

Weekly Summary	08-23-20	08-30-20
Worship Attendance:		
8:30 AM	91	81
11:00 AM	77	91
Service Totals	168	172
Offering	\$11,593.00	\$6,361.00
E-Giving (7/28 - 8/20)	\$27,145.34	



Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to ...**Todd (Dionne) Minner** on the passing of his stepfather, **Bill Crossland**, on August 25. ...**Lorraine Richardson** on the passing of her husband, **John Richardson**, on August 26. ...**Renita Wilkes** on the passing of her mother, **Inita Goodlow**, on August 27. ...**family and friends of Bob House** on his passing on September 3.

Thank You

The church has received a *Thank You* card from **Tracy Chadwick**.

Did you know...

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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.



It is with bittersweet tidings that we say farewell to a dear staff member. Our beloved Ruth Thoma, who is Pastor's Secretary and Education Secretary, will be retiring at the end of September. Ruth started working at Fee Fee back in 2001 and has faithfully served alongside many of our ministers over the years in various ways. We will be honoring Ruth on Sunday, September 20 in both services.

You can send cards, letters, or well-wishes to Ruth at: 11330 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton, MO 63044, or drop them off in the church office.

Job Posting

Fee Fee Cemetery is hiring a Cemetery Manager position. The Cemetery Manager is the primary point of contact, performing coordination and administrative tasks, along with some light/moderate physical work. This is a permanent, part-time position with the ability to work remotely some of the time. Work schedule will vary based on need and circumstances. If interested, contact (314) 739-2415.

Ministry Opportunities	Church Office Staff
<p>Sunday, September 13 - "God Still Works"</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Bible Study - Doug Monasmith</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Bible Study - Dave & Donna Potts</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Bible Study - Gloria Fox</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship</p> <p>11:00 a.m. KidsZone</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Testimony Night</p> <p>Monday, September 14</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Properties Committee</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our Facebook page</p> <p>Tuesday, September 15</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Prime Time Council</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes Ministry</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Chi Alpha After School Study</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our Facebook page</p> <p>Wednesday, September 16</p> <p>5:45 p.m. Missions Committee</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Men's Fraternity Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 p.m. WOW Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 p.m. AWANA</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our Facebook page</p> <p>Thursday, September 17</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our Facebook page</p> <p>Friday, September 18</p> <p>Saturday, September 19</p> <p>Sunday, September 20</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Bible Study - Doug Monasmith</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Bible Study - Dave & Donna Potts</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Bible Study - Gloria Fox</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship</p> <p>11:00 a.m. KidsZone</p> <p>12:15 p.m. Children's Committee</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Youth Mission Trip Meeting</p> <p>Monday, September 21</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our Facebook page</p> <p>Tuesday, September 22</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Mobile Market Food Pantry</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Chi Alpha After School Study</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our Facebook page</p> <p>Wednesday, September 23—See You At The Pole</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Men's Fraternity Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 p.m. WOW Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 p.m. AWANA</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our Facebook page</p> <p>Thursday, September 24</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on our Facebook page</p> <p>Friday, September 25</p> <p>Saturday, September 26</p> <p> </p> <p>Our worship services are available to watch via Live Stream on our website or Facebook page</p> <p><i>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."</i></p>	<p>Rev. Zach Crook, <i>SENIOR PASTOR</i></p> <p>Rev. Andrew Yakel, <i>ASSOCIATE PASTOR</i></p> <p>Ms. Gloria Fox, <i>DIRECTOR OF SENIOR ADULTS & BIBLE STUDY</i></p> <p>Mrs. Kathy Scott, <i>DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES</i></p> <p>Mrs. Ronna Paden, <i>DIRECTOR OF MUSIC</i></p> <p>Mr. Kyle Baldwin, <i>DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES</i></p> <p>Mr. Steve Middendorf, <i>FINANCIAL OFFICER</i></p> <p>Ms. Ruth Thoma, <i>PASTOR'S SECRETARY</i></p> <p>Mr. Vance Stewart, <i>IT ADMINISTRATOR</i></p> <p>Mrs. Tara Smith, <i>RECEPTIONIST & MUSIC SECRETARY</i></p> <p> </p> <p>OFFICE ♦ (314) 739-1525 FAX ♦ (314) 739-1302 www.feefeebc.org</p> <p> </p> <p>THE FORERUNNER is published Bi-weekly, by FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH 11330 St. Charles Rock Road Bridgeton, MO 63044-2792</p> <p> </p> <p>Periodicals Postage rates paid at Hazelwood, MO 63042-9998</p> <p> </p> <p>USPS 016957</p> <p>POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: THE FORERUNNER Fee Fee Baptist Church 11330 St. Charles Rock Road Bridgeton, MO 63044-2792</p> <p> </p> <p>PERIODICAL</p>

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A Word From Pastor Zach

In Psalm 77:11, Asaph writes, "I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago."

