

Weekly Summary	02-23-20	03-01-20
Sunday Bible Study Attendance	238	245
AWANA	51	70
WOW Bible Study	13	13
Men's Fraternity	6	—
Chi Alpha Wednesday	—	30
Bible Study/Prayer Meeting	—	36
Precepts	13	11
Small Group Attendance	19	39
Total Bible Study Attendance	340	456
Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM	128	183
11:00 AM	194	149
Offering	\$7,764.00	\$19,533.00
E-Giving (1/28-2/10)	\$40,544.71	

Qualifications/
Expectations of Deacons

1. Choose persons who meet the biblical qualifications set forth primarily in Acts 6:1-7 and I Timothy 3:8-13.
- A man of honest (good) report (Acts 6:3).
 - Full of the Holy Spirit (Acts 6:3).
 - Full of wisdom (Acts 6:3).
 - Full of faith (Acts 6:5).
 - Grave (I Timothy 3:8); reverence for spiritual matters.
 - Not double-tongued (I Timothy 3:8).
 - Not given to much wine (I Timothy 3:8).
 - Not greedy of filthy lucre (I Timothy 3:8).
 - A holder of the faith (I Timothy 3:9).
 - Tested and proved (I Timothy 3:10).
 - Blameless (I Timothy 3:10).
 - Christian family life (I Timothy 3:11-12).
 - Husband of one wife (I Timothy 3:11-12).
 - Ruling their children and their own houses well (I Timothy 3:12).
2. Choose persons who can serve well.
- (Full recommendation forms can be found at the Info Center and can be turned in to a Deacon, church staff, or church office.)

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OUR MISSION:

Fee Fee Baptist Church exists to make disciples who **build** their lives on Jesus and **pursue** the good of our community for the glory of God.



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

March 11, 2020
Breakfast—French Toast
Eggs
Sausage
Cinnamon Rolls
Fruit Bar

March 18, 2020
Tacos
Cobbler

March 25, 2020
SPRING BREAK - NO MEAL

April 1, 2020
Ham
Yams
Corn Casserole
Pudding Delight

April 8, 2020
Pizza
Brownies

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>Sunday, March 15 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 5:00 p.m. Precepts Bible Study</p> <p>Monday, March 16 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 9:30 a.m. Sewing Group 5:45 p.m. Friendship Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Pickup Basketball</p> <p>Tuesday, March 17— St. Patrick's Day 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 11:30 a.m. May Clermont WOM 2:00 p.m. Prime Time Council 4:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes Ministry 6:30 p.m. ESL Classes</p> <p>Wednesday, March 18 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. Youth Small Groups 6:30 p.m. Navigating Loss Grief Group 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting</p> <p>Thursday, March 19 6:30 p.m. ESL Classes</p> <p>Friday, March 20 — First Day of Spring! 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time 2:00 p.m. Pickleball</p> <p>Saturday, March 21 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> <p>Sunday, March 22 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. RA Congress Meeting 5:00 p.m. Precepts Bible Study</p> <p>Monday, March 23 All Day Pattonville Spring Break (23-27) 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 5:45 p.m. Friendship Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. VBS Music Rehearsal Pickup Basketball</p> <p>Tuesday, March 24 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 9:00 a.m. Spirit Lifters 2:30 p.m. History Committee 6:30 p.m. ESL Classes</p> <p>Wednesday, March 25 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 9:00 a.m. Pickleball 6:30 p.m. Navigating Loss Grief Group</p> <p>Thursday, March 26 9:00 a.m. Prime Time to Churchill Museum in Fulton, MO 6:30 p.m. ESL Classes</p> <p>Friday, March 27 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 2:00 p.m. Pickleball</p> <p>Saturday, March 28</p>	<p>Rev. Zach Crook, <i>SENIOR PASTOR</i> Rev. Andrew Yakel, <i>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></p> <div><p>OFFICE ♦ (314) 739-1525 FAX ♦ (314) 739-1302 www.feefeebc.org</p><p>THE FORERUNNER is published Bi-weekly, by FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH 11330 St. Charles Rock Road Bridgeton, MO 63044-2792</p><p>Periodicals Postage rates paid at Hazelwood, MO 63042-9998</p><p>USPS 016957 POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: THE FORERUNNER Fee Fee Baptist Church 11330 St. Charles Rock Road Bridgeton, MO 63044-2792</p></div> <div>PERIODICAL</div>

A Word From Pastor Zach

I remember that first night in Mangodara in the southern part of Burkina Faso. We had traveled 9 hours from the capital city, Ouagadougou. Much of the final few hours of the trip were navigated on “roads” that needed four wheel drive. Mangodara was a town of over 5,000 people, but there was no running water and no electricity. The “hotel” we were staying in was a cement building with metal doors (termites would eat anything wood). Our small group of 6 men was split into two groups and all I remember about that first night was how hot it was. I wanted to leave the door open to hopefully get a breeze going, but I was worried about snakes, spiders, mosquitoes, and the fact that we were hours away from any hospital. If something strange bit us, help was a long way away!

