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 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays only.
- Ritenour School District Co-Care Food Pantry Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- St. Louis County Library Drive-Thru Meals for kids Monday, Wednesday, and Friday - 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
- 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.

Summer Sermon Series

Pastor Zach will be kicking off the summer with a new series called "I AM," taking us through the Gospel of John during June and July. Starting June 8, you can download the Bible reading plan that goes along with this series from our website under **Downloads**.

It doesn't look the way we thought it would, nonetheless, we want to





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 15, 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.

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, June 7 - Church Building

Open for Worship Services

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Monday, June 8

7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our Facebook page

Tuesday, June 9

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels Daily Prayer Live on our 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10

7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our Facebook page

Thursday, June 11

7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our Facebook page

Friday, June 12 Saturday, June 13

8:30 a.m. Int'l Food Pantry

Sunday, June 14

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Monday, June 15

10:00 a.m. Mobile Market w/St. Louis Area

Food Bank (Church Parking Lot) Daily Prayer Live on our

Facebook page

Tuesday, June 16

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 4:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes Ministry

7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our

Wednesday, June 17

7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our Facebook page

Thursday, June 18

7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our Facebook page

Friday, June 19 Saturday, June 20

Our worship services are available to watch via Live Stream on our website or Facebook page

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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letter about our regathering plan. promptly when it's your turn. Feel free Phase 1, which will be two worship to fellowship outside! services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. will begin on June 7. There will not be any childcare or Bible Study classes at

common good.

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4. <u>Use Wisdom</u> – If you feel sick, stay home. If you've been around someone who is ill, stay home and join us for worship online through our website or Facebook Live. We recommend wearing a mask, and will have some available if you need one.

We want to use common sense for the

you at the end of service and leave

June 1, 2020

As a reminder, the church campus will remain closed for any other activities during Phase 1 of our Regathering Plan. We will still have people in the office to help with emergencies and day-to-day operations, but we want to ensure that our campus is clean and safe. We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we navigate these uncharted waters.

With all that being said, we can't wait to worship together on June 7! If we just keep in mind those simple guidelines of extending grace, giving space, allowing time, and using wisdom, I believe we can honor God and our neighbor as we worship together corporately.

We are praying for each of you and we are confident that God is still at work!

In Him,

PERIODICAL

& FAMILY MINISTRIES

Mrs. Ronna Paden, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Mr. Kyle Baldwin, INTERIM YOUTH DIRECTOR

regather for corporate worship. We want the focus to be on Jesus and worshipping and glorifying Him when we gather. For this reason, we have developed these four simple guidelines to help smooth our transition as we hold services on our

campus again.

this time.

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So, in the heart of both love for God and for our neighbor, here are our four guidelines as we regather:

A Word From Pastor Zach

I think it goes without saying, but

things are going to be different as we

hope that you have received our

- 1. Extend Grace People have a lot of opinions on what we should and shouldn't be doing as we navigate through this pandemic. Let's extend grace to those that are doing things differently than we might be. Also, let's extend grace to our leadership and be flexible as things might change and look different than we are used to.
- 2. Give Space We need to be conscientious about maintaining proper social distancing between family groups. Think of it this way....6 feet is basically two adult arm lengths.
- 3. Allow Time We need time to move people in and out of our building for our services, and to clean between services. Please don't come into the building until 15 minutes before the start of the service, at the earliest. Also, allow time for ushers to dismiss

Pastor Zach

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study If all goes as planned, you should be reading this right before June 7, the date we will be regathering as a church. Some of you will be joining us in person and others will continue attending online. Whatever your choice, it will be a very good day!

For all of us, this season we have been passing through has been a time to check to see if our professed belief aligns with our actual belief, a time to check your heart's deepest loyalties.

We have had to ask ourselves the question of whether we really trust God in all things. We all have moments of doubt and anxiety, (and maybe even weird dreams about singing Aladdin songs and diving off the stage into the third row in our house shoes), but God is here to help us in our unbelief if we cry out to Him. As we pray and read His word, our faith will be strengthened.

Some of us have found that a portion of our trust came from material goods and relationships with others. Nonetheless, during this time, He has shown us that we can totally depend on Him as He has faithfully drawn us back to see His supremacy and sufficiency in all things.

Rely on this promise in Romans 8:28, "For we know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to His purpose." God has an incredibly amazing plan for our lives and in the worst of times, He will work things together for good. Maybe that good has been a renewed and stronger relationship with Him, an opportunity to talk to your neighbors where you had been too busy before, or even opportunities to bless those around you.

We can count on God to keep His promises, but this promise has a condition. He requires us to love Him with our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Are you keeping your part of the promise?

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 Thursday, 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.