Even during this time of turmoil and uncertainty in our country, we must remember that our God is sovereign and faithful. Just like Asaph, we must believe in God's promises and remember His great and mighty works in tumultuous times. In the song "Waymaker," the bridge has a line that says "even when I don't feel it, you're working/you never stop, you never stop working!"

The truth of the matter is that God is still on the move, even during this pandemic. We are walking through difficult circumstances, but our God is at work. We are going to have a special Sunday on September 13 to bring honor and praise to our Lord. To remember and celebrate what God is doing at our church. We are calling it "God Still Works" Sunday. It is easy in the midst of this pandemic to only focus on the negatives. However, our God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. And our God is **still working!**

In 1 Samuel 7, after God delivered the Israelites from the Philistines and gave them a great victory, Samuel did something interesting. He grabbed a bunch of stones and piled them on top of each other to build a monument to the Lord. What did he name it? An Ebenezer. That word, *Ebenezer*, means "up to here the Lord has helped me." Those stones would serve as a reminder to the Israelites of God's faithfulness to them.

In a similar vein, on September 13 we are going to acknowledge how God

has been moving in our church during this pandemic. While we are still in the midst of difficult circumstances, it is still important for us to fix our eyes on Jesus and give Him the glory and honor that He and He alone deserves. We are going to do this not only in our Sunday morning services, but we are also going to have a special testimony service that evening at 6:00 p.m. I want to encourage you to be a part of these services as we give God the glory.

Subsequently, by remembering God's faithfulness we should be compelled to exalt Him in not only our words but also our deeds. John F. Kennedy once said, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

As we worship God on September 13, and in the days and weeks ahead, let's express our overwhelming gratitude to our Savior not only by remembering the great things He has done, but also by vowing to live a life that glorifies our God!

Will you join me in praying that God will still move and work in and through our church in the days ahead?

In Him,
Pastor Zach

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

By the time you read this addition of the Forerunner, we will know whether or not my experiment of getting you together for fellowship and a movie at the church has been a great success or a total flop. Judging by the number of you who have contacted me to let me know you are coming; I'm going with the latter.

During one of our recent prayer times, I talked to you about having real joy in all circumstances based on James 1:2-4. I would like to continue helping us think through how to accomplish this joy by quoting John North's devotional which is based on one of our favorite verses, Romans 8:28. He writes:

"God is using every circumstance in our lives to shape us and use us for His purpose! It can be hard to accept the idea of God using 'all things' in this way. We know that God uses His word to renew our minds and transform us. We can accept that God uses our fellowship with other believers in this way. His blessings in our lives assure us of His loving care for us. However, there are still those times, when we say to ourselves, 'but, does God really mean we can find joy in all things'?

Yes! ... He does!

Now, this doesn't mean that God is pleased with all things. God does grieve when we bear the brunt of someone else's sin. He is angry when a drunk driver slams into the car of someone we love. Our God knows, from His own experience on the cross, what the physical and emotional pain we experience feels like. God loves us through all of our experiences. He grieves and groans along with us.

We know that God is on His throne. He reigns over all things and overrules evil. He has a purpose and He is able to use the fallen, the evil, and even the senseless things to accomplish His good purpose in the world and in our lives. This means that we can embrace any circumstance we find ourselves in, whether good or bad, as God's opportunity for us to grow and minister in His name to others!"

Bible Study Corner

Let me know if you would like to attend a Bible Study but are unsure of the schedule. We currently have three socially distanced Bible Study classes meeting in person on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. Simply make your one-time reservation at feefeebc.org/socially-distanced-bible-study/

Virtual classes are also still being offered.

In addition, all Wednesday night activities will resume on September 9. There are classes for kids, youth, men, and women from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. It is not too late to join! Contact Gloria for exact times and locations at gloria@feefeebc.org or text 314-604-6071.

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

After School Study Program – Starting Tuesday, September 8, we will be offering an opportunity for all of our Chi Alpha students to come up to the church and get some serious studying done. With school being moved to an online format for the majority of our students, it is so important to keep some social interactions available for them. We will have a few leaders and volunteers at the church to offer students some extra help with schoolwork and give encouragement to those who may need it. We will be meeting every Tuesday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the gym and students can come and go as they please. Make sure they take advantage of this awesome opportunity to study in a different setting, but also continue to build great community together!

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Christmas 2020 at Fee Fee – Thoughts and Considerations:

It is that time of year when we start thinking about celebrating Christmas here at Fee Fee! It is safe to say our celebration will look quite different this year, but we still want to give our best shot to create a joyous and meaningful event to honor the birth of our great Savior.