I remember staying up late into the night with two fellow pastors, Tommy and Jason. We were trying to adjust to the time change and the reality that we were out in the African bush. We spent a lot of time in prayer that evening. In the midst of the uneasy feeling that we all had, we found comfort in a prayer found in the book of Ezra. In chapter 8, Ezra is about to lead a ragtag group of peasants and priests on a journey from Persia to Jerusalem. They are carrying a small fortune to beautify the temple and buy sacrifices, and Ezra becomes worried about safety. So he prays that God would protect his group and provide them with a safe journey.

We turned to Ezra’s prayer that night. We knew the people group we were visiting, the Doghosie, needed to hear the Gospel. We knew the risk was

worth it. However, we found great comfort in echoing Ezra’s prayer for safety.

In the world we live in today, with the coronavirus spreading and the rise of violence, advancing the Gospel mission can seem daunting. However, I think Ezra gives us a model for how to approach an uncertain world. Ezra prayed for God’s protection and safety, and then Ezra continued on the journey in which he knew God had called him. In the same way, we pray for safety, and we continue living out the calling that God has given us.

After staying up late into the night praying, I remember the peace of God that washed over us in Mangodara. We realized there was going to be some level of danger being out so far in the bush, but God was gracious to give us peace. We knew that God had called us to share the Gospel with the Doghosie people. Ezra’s prayer was a great model for us and encouraged us during our trip.

As we think about the global missions mandate that God has placed on our church, please join me in praying for our missions teams going to Mexico in April and the Dominican Republic this summer. Join me in praying Ezra’s prayer for our global missions teams, and for our teams going to North Carolina and Windermere as well.

In the midst of uncertainty, it is comforting to know that “the hand of our God is gracious to all who seek him” (Ezra 8:22).

In Him,
Pastor Zach

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

Don't forget to sign up at the Info Center for the Churchill Museum trip on Thursday, March 26. The bus will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. We will have lunch at Bek's, a local favorite. Admission for the guided tour is \$9 and there is a \$5 charge for your transportation to and from Fulton, MO. Hope you can join us and bring a friend!

When was the last time you saw a butterfly up close and personal or rode a carousel? If it's been too long, or never, then now is the perfect time! We will leave at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 9 for the Butterfly House at Faust Park. Admission is \$5; it is \$2 to ride the historic carousel, for anyone who desires. The St. Louis Carousel is an original 1920s carousel installed at the St. Louis Highlands Amusement Park in 1929. After a fire in 1963 destroyed the park, the carousel was moved to Sylvan Springs Park and operated there until 1979. The St. Louis County Historic Buildings Commission and the Faust Park Foundation raised funds to restore the carousel and bring it to Faust Park. This is a chance to relive your childhood, as I'm sure some of us rode this exact carousel at the Highlands! We will have lunch afterwards at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Chesterfield. Invite your neighbors and friends!

Please sign up for the trip to Casey, IL by April 1; we will then be able to determine a cost per person. This is an overnight trip to see Casey's attempts to earn themselves a place in the Guinness Book of World Records for having the biggest...fill in the blank. It will be a fun and leisurely trip and beautiful weather has been ordered!

As always, sign up sheets are at the Info Center, near the Media Center.

Bible Study Corner

It's never too late to get involved in Bible Study. There are many opportunities to get plugged in to all kinds of groups including WOW, Men's Fraternity, Pastor's Bible Study, Sunday morning Bible Study, Precepts, and existing small groups and T- groups or you can start one of your own! Contact [Gloria](#) for more information.

Ministry Opportunities

We are in need of a group to prepare and serve a meal at Loaves and Fishes on Tuesday, April 21. We also have openings for June and the rest of the year. We will provide your group with plates, cups, utensils, and napkins if you will prepare, serve the food, and fellowship with the residents. Consider participating in this ministry and contact [Gloria](#) to get started.

Grief Support Group

A new grief support group led by Nina Palumbo, a licensed Clinical Social Worker who is certified in Spiritual Christian Counseling meets every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in room B2. This group is open not just to Fee Fee, but to those in our community who are needing support and direction after the loss of a loved one. Contact Nina for more information and to sign up for the group, nmpcats3@gmail.com or (314) 780-4929.

Media Center

Visit the Media Center to check out the table of free items that are available—books, magazines, puzzles, and a variety of greeting cards! Our four computers are also needing some use, so stop and peruse our shelves and do a little research on your current favorite topic.

