

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:

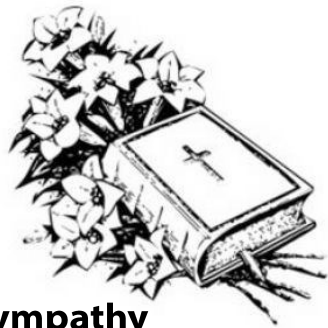
- United Way: (800) 427-4626
- Urban League: (314) 615-3640
- Salvation Army: (314) 646-3000

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.

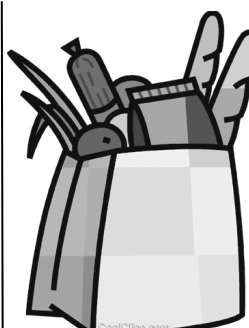


Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to ...**Sue (Richard) Wright** on the passing of her mother, **Gerry Mayer**, on April 28.

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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 every other Monday. The next Mobile Market will be on June 1, at 10:00 a.m. until noon in the church parking lot, this will occur every other Monday. Contact Andrew to volunteer, andrew@feefeebc.org.

BECAUSE OF THE LORD'S GREAT
love WE ARE NOT CONSUMED,
FOR *his compassions never fail.*
THEY ARE *new every morning;*
GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

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.

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, May 24

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 25 - MEMORIAL DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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

Tuesday, May 26

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

Wednesday, May 27

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

Thursday, May 28

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

Friday, May 29

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

Saturday, May 30

Sunday, May 31

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, June 1

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

Tuesday, June 2

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

Wednesday, June 3

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

Thursday, June 4

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

Friday, June 5

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

Saturday, June 6

Keep your eyes open for Pastor Zach's letter in the coming days announcing church reopening guidelines.

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

You've probably heard by now that St. Louis County is beginning to reopen starting May 18. With that news, I'm sure you're wondering what that means for Fee Fee.

First of all, we are tentatively looking at having worship services on our campus again starting Sunday, June 7. When we reopen, we will be offering our two services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., but there will be no Bible Study in between and no childcare or KidsZone during this first phase. We will be sending a letter out to all of our members about some of the guidelines that we are putting in place when we reopen.

If we are allowed to gather starting May 24, why are we waiting until at least June 7? You've heard the phrase "out of the abundance of caution" tossed around frequently during this COVID-19 pandemic. I've probably used it more than a few times. However, I think that we need to change the narrative with the approach of our church. Yes, we are going to be cautious. But do you know why? It is out of an abundance of love!

The Bible commands us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. That means that we need to lovingly put others and their needs in front of our own. Out of an abundance of love, we are going to adhere to social distancing on our campus. Out of an abundance of love, we are asking that everyone who comes to worship wear a mask. Out of an abundance of love, we are asking anyone that doesn't feel well to stay home. Out of an abundance of love, we are asking that we refrain from hugs and handshakes

for the time being. It isn't fear that is going to be what motivates us during this season, but love.

No matter how you feel personally about the pandemic, I would ask that, out of an abundance of love, we don't let our opinions cause division in the church. When Jesus prays his High Priestly Prayer in John 17, he asks that God would unite all of his followers. Unity is what Christ prays for his church before he goes to the cross. I am praying that we will love others and be united around the saving truth of the gospel. We might disagree with other believers about how people and churches should be acting during this time. Let's not allow those disagreements to divide us. Instead, I'm praying we unite under the gospel and make the name of Jesus famous!

In closing, we are so appreciative of your prayers and support during this season. Your staff believes that God is doing something in and through this uncertain time. Please join us in praying for revival! Also, for those of you who are high risk, don't feel pressure to return right away. We will continue to livestream our services and will have staff members online during our services to minister to you. Finally, know that we will do our best to communicate any changes in a clear and timely way, as this reopening unfolds. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. Be looking for the letter that will give more details about the different phases Fee Fee Baptist will undergo as we reopen.

Please join me in praying for our church, our city, our nation, and our world!

