

## 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, 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 ... family and friends of **Mel Janis**, who passed away on **June 5**.

## Summer Sermon Series

We kicked off the summer with a new series called “I AM,” which will take us through the Gospel of John during June and July. Download the Bible reading plan that goes along with this series from our website under [Downloads](#).

## Mobile Food Market

We love our partnership with the St. Louis Area Food Bank to get free groceries into the hands of families in our community. The next Mobile Market will be on June 29, at 10:00 a.m. until noon in the church parking lot. Contact Andrew to volunteer, [andrew@feefeebc.org](mailto:andrew@feefeebc.org).

## Devotional Corner

*Taken from Mrs. Charles E. Cowman’s  
“Streams in the Desert,” Vol. Two*

**“The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand,” Psalm 121:5.**

There cannot be shade without sunshine. There is no night without day. There are clear skies above the clouds. Only he who has rested in the shade, kept vigil through the night, or walked under the clouds can light the paths for others. —*M.T.*

*God is above the clouds!*

— *the darkest; most depressing;*

*The clouds of disappointment, burden, anguish, pain;*

*The clouds of long suspense;*

— *of tidings most distressing;*

*God is above the clouds!*

— *and skies will smile again.*

— *J. Danson Smith (from*

*“Thou Remainest,” London, England).*

## Ministry Opportunities

### Sunday, June 21

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

### Monday, June 22

9:00 a.m. Youth Mission Mondays  
7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our [Facebook page](#)

### Tuesday, June 23

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

### Wednesday, June 24

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

### Thursday, June 25

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

### Friday, June 26

### Saturday, June 27

### Sunday, June 28

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
& The Lord’s Supper  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

### Monday, June 29

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 30

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, July 1

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

### Thursday, July 2

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

### Friday, July 3

### Saturday, July 4 - Independence Day

**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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## FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH

*BUILD & PURSUE*

## A Word From Pastor Zach

**2020** has been an interesting year, hasn’t it? Honestly, interesting might be too kind of a word for what 2020 has been...it has been absolutely ridiculous! It seems like the story that I thought might dominate the first half of 2020, the horrible wildfires in Australia, happened years ago. In reality, it was dominating the news cycle just months ago. If there is one thing that 2020 has taught me, it is that any illusion of control that humanity has tried to assert has been rendered useless.

While that might seem incredibly discouraging, I actually think there might be a silver lining in the storm cloud that has been 2020. Humanity has to come to grips with the fact that it is not in charge. This is one reason why I think studying the “I Am” statements that Jesus makes in the book of John is so helpful for our church this summer. It is a reminder that He is the one who is in control. He is the one who we should rely on.

Pastor Louie Giglio wrote a book titled *I Am Not But I Know I AM*. In that book, he says, “As we will soon discover, admitting we are not God—not in control, not running anything, not responsible for everyone’s well-being, not the solution for everything and everyone, not at the center of all things—doesn’t belittle us; it frees us.”

He absolutely hits the nail on the head. When we admit we aren’t in control, it isn’t belittling...it’s freeing! We are free to trust God and not try to figure everything out on our own. We are free from trying to be perfect and are led to trust in Christ’s perfection instead. 2020 has shown us that we don’t have all the answers. But the good news is that we know the One who does!

Throughout the book of John, Jesus makes seven “I Am” statements that reveal to us different aspects of His character. He calls Himself the following: the Bread of Life; the Light of the World; the Gate; the Good Shepherd; the Way, the Truth, and the Life; the Resurrection and the Life; and the True Vine.

Each of these “I Am” statements are packed with truth that give us a clearer picture of who Jesus is and what He came to accomplish during His time here on earth. It is my prayer that an in-depth look at these different statements will be an incredible source of encouragement for us as we continue to navigate through this pandemic.

2020 has shown us our limitations as a society. However, even though we are so limited, we serve a limitless God! God is sovereign, on His throne, and He will be our Solid Rock. We can all say with confidence that even though we are not, we know “I AM!”

Please join us this month as we read through the book of John together and find encouragement in who Jesus says that He is.

Finally, it was so encouraging for us to be able to gather again for corporate worship on June 7! I was thankful to see many of you, but I also know this pandemic has made it where many of you are still worshipping with us online from home. I miss you and can’t wait until it is safe for all of us to worship together again!

I’m praying for you, church! I can’t wait to see how God works in and through us in the days ahead.

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*  
I’m always amazed at how God’s timing is so perfect. I’m not sure why I haven’t fully come to expect this at all times but it still often surprises me. At this writing, I had just read Chapter 2 of John, and was also preparing the Women of the Word’s Bible Study for the upcoming weekly Zoom meeting. I kept coming back to John 2! In this chapter, John records Jesus’ first miracle – turning water into wine. John, as you know, records seven signs to show us that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Water to wine is the first sign. This miracle/sign is recorded only in the Gospel of John as is the raising of Lazarus from the dead!

Coincidentally, the women are studying “*The Rock, the Road and the Rabbi*,” which takes us on a tour of places in the Holy Land where Jesus walked and helps us understand things from a Jewish perspective instead of our tendency to Westernize scripture. We started last week in Bethlehem and this week went to look at Nazareth for Jesus’ life. This was before He started His public ministry and His first miracle, when He was still hanging out with mom and the family and His first five disciples.

To explain the importance of having a Jewish perspective on Scripture, Rabbi Jason, a Messianic Jew, helped us understand the mistranslation of Jesus and His earthly father’s occupation. The Greek word “*tekton*” means builder. Translators of the KJV writing in England where trees are in abundance determined the occupation to be a carpenter but the Rabbi explains that Jesus was most likely a stone mason explaining that the only trees in Nazareth were sycamore fig, balsam, and olive trees. When you think about this, it explains why Jesus uses analogies about cornerstones and tells us that upon this rock, I will build my church.

