

Community Resources

During this time, people may struggle with many different needs. Here are some helpful resources provided by our community.

Food Assistance:

- Breakfast and lunch for [Pattonville School District](#) kids Monday-Friday.
- Ritenour School District [Co-Care Food Pantry](#) - Food pickup Monday-Saturday.
- St. Louis County Library [Drive-Thru Meals](#) for kids Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- Hunger Hotline (314) 726-5355
- Disaster Mobile Food Market—Every other Monday, beginning May 4, at FFBC; 10:00 a.m. until noon.

Rent Assistance:

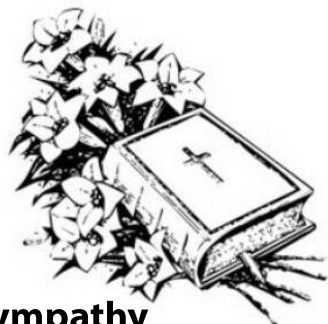
- United Way: (800) 427-4626
- Urban League: (314) 615-3640
- Salvation Army: (314) 646-3000

Utility Assistance:

- Heat Up STL: (314) 241-0001
- Urban League: (314) 615-3640
- Salvation Army: (314) 646-3000
- Community Action Agency: (314) 863-0015

Emergency Diapers

- St. Louis County Library Drive-Thru - Emergency Diapers every Friday.



Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to

...**Dionne (Todd) Curtis-Minner and family** on the passing of her uncle, **Dennis Curtis**, on April 14; and her aunt, **Janie Hornsby**, on April 23.

...**The family and friends of Alice Hall**, on her passing on April 21.

...**Carol Stephens and family** on the passing of her husband, **Danny Stephens**, on April 24.

...**Jim (Deanna) Gurlen** on the passing of his brother, **Jerry Gurlen**, on April 27.

...**Vicki (Scott) Knepper** on the passing of her mother, **Karen Clifford**, on April 29.

Mobile Food Market

Partnering with the St. Louis Area Food Bank, we will provide opportunities for families in our community to get free groceries for their family. Beginning Monday, May 18 at 10:00 a.m. until noon in the church parking lot, this will occur every other Monday. Contact Andrew to volunteer, andrew@feefebc.org.



On Wednesday, May 13, we will be hosting a Blood Drive with the American Red Cross in our Family Life Center (gym) from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Appointments are required. See our [website](#) for details.



Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, May 10 - MOTHER'S DAY

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Stream on our [website](#) or [Facebook page](#)
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Live Stream on [website](#) or [Facebook](#)

Monday, May 11

7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our [Facebook page](#)

Tuesday, May 12

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our [Facebook page](#)

Wednesday, May 13

10:00 a.m. Blood Drive (Gym)
7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our [Facebook page](#)

Thursday, May 14

7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our [Facebook page](#)

Friday, May 15

7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our [Facebook page](#)

Saturday, May 16

Sunday, May 17

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Live Stream on our [website](#) or [Facebook page](#)
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Live Stream on [website](#) or [Facebook](#)

Monday, May 18

10:00 a.m. Disaster Mobile Market w/St. Louis Area Food Bank (Church Parking Lot)
7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our [Facebook page](#)

Tuesday, May 19

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
4:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes Ministry
7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our [Facebook page](#)

Wednesday, May 20

7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our [Facebook page](#)

Thursday, May 21

7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our [Facebook page](#)

Friday, May 22

7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our [Facebook page](#)

Saturday, May 23

Due to COVID-19, the church building will be closed to all events and services until further notice.

To stay up-to-date on all calendar updates, please check our website. Download our new app on Google Play Store or Apple App Store for more news; just search for "Fee Fee Baptist Church."

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BUILD & PURSUE

A Word From Pastor Zach

I love food. In particular, I love my wife's enchiladas. They are unbelievably delicious. Whenever I find out that she is cooking my favorite meal, my mouth waters with anticipation. I purposefully eat a lighter lunch to make sure that I will truly enjoy the meal. Then, when I finally sit down for dinner, I savor every bite. Her enchiladas are amazing!

As we read through the book of Acts together as a church, there is a brief mention in chapter 17 of an incredible group of people. This group of people treats the Word of God the way I treat my wife's enchiladas. Look at Acts 17:10-11: *"As soon as it was night, the brothers and sisters sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. Upon arrival, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. The people here were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, since they received the word with eagerness and examined the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so."*

Do you see what it says about the Bereans? They received God's Word with eagerness! What exactly does that mean? Just like I look forward all day to eating those enchiladas, so the Bereans looked forward to hearing God's Word. Just like I savored and devoured every bite, they eagerly received the Word!