In Him,
Pastor Zach

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

By the time you read this, we will be in Phase 1 of reopening St. Louis County. Some of you will be cautiously peeping out your door and others will be bursting forth as if you have just been released from prison. However, you choose to approach this new season, remember to love and respect those who might have a different approach from yours. We will once again be walking through uncharted territory and will need to act in *agape* love to others, the kind of love that puts the needs and well-being of others before ours.

One thing is certain, through all this, God has been faithful to His church. He has allowed us to minister to many in our community and to those within the church. Your generosity in sharing from your resources has made it possible to meet the needs of others.

Today is my day at the office (Tuesday). Vance showed me how to access the door camera at the end of March. By April 1, I could neither use nor find that camera. If the doorbell rings, and I am the only one here, my non-technological response is to walk down the hall and see who is at the door.

When it rang about an hour ago, there was a man about 50 years old on a bicycle. I went to the door to see what he needed. His name was George and he was from Texas. He and his wife's van broke down and they are living at the Motel 6 on Dorsett. His son has mailed them their stimulus check, but it hasn't arrived here yet. He has been trying to find odd jobs to pay for their motel until they get their checks and can get back to Texas. He needed \$7 to be able to pay for his room tonight and asked if we had any chili for their dinner. I gave him some microwavable food, breakfast bars, \$7 and prayed with him. He thanked Jesus for providing.

There are more "Georges" all around you. While I have been typing this article, I had a phone call from a woman asking for info about our Mobile Market on May 18. God is using His church to help those in need. Keep your eyes open. Look for opportunities to help. Some needs are physical, some emotional, and some spiritual. Let Jesus use you!

Hope to see you in person soon!

Bible Study Corner

While we will slowly and eventually get back to Bible study in person, we will continue to use virtual methods. Please contact Gloria at gloria@feefeebc.org if you are interested in getting connected with a virtual Bible study.

Daily Prayer at 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, will continue through the month of June. You can join in every weekday on our Fee Fee Baptist Church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FeeFeeBC>.

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Interim Youth Director

The Latest Update - Hey Chi Alpha! I hope everyone is well and pushing towards your goal of finishing your school year strong. I know that this has been an interesting and very different end of the year than some of you were expecting, but I am so proud of you and how you have responded to this change. Just a reminder, we are still posting lessons for you to stay up to date on things here at church on our Instagram, [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#) pages! On Sundays we are looking through the Book of Ephesians with JD Greear, and on Wednesdays our series is called "Different" with Jonathan Evans. Both series can be found on RightNow Media so you can follow along. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Did You Know... Many of our popular hymns have interesting backstories.

The song *I Know Whom I Have Believed* was written by a Union soldier during the Civil War, who was held as a prisoner of war and became a believer while praying for another dying soldier.

Hymn writer Fanny Crosby was blind from infancy yet was able to memorize the first five books of the Bible, the four Gospels, the Proverbs, and most of the Psalms.

But one song in particular, of which many of us have grown to adore, has an inspiring origin.

Carl Boberg, a newspaper editor, and member of the Swedish Parliament, being inspired by the sound of church bells ringing during a wild thunderstorm, penned the poem, *O Great God*. When *O Great God* was published, the poem did not catch on and it seemed destined to be forgotten. However, three years later someone liked it enough to match the words with a Swedish melody. Boberg published the poem again in 1891 - this time in the form of a song.

A few decades later in the 1930s, English missionary Stuart Hine heard the song while in Poland. He was deeply moved, translated the song to English and took it home with him to England. In English, the song was now called *How Great Thou Art*.

Moving on to the 1940s, an evangelist heard this song being sung by native tribal people in India, of all places! The evangelist, Dr. Edwin Orr, was deeply inspired and brought the song to the United States. In 1954 the song found its way into the hands of George Beverly Shea, who sang it over 100 times in Billy Graham's 1957 New York crusade. In 1959 it became the theme song for Billy Graham's weekly radio broadcast.