But, as usual, I digress. Moses first sign to the Egyptians was transforming the Nile into blood bringing death. Deuteronomy 18:18 promises a prophet greater than Moses and that points us to Jesus, who is above all. It is not surprising then that Jesus’ first sign was to turn water to wine – a sign of life! While water is necessary for life, wine is a picture of God’s super abundant grace. Throughout Scripture, wine is symbolic of God’s grace and our joy as a result. Wine is one of the primary signs of the abundant blessings we have through the transformation that comes in our life because Jesus came to redeem us. It was time to celebrate. Are you experiencing the abundant life of being in His kingdom here and now? If not, ask Him to transform your life to one of abundance as you submit to Him.

Bible Study Corner

The above Bible Study and many more are available for you to take part in! While Bible study is not being done in person yet, please contact Gloria at [gloria@feefeebc.org](mailto:gloria@feefeebc.org) to join a virtual group. There are a lot of choices are available!

Chi Alpha News

*Kyle Baldwin, Interim Youth Director*  
**What’s Going On?** Hey Chi Alpha! Happy Summer! I hope you all are doing well and staying safe. 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. Make sure you are staying up-to-date on those! On Sundays we are looking through the Book of Ephesians with J.D. Greear, and on Wednesdays our series is called “Awaken” with D.A. Horton. Both series can also be found on RightNow Media so you can follow along. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

**Mission Mondays** - Last Monday, June 8, we tried out a new mission initiative called Mission Mondays with our Youth Council students, and I am excited to announce that we will be starting this new mission event this summer! Since we cannot go on our World Changers mission trip this summer, it is important for our students to still go out and serve...and be a World Changer. The only difference is, we are going to be doing that in our own community and church! Every other Monday, (opposite of the weeks we host the Mobile Food Market at the church), our students will be going out in the community to serve those in need. Whether it’s yard work, moving furniture, minor painting, or any other odd jobs, our students are willing to serve our community! Additionally, we are starting a remodel project on the third floor of the church with our youth department. If time allows, students might be able to help with that project and have the opportunity to serve the church! Check out our social media platforms in the next week for more details!

Music Musings

*Ronna Paden, Director of Music*  
**Heavy Hearts** - Our hearts are heavy with the events of the past couple of weeks: the violence, riots, the hatred, the bigotry. It seems that hate is growing stronger and some are developing a numbness to it.

Now is the time to let God's love shine through us as we make choices to love instead of hate and stand up against injustice instead of sitting on the sidelines. It is time to love without an agenda, advocate for those who need it and forgive as we are forgiven.

The following excerpt from a writing attributed to St. Francis of Assisi is an exemplary prayer for peace. May this be our prayer today.

*Lord, make me an  
instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred,  
Let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light.  
Where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

And now on a lighter note...



Family Front

*Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries*  
We had a great reopening on June 7 and 14th! It was so good to worship together in person. There were a few brave ones that came out and it was wonderful to have kids in worship again! It is okay too if you stayed at home to worship! We look forward to seeing you again in the near future as you feel comfortable getting out.

We have the gym open for overflow and for families with children to gather around tables. I will provide a one-time use Praise Pack with a few activities for children that goes along with the worship service. I would like to see the children engaged rather than just “busy.” Of course, you are welcome to bring your own activities for your children also.

Just a reminder, there are weekly Bible plans on our [church website](#) that you can use at home as well as some downloadable activities. The KidsZone lessons follow the sermon series, “I AM,” the statements of Jesus in the book of John. You can find these on our website on the [KidsZone page](#).

We are making tentative late summer and fall plans, so look for more information coming in July. We will keep you updated as plans progress and when we can move to Phase 2 of our regathering plan.

I sent off my second son to USMC recruit training last week. For the Marines (and probably for other arms of the military),the message is “hurry up and wait,” A LOT! I was reminded how I need to be ready to answer God’s call to obey. God asks us to hurry up, (and be prepared), and wait for His direction. Know Him, be prepared, so that when it’s time to share about Him, you are ready! “*Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go,*” Joshua 1:7.

I miss you all 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.

Community Connection

*Andrew Yakel, Associate Pastor*  
**Blood Drive on July 22-23** - Our blood drive back in May went so well and the American Red Cross was so thankful they asked us to host another one. On Wednesday, July 22 and Thursday, July 23 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. we will be hosting another blood drive. To comply with social distancing restrictions, all donations MUST be scheduled ahead of time. There are a few ways you can schedule your donation. You can go to the Red Cross website (<https://www.redcrossblood.org/>) and use the Sponsor Code **FeeFeeBaptistBridgeton** (no spaces), to find our drive. It can also be found by searching by zip code and date. You may also call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Then simply schedule your donation for a specific time one of those days. The blood drive will be held in the Family Life Center. Everyone donating can park in the back of the church in the lot by the gym and enter through the gym doors. On the [blood drive page](#) on the church website you can find some helpful info about donating including who is eligible to donate and how to donate. If you have any questions about any of this please contact Andrew at [andrew@feefeebc.org](mailto:andrew@feefeebc.org).

**Mobile Market, June 29** - Our next Mobile Market is Monday, June 29 from 10 a.m. until noon! We will be distributing food that day in a contactless manner to anyone in the community that needs some groceries. If you or someone you know is needing some help getting through this time, everyone is welcome to drive thru that day and we will put FREE groceries in your car. Please help us get the word out to our community so we can be a blessing to as many people as possible!