough Scripture either. He blazed through the Gospel of John and came back and asked for more. Then he asked for more again. Within six months, he had read the whole Bible. "He has this little worn-out New Testament, and it has notes and highlights," Mark said. "We'll be sitting around in Bible study, and someone will ask a question and he'll start teaching them from Scripture. He knows the Word, and the Holy Spirit is using him to teach these other guys." When you give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering all of that money goes to support mission work like Mark does to spread the Gospel all over the world. Pray about what you could give to support the Gospel message.