What is your attitude towards Scripture? Are you savoring God's Word during this time of quarantine? The Bereans didn't just receive it eagerly, they then went and examined the Scriptures for themselves. They wanted to verify everything that Paul and Silas taught.

In a very real sense, the Bereans didn't just sit and hear a sermon on Sunday morning, they also studied God's Word throughout the week. I pray that you are joining with us in reading Acts together. That we, as Fee Fee Baptist Church, will be known as a church that receives God's Word with eagerness and studies it daily!

Why is it so important to study God's Word? Because it gives life! Look at the beginning of verse 12: *"Consequently, many of them believed..."*

The Scriptures are living and active, and they point us toward Christ! When we truly study God's Word, we see that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. It leads us to him!

These are uncertain times. I know that I am tired of being cooped up. I am missing each one of you greatly. I am frustrated that things can't be "normal." However, in the midst of this uncertainty, I am praying that every one of us will set aside time to spend in God's Word. As the Psalmist says, "God's Word is sweeter than honey." Or, we might just say it is tastier than enchiladas!

I miss gathering with you physically, church. But I'm thankful we can stay connected through prayer and the reading of God's Word!

In Him,

Pastor Zach

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.

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

It is a beautiful day again today – sunshine and breezy. The flowers and trees are blooming and we see evidence of a faithful God everywhere we look. In staff meeting this week, we were challenged to make a one sentence video to post to encourage you guys to answer the statement, “God is…” My response today is: **God is faithful, in control, and good, even in the midst of a pandemic.** How would you describe God today?

I am sure most of you are weary of being isolated. Our life has changed a great deal in a month. I heard good news today that we had the lowest number of new cases since late March. I hope you have let God help you examine your walk with Him and your values during this time.

At one of our last staff meetings, before we had to start meeting on Zoom, Andrew lead a devotional on difficult prayers. He indicated that one of the most difficult was, “LORD, break me.” Those are hard words to say. What will that look like? Will I be okay? Will my family be okay? What will I have to do? Nevertheless, that day I prayed that prayer because I know that God is good and I knew I wanted to be all in, holding nothing back!

Now, I in no way think that this pandemic is my fault, (I learned Rick Warren’s first sentence in *The Purpose Driven Life* – it’s not about you!), but I certainly have had an opportunity to let God point out areas of my life that I had not fully committed to him and He has led me to confession, repentance and increased my faith. What is God showing you? Are you willing to pray that difficult prayer? Has He increased your faith and asked you to trust Him more? Has He helped you to value His truth? Has He been all that you have needed? Are you full of hope and joy and thankfulness? I pray that you would let Him refine and grow you and make you more and more like Jesus so we can show others the love and grace that you have received.

I am hopeful that I will be seeing you all soon. As Paul reminds us in Romans 12:12, “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”

Bible Study Corner

Yes, we are still doing Bible studies! If you are interested in a class on Sunday mornings or a men’s or women’s class on Wednesday nights at 6:15 p.m., contact Gloria at gloria@feefeebc.org and she will get you connected.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped in every good work,” (2 Timothy 3: 17-17, NIV).

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Interim Youth Director

Youth Online Bible Study – During this time that we are apart from each other, let’s be sure to be diligent to connect the best that we can. Each Sunday and Wednesday, we will still be having Bible Study together. I will be recording a lesson from a RightNow Media series and posting it to our [Facebook](#), Instagram, and [YouTube](#) pages. You can find us on all those platforms at **Fee Fee Youth**. Additionally, I will be posting Daily Devotionals on Facebook and Instagram to give you some encouragement throughout the week. Please reach out to me if you need anything, kyle@feefeebc.org. I am praying for each of you!

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Shigionoth - A Musical Term - Forms of this word appear two times in the Bible. The singular form of the word is *shiggaion* appearing in Psalm 7. The plural form of the word, *shigionoth*, is found in Habakkuk 3:1.

In each case the words are associated with songs and seem to indicate the passionate and strong emotional manner in which the song is to be sung. Both songs paint a picture of dire trouble. Habakkuk 3 speaks of earthquakes, crumbling mountains, pestilence, floods, arrows, spears, and calamity. The song in Psalm 7 describes vicious lions, trampled lives, rage, swords, flaming arrows, and violence. Both songs end with exuberant praise to the Lord for His deliverance from the troubles.

It is unlikely that I will ever encounter shigionoth or shiggaion as a directive in a musical composition, however my guess is the Italian directives *conpassione* or *appassionato* will get the same point across.