The song later became recognized by ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers) as "The All-Time Outstanding Gospel Song" in America. *How Great Thou Art* has consistently been listed as one of the greatest hymns ever written, usually falling in second place right behind *Amazing Grace*, and has been recorded over 1,800 times in the last 50 years. Many of you have no doubt heard the recordings by Elvis Presley and it was also recorded in 2017 by popular country artist Alan Jackson.

How astonishing that this song started as a poem in a small Swedish town and somehow wound its way around the globe to become a great hymn of the faith.

Devotional Corner

Taken from Mrs. Charles E. Cowman's "Streams in the Desert," Volume Two

"This is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith," (1 John 5:4)

Oh, the wonders of prayer! Abraham's servant prays...Rebekah appears. Jacob wrestles and prays and prevails with Christ...Esau's mind is wonderfully turned from the revengeful purpose he has harbored for twenty years. Moses cries to God...the sea divides. Hannah prays...Samuel is born. Asa prays...a victory is gained. Jehoshaphat cries to God...God turns away his foes. Isaiah prays...the dream is revealed. Daniel prays...the lions are muzzled. Nehemiah starts a prayer...the King's heart is softened in a minute. Elijah prays...a drought of three years succeeds. Elijah prays [again]...rain descends apace. Elisha prays...Jordan is divided. The church prays ardently...Peter is delivered by an angel.

The weapon of prayer against the forces of evil prevails. It brings power. It brings fire. It brings rain. It brings life. It brings God! There is no power like that of prevailing prayer. Dare to be definite with God; dare to lay hold of the promises and to wait in faith until the answer comes. Victory is through Calvary!

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

You may have read some of the same things in my article for the last couple of issues, so I am going to share a few things that I have learned, or re-learned, through these days.

1. God is still in control. He is able. He is aware of all of our needs. He is faithful.
2. He has caused me to 'Be still' more so I can hear Him. I like to be busy doing His work, worshipping with other believers, being with the kids and providing good discipleship opportunities for kids... without that I was feeling a bit out of sorts, without purpose. God reminded me 'doing' or 'going' less is okay.
3. I can do more with technology than I thought I could. It is still rough at times but God has granted us good tech people to assist.
4. Our church people are faithful through all this. Bible study leaders are contacting their classes. That is especially true of our kids' teachers. They are a great group of caring adults that love our kids and desire for them to know Jesus better and share Him with their friends.
5. Prayer time with other believers is rejuvenating and has been sustaining for me.
6. Worship of our Almighty God can even be done across cyberspace! Isn't He a great God?!

Thank you God, for what you are teaching us and what You will continue to teach us through these days. Let us not take for granted the gathering of believers ever again! AMEN!

Community Connection

Andrew Yakel, Associate Pastor

St. Louis Area Food Bank Mobile Market - At our first Mobile Market we had over 130 cars come through our lot, which represented over 500 people that received food that day! Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ by providing for the needs of our community. Remember we are going to do this every 2 weeks for the time being. The next dates for the Mobile Market will be on Monday, May 18, and Monday, June 1. On Mobile Market Mondays, from 10:00 a.m. until noon, we will distribute food to people in a "drive thru" format to keep social distancing in place. If you or someone you know need help providing food for their family, then this event is for you!

Mission Trip Updates - Out of an abundance of caution regarding COVID-19, all of our summer mission trips (Dominican Republic trip, youth trip to North Carolina, and Windermere trip), have all been cancelled. This was not an easy decision at all but we, and all of the organizations we were working with, felt that this is the wise decision. Please still be praying for all of these groups and the work that they do. Also, let me take this opportunity to update you on the Dominican Republic Water Project. The well has been dug and initial equipment has been put in place! A couple months ago we sent a payment to have the building constructed. Because of all the COVID-19 concerns, the construction has been put on hold for the time being. We have one final payment to send to pay for the rest of the equipment within the building. If you would still like to give to support missions this summer, you can give towards the "DR Water Project" to help pay for that equipment. We are almost at the finish line for this project and I can't wait for the day when our partner village is finally drinking clean water! If you have any questions about this, please contact Andrew at andrew@feefeebc.org.