

Weekly Summary	09-20-20	09-27-20
AWANA	30	29
Small Group Attendance	24	23
Worship Attendance:		
8:30 AM	86	92
11:00 AM	114	105
Service Totals	200	197
Offering	\$7,527.00	\$5,838.00
E-Giving (8/26 - 9/21)	\$33,870.45	

Welcome New Members

On Sunday, September 13, 2020 —
Presenting herself for church membership by her profession of faith:

- **Lillian Knepper**

On Sunday, September 13, 2020 —
Baptized:

- **Lillian Knepper**
- **Marley Tyler**

Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to

... **Jean Smith** on the passing of her husband, **James**, on September 20.

... **Dale (Fran) Portell** on the passing of his sister, **Karen Bailey**, on September 29.

... **Irma (Bob) Foster** on the passing of her son, **Mark Averill**, on September 30.

Thank You

The church has received a *Thank You* card from

... **Lorraine Richardson**

... **Ruth Thoma**



Devotional Corner

Taken from L.B. Cowman's "Streams in the Desert," Digital Edition

"He opened not his mouth," (Isaiah 53:7).

How much grace it requires to bear a misunderstanding rightly, and to receive an unkind judgment in holy sweetness! Nothing tests the Christian character more than to have some evil thing said about him. This is the file that soon proves whether we are electro-plate or solid gold. If we could only know the blessings that lie hidden in our trials we would say like David, when Shimei cursed him, "Let him curse;... it may be... that the Lord will requite me good for his cursing this day."

Some people get easily turned aside from the grandeur of their life-work by pursuing their own grievances and enemies, until their life gets turned into one little petty whirl of warfare. It is like a nest of hornets. You may disperse the hornets, but you will probably get terribly stung, and get nothing for your pains, for even their honey is not worth a search.

God give us more of His Spirit, "who, when he was reviled, reviled not again"; but "committed himself to him that judgeth righteously." "Consider him that endureth such contradiction of sinners against himself." —A. B. Simpson

Ministry Opportunities	Church Office Staff
Sunday, October 11 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:45 a.m. Bible Study - Doug Monasmith 9:45 a.m. Bible Study - Dave & Donna Potts 9:45 a.m. Bible Study - Gloria Fox 9:45 a.m. International Class 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 11:00 a.m. KidsZone 3:00 p.m. Hymn Sing (in courtyard) Monday, October 12 7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on Facebook Tuesday, October 13 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 5:00 p.m. Chi Alpha After School Study 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee 7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on Facebook Wednesday, October 14 6:00 p.m. Men's Fraternity Bible Study 6:00 p.m. WOW Bible Study 6:00 p.m. AWANA 6:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups 7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on Facebook 7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Thursday, October 15 7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on Facebook Friday, October 16—National Boss's Day 6:30 p.m. Outdoor Movie Night (register online) Saturday, October 17 8:30 a.m. International Food Pantry Sunday, October 18 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:45 a.m. Bible Study - Doug Monasmith 9:45 a.m. Bible Study - Dave & Donna Potts 9:45 a.m. Bible Study - Gloria Fox 9:45 a.m. International Class 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 11:00 a.m. KidsZone 12:15 p.m. Children's Committee 3:00 p.m. DR Mission Trip Info Meeting Monday, October 19 10:00 a.m. Mobile Market Food Pantry 7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on Facebook Tuesday, October 20 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 2:00 p.m. Prime Time Council 5:00 p.m. Chi Alpha After School Study 7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on Facebook Wednesday, October 21 6:00 p.m. Men's Fraternity Bible Study 6:00 p.m. WOW Bible Study 6:00 p.m. AWANA 6:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups 7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on Facebook 6:00 p.m. Missions Committee Thursday, October 22 7:00 p.m. Daily Prayer Live on Facebook Friday, October 23 TBD Family Firepit Night Saturday, October 24	Rev. Zach Crook , <i>SENIOR PASTOR</i> Rev. Andrew Yakel , <i>ASSOCIATE PASTOR</i> Ms. Gloria Fox , <i>DIRECTOR OF SENIOR ADULTS & BIBLE STUDY</i> Mrs. Kathy Scott , <i>DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES</i> Mrs. Ronna Paden , <i>DIRECTOR OF MUSIC</i> Mr. Kyle Baldwin , <i>DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES</i> Mr. Steve Middendorf , <i>FINANCIAL OFFICER</i> Mr. Vance Stewart , <i>IT ADMINISTRATOR</i> Mrs. Tara Smith , <i>RECEPTIONIST & MUSIC SECRETARY</i>
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BUILD & PURSUE