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

The Place of Music in Worship - The people of God sing. The role of music in worship is Biblical. After escaping from the Egyptians and crossing the Red Sea, the people of Israel sang a song to the Lord (Exodus 15). Singing was part of Israel's formal worship in both tabernacle and temple (1 Chronicles 6:31-32, 16:42). The Psalms bear rich testimony that in joy and sorrow, in praise and lament, the faithful raise their voices to God in song. Hymn singing was practiced by Jesus and His disciples (Matthew 26:30). The Apostle Paul instructed the Colossians to sing "...psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God."

A Hymn of Confidence and Faith - Our choir will soon be worshipping with a modern hymn, *By Faith*, paired with the old hymn, *Great is Thy Faithfulness*, written in 1923 by Thomas Chis olm. *By Faith* was written in 2009 by Keith and Kristen Getty and Stuart Townend. Inspired by Hebrews 11, the message of this song shows how believers today are traveling the same journey of faith as those who've walked before us. In writing modern hymns, the Getty's consider a musical vocabulary that might link generations rather than separating them.

It Can't Be Said Too Many Times...We can always use more singers in our Friendship Choir. This ministry will afford you the opportunity to brighten days and share the love of Christ with a most appreciative audience. We are currently planning a trip in April to visit the Baptist Home in Ironton. We also seek to schedule visits to facilities that house our members. You will find this time-honored statement true: "it is in giving that we receive." You are sure to be blessed.

Community Connection

Andrew Yakel, Associate Pastor

Week of Prayer for North American Missions – March 29-April 5 - We have the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus, taking love throughout the continent and shining light into dark places! We can do this by praying for the lost, giving to Gospel ministries, witnessing to those around us, and reaching out in compassion. March 29-April 5 is a Week of Prayer for North American Missions. You can pick up a prayer guide at the church to help direct you as you pray. These missionaries in the prayer guide represent thousands more who benefit from your prayers and sacrificial giving. Then on Sunday, April 5 we will be taking a special offering for the Annie Armstrong Offering - all the money given to this offering goes towards North American Missionaries.

Loaves and Fishes – April 21 - Every month different groups from our church act as the hands and feet of Christ by providing dinner one night for Loaves and Fishes Homeless Ministry. We are in need of a group to bring dinner on Tuesday, April 21. Would your Bible study group be willing to serve that night? Contact Gloria (gloria@feefeebc.org) or Andrew (andrew@feefeebc.org) or call the church office if you'd like to sign up for that night or if you have questions.

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, March 21. All men are encouraged to come out and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Q & A for Director of Youth Ministry Position

There will be a Q & A for the Director of Youth Ministry job description on Sunday, March 15, at 2:00 p.m. in the Worship Center.

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Upcoming Family Events:

Week of Prayer for North American Missions will be March 29 through April 5. Our church goal this year is \$12,500. Pray about the amount you can set aside as a family to support our North American missionaries.

Summer Fun Week is coming and will be here before we know it! Vacation Bible School and Sports Crusaders Basketball Camp will be June 22-26. "Wilderness Escape" is the theme for our VBS, and will be from 9:00 a.m. to noon; Basketball Camp will be from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. If you would like to serve, now is the time to sign up! See Kathy Scott about how you can get connected, kathy@feefeebc.org.

Children's Ministry Opportunities - We are still in need of a few people to fill some teaching spots in our children's ministry: assistant teacher for Livewires (Sunday), assistant teacher for Kindergarten Bible study (Sunday), AWANA listeners on Wednesdays; and Worship Care during 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship. Talk to Kathy Scott if you want to help with any of these ministries. Thank you in advance for your servant's heart!

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 – *The Lord is our God. The Lord is the one and only God. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your strength. The commandments I give you today must be in your hearts. Make sure your children learn them. Talk about them when you are at home. Talk about them when you walk along the road. Speak about them when you go to bed. And speak about them when you get up.*

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Interim Youth Director

DNOW 2020 - Thank you, church, for all your continued support of our student ministry, especially during DNOW weekend! We had an absolute blast getting to worship and fellowship along with our friends from Hazelwood Baptist Church and Chesterfield Community Church. Over this weekend we learned about "How to Come Home," with our theme of *Prodigal*. The Gospel was clearly presented by our speaker Leon Douglas and worship was a powerful, moving experience thanks to our phenomenal band! We had 12 amazing college students and leaders step up and give their weekends to love on our students and lead them in Small Groups. We had 5 different families give up their homes for the weekend, multiple volunteers donate food, workers who were here around the clock to ensure that this weekend ran smoothly, but most importantly, we had a church that was devoted in prayer for everyone involved in this weekend. Once again, church, thank you! No matter how big or small your contribution was, it was felt and appreciated by all who were involved in this weekend. Without your support, we could not put on events like Disciple Now. Continue to pray for our students, that the seeds that were planted will take root and that the Gospel will forever change their lives!

Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to ... **Donna DeWald** (and many friends and family) in the passing of her husband **Aaron DeWald** on March 4.

Thank You

The church has received a *Thank You* card from **Lawanda Wideman**, and can be viewed in the church office.