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Summer Concerts - As you may have guessed, our summer concerts have taken a hit this year with the stay-at-home order. We had originally scheduled four concert events this year and planned to be spread out over the summer (one each month) rather than having consecutive weekly events. That being said - our May and June concerts have been canceled. However, we have The Lesters concert scheduled for July 26, and Timothy and Hosanna Noble are set to be here on August 9. We will proceed with these plans with the realization that proper precautions will be in place for each event. All safety recommendations for attendees will be set as we come closer to the concert dates.

Singing...to sing or NOT to sing. As we are coming to grips with the issue of singing during this pandemic, we have become aware of the endangerment this activity can have on both producers and consumers. We will work throughout this unusual season of time to protect everyone from existing dangers.

An old Walt Whitman poem came to my mind while thinking about the <u>luxury</u> of singing. Though I feel unqualified to analyze the message, I love that this poet chose to use the idea of "songs" and "singing" to depict various characters singing their own "songs," blending together in one unifying chorus that is America in his poem *I Hear America Singing*.

I hear America singing, the varied carols I hear. Those of mechanics, each one singing his as it should be blithe and strong. The carpenter singing his as he measures his plank or beam. The mason singing his as he makes ready for work, or leaves off work. The boatman singing what belongs to him in his boat, The deckhand singing on the steamboat deck. The shoemaker singing as he sits on his bench, The hatter singing as he stands, The wood-cutter's song, the ploughboy's on his way in the morning, or at noon intermission or at sundown, This delicious singing of the mother, or the young wife at work, or the girl sewing or washing, Each singing what belongs to him or her and to none else, The day what belongs to the day at night the party of young fellows, robust, friendly, Singing with open mouths their strong melodious songs.

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries We are looking forward to opening on June 7 for our two worship services only. It will so good to be back with God's people under the same roof. Please expect that opening will look a lot different than before and we will plan on giving each other a lot of grace as we navigate re-opening during a pandemic for the first time. If you do not feel comfortable coming, or if you are ill, please stay home and take care of yourself! If you do choose to come, be sure to wear a mask and use social distancing. We will share some great greetings and 'how are you' from across the room with each other!

We do plan to have the gym open for overflow and for families with children to gather around tables. I will provide a onetime use Praise Pack with a few activities for each child to go along with the worship service. I would like to see the children engaged rather than just 'busy.' You are welcome to bring your own activities for your children to do as well. Just a reminder, there are weekly Bible lessons on our church website that you can use at home in addition to some downloadable activities.

We are making late summer and fall tentative plans. Look for more information coming in July. I will say that we are tentatively looking at having VBS in a park in late summer. This will all depend on if and when the parks open up and begin taking reservations. We will keep you updated as plans progress and when we can move to Phase 2 of our re-gathering plans.

I miss all our children and families and workers immensely! I pray for you often that the Father will give you all the patience and love you need to carry on leading your children to know Christ better. Let me know if there is anything I can do to help you lead your families. This verse from Deuteronomy 6:5-7 tells us how to do just that:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

Community Connection

Andrew Yakel, Associate Pastor

Blood Drive Results - Thank you to everyone that came out and donated blood at our Blood Drive on May 13! We ended up being able to collect 20 units of blood. The American Red Cross representative said that because each donation could help up to three patients, these pints of blood could help up to 60 lives! The Red Cross was also very excited that there were 10 new donors from this event. Your willingness to show love to our community in this way is greatly appreciated. We are currently working on scheduling another blood drive later in the summer. The dates will be announced as soon as they are scheduled.

Food Donations - We have had such big success with our Mobile Markets that we've had a lot of people asking if they can contribute food. The answer is yes... sort of. The Mobile Market food is provided by St. Louis Area Foodbank. However, we are continuing to have more and more people ask for food donations from the church outside of just the Mobile Market. We believe that will continue to rise. We would love to have food donations given to our food pantry to be able to meet all those needs. If you would like to donate food directly you can bring it to the church during office hours or you can give money online through the church website. Food insecurity was already a problem in our area, and this is going to continue to increase as a need due to the current state of things. As always, thank you for your support!

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Interim Youth Director

Honoring our graduates for their accomplishments. .. Congratulations!

UNIVERSITY

Jehnna Azzara

University of Missouri - Columbia Bachelor of Science in Meteorology

Brady Bell

Murray State University Bachelor of Science in Middle School Education

James Ferguson

University of Missouri - Columbia Bachelor of Science in Park, Recreation, and Sport

Thomas Jefferies

Southwest Baptist University
Masters in Business Administration

Jamie Ratley

Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies Bachelor of Science in French

Claire Vance

University of Arkansas Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders

Darci Webber

Greenville University Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Biology

Jasmine Webber

Greenville University Bachelor of Arts in Worship Arts Bachelor of Science in Ministry

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