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

So how is everyone out there is quarantine-land? I miss getting together with the kids and seeing families at church! If you need anything, (and that includes prayer), do not hesitate to let us know. Parents, you have a lot on your plate: homeschooling, your own work, keeping family happy and healthy. Know that I am praying for you.

KidsZone - You will find a weekly KidsZone for preschoolers and children on our website each week. There are also handouts and activities to go along with it. If you do not have a printer at home, please let me know; I would be happy to mail them to you. I hope you choose to worship with your children. There is a worship bulletin that kids can use to follow along with Sunday morning worship services as they sit with you. A video has been posted on the [Children’s Ministry Facebook page](#) for parents about “Helping Kids Navigate the Pandemic.” There are many activities you can enjoy together – some of which you will be hearing about this week!

FREE Family Resources - If you need additional resources, you can find many of them through Right Now Media. Just give us permission to put your email into our account and you can access Right Now Media for FREE! It is a great resource for kids’ videos, Bible Study resources for all topics and ages. “What’s in the Bible” by Phil Vischer is a particular favorite of mine. What an opportunity you have right now to lead your kids to know Jesus and to better understand the Bible! **Daily Prayer** - Don’t miss our Daily Prayer on Facebook Live every weeknight at 7:00 p.m. Get your kids involved by having them share prayer requests, too. What a precious time this has been and will continue to be!

AWANA - We will likely have our AWANA Awards Night the first Wednesday night we return to AWANA in the fall. Further information will be posted as details become available.

Summer Fun Week – It is with a big sad face that the announcement that Summer Fun Week has been postponed. We are planning to have Vacation Bible School but are just not sure when that will be. As of right now, we are cancelling Basketball Camp. Watch for more details throughout the summer.

Community Connection

Andrew Yakel, Associate Pastor

Blood Drive on May 13 - Donating blood makes a big difference in the lives of others! On Wednesday, May 13, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. we will be hosting a blood drive through the American Red Cross. In order to comply with social distancing restrictions, all donations MUST be scheduled ahead of time. Simply go to the Red Cross website (<http://www.redcrossblood.org>), and use the Sponsor Code **FeeFeeBaptistBridgeton** (no spaces), to find our drive. You can also search by zip code and date to find it. Then schedule your donation for a specific time that day. You may also call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule your donation. The drive will be held in the Family Life Center. Everyone donating can drive around to the back of the church and park in the lot by the gym and enter through the gym doors. On the blood drive page on the church website there are some helpful tips about donating including who can donate and how to donate. If you have any questions about any of this please contact Andrew at andrew@feefeebc.org.

St. Louis Area Food Bank Mobile Market - We have started a new partnership with the St. Louis Area Food Bank to become a mobile market! One of the struggles people are facing right now is being able to get adequate food for their families. Our partnership will help to alleviate that. Every other Monday from 10:00 a.m. until noon we will distribute food to people in a “drive thru” format in our parking lot to keep social distancing in place. The next scheduled Mobile Market at our location is May 18. If you are interested in helping organize and distribute the food, contact Andrew at andrew@feefeebc.org. Please help us get the word out to those in need in our community about this opportunity!

Devotional Corner

Taken from L.B. Cowen’s “Streams in the Desert,” Zondervan Updated Edition

“Look! I see four men, not tied, walking around in the fire unharmed; and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.” Daniel 3:25

When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were thrown into the furnace, the fire did not stop them from moving, for they were seen “walking around.” Actually, the fire was one of the streets they traveled to their destination. The comfort we have from Christ’s revealed truth is not that it teaches us freedom *from* sorrow but that it teaches us freedom *through* sorrow.

O dear God, when darkness overshadows me, teach me that I am merely traveling through a tunnel. It will then be enough for me to know that someday it will be all right.

I have been told that someday I will stand at the top of the Mount of Olives and experience the height of resurrection glory. But heavenly Father, I want more— I want Calvary to lead up to it. I want to know that the shadows of darkness are the shade on a road— the road leading to Your heavenly house. Teach me that the reason I must climb the hill is because Your house is there! Knowing this, I will not be hurt by sorrow, if I will only *walk* in the fire.—*George Matheson*

*“The road is too rough,” I said;
“It is uphill all the way;
No flowers, but thorns instead;
And the skies overhead are gray.”
But One took my hand at the entrance dim,
And sweet is the road that I walk with Him.*

*“The cross is too great,” I cried—
“More than the back can bear,
So rough and heavy and wide,
And nobody near to care.”
And One stooped softly and touched my hand:
“I know. I care. And I understand.”*