A survey was recently sent to our 2019 Christmas choir to find out participation interest for this year. Here are the results of that survey:

- 14 would participate in a virtual choir
- 13 would sing in a small ensemble (8 or less safely distanced)
- 15 would sing in a larger ensemble (8-12 safely distanced)
- All others would not be comfortable participating this year

At this time, I am asking for a response from our extended church family if you would be willing to sing in a small/large ensemble OR virtual choir setting. You may send information to tara@feefeebc.org to indicate which group you would be interested.

We would also like to hear from those of you who would contribute in other ways. We always need technicians, ushers, greeters, decorators, costumers, etc. Please let us know in what capacity you could volunteer your talents. You may come up with an avenue of service that would be completely new to our production! As always, thank you for considering and I look forward to hearing from you.

The Joy of Music — *"David told the leaders of the Levites to appoint their fellow Levites as musicians to make a joyful sound with musical instruments, harps and cymbals,"* (1 Chronicles 16:16).

Music is a vital part of our lives. Music blesses us through hard times and good times. If we were to try and explain music to an alien from another world we would probably fail miserably. Music is not meant to be explained, but rather experienced. There are times when music can express what we feel when words fail us. Music is poetry put to rhythm. It is a rhyme put to a steady beat. This gift from God is a power that moves and stirs the soul. Music can be therapeutic, lifting us when we are down. Through music we lift our voices to God in praise and worship. Those who suffer affliction are wounded souls. Music can be a perfect salve for the sorrowful soul. Lift your soul with music. Let it carry your praises and appreciation to God even in times of uncertainty.

Devotional Corner

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

"I have surely seen the affliction of my people... come now, therefore, I will send thee," (Exodus 3:7,10).

Does that seem a weak ending to a powerful beginning? The Lord God looks upon terrible affliction and He sends a weak man to deal with it. Could He not have sent fire from heaven? Could He not have rent the heavens and sent His ministers of calamity and disasters? Why choose a man when the archangel Gabriel stands ready at obedience?

This is the way of the Lord. He uses human means to divine ends. He works through man to the emancipation of men. He pours His strength into a worm, and it becomes 'an instrument with teeth.' He stiffens a frail reed and it becomes as an iron pillar.

And this mighty God will use thee and me. On every side there are Egypts where affliction abounds, there are homes where ignorance breeds, there are workshops where tyranny reigns, there are lands where oppression is rampant. "Come now, therefore, I will send thee." Thus saith the Lord, and He who gives the command will also give the equipment.

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

AWANA Club – September 9 will be our first AWANA Club for the 2020-2021 season. We have missed our kids so much! We will start this new year with AWANA Awards celebrating the work the kids and leaders did last year before COVID moved us to dismiss early. Join us in the gym from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for this celebration. After that we will have a scaled down AWANA Club every Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. We could use some additional helpers as you feel led to return to the church building.

KidsZone – We have also restarted KidsZone on Sunday mornings during the 11:00 a.m. service and will be in the gym. Parents can drop off and pick up kids there. I am thankful for Kyle and Scarlet Kalkbrenner, our interns, who are leading this for our kids. We will do our best to adhere to social distancing guidelines as we meet during all of these kids' events. Preschool care will also be available during the 11:00 a.m. service.

Just a reminder, there are weekly Bible lessons for kids on our [church website](http://churchwebsite.org) under the KidsZone section that you can use at home that comes with some downloadable activities.

Be Strong and Courageous – *"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... Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go,"* Joshua 1:7, 9.

Joshua was leading a great multitude of people getting ready to go into the Promised Land and take possession through battle. Whatever you are preparing to take possession of (family concerns, school for kids, work, etc.), God promises to be with you through the battle. Take courage! There is a Promised Land on the other side of this pandemic! Wait and see how God will hold you in the midst of it!

Community Connection

Andrew Yakel, Associate Pastor

Thank You – We received a thank you letter from the community that I wanted to share with you all:

"FFBC Volunteers: Thank you for the food from Mobile Market. Thank you for meal supplies to help with our daily meals for our home table. Thank you to all the volunteers/helpers for the kindness, courtesy, and assistance to provide a smooth drive-thru. Your smiles and cheer help us all through a recession period.

Much gratitude,
Anonymous Family"

Hebrews 13:2 says, "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."

Thank you, church, for continuing to support this ministry and for caring about our community. You are making an impact to the families around us!

Mobile Market on September 21 – Our next Mobile Market is on Monday, September 21. We will distribute food from 10:00 a.m. until noon (or whenever we run out of food). Anyone is welcome to come and receive the free groceries in a contactless, drive-thru format. If you are interested in serving at a Mobile Market and you have never done so before please contact Andrew (andrew@feefeebc.org) to get on the schedule.

Church Workday, October 3 – Saturday, October 3 will be our annual "All Church Workday." Put the date on your calendar so we can beautify our campus. We will see you at 8:00 a.m. with donuts and coffee, and should wrap up before noon.