A Word From Pastor Zach

I heard a pastor once say, "We owe it to people to prepare them for adversity."

How true is that in our Christian community! While I do believe that "God is good, all the time...all the time, God is good," I think our definition and gut reaction to that word "good" needs to be evaluated. What do we really mean when we say, "God is good?"

I think that often, if we aren't careful, the American church can give out the impression to the lost that with salvation will come the end of all struggles and doubt. We often neglect the whole sanctification part of salvation. That is why that quote really struck me.

It is not enough for us to just talk about who we are in Christ (how we are victors, children of the King, etc.). We must also talk about the trials that surely await every believer, no matter how much faith they have. Salvation does not equal comfort or safety. I believe that Christ openly declared that in the world, we will have trouble. It is our job to prepare people for that trouble so they can weather the storm instead of drowning in it!

Yes, God is good all the time. However, His goodness does not mean we avoid trials and temptations, it simply means He is enough during those rough times.

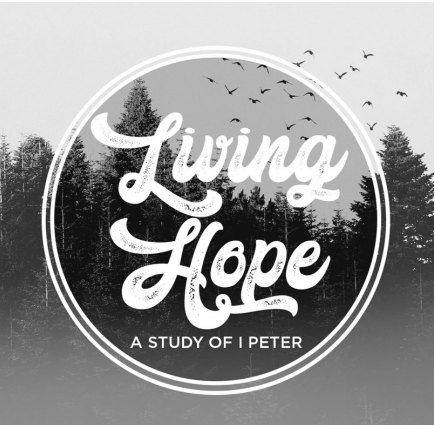
That is one major reason why Peter wrote the book of 1 Peter. He wanted to help the early church understand that trials and tribulations were going to come. He wanted the church to

know that God cares a lot more about our holiness than our comfort.

As we walk through this great book together this fall, remember what Peter writes to us in 1 Peter 3:17: "For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil." In other words, there will be adversity in this life! Let's live for God in such a way that we know that the adversity that we face is because we are doing good!

Church, we need to be prepared for adversity...and we need to continue to live boldly for God and pursue holiness over comfort!

In Him,
Pastor Zach



Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

Seasons — Today is another beautiful fall day. Fall truly is my favorite season. The cool breezes, the rustle of leaves as they fall from trees, the beautiful bright fall colors. God is making all this beauty for us to enjoy. Did you wake up this morning thanking Him for His sovereignty in creation and His perfect plan for our salvation?

Speaking of seasons of life, how are you doing during this unusual season of 2020? Are you still praising and thanking Him for each day? Are you seeing His hands of love seeking you out each day and protecting you? Are you reaching out to others? Are you helping them get through this season with acts of love and prayer?

Finally, are you praising and thanking Him for the season of life you are in right now or do you long for the days when you were younger, perhaps pain free and able to do whatever you wanted?

Whatever season we are in - whether it be fall, 2020, or being a senior adult - God still wants us to praise and thank Him in all things and He wants to use us to bring glory to His name. What is He calling you to do today and how will you respond?

Loaves and Fishes

We are in need of an individual or group to take and prepare a meal for Loaves and Fishes. Would you be able to meet this need? This ministry happens each month on the third Tuesday. Contact [Gloria](#) or [Andrew](#) if you are willing to help out!

Bible Study Corner

We currently have three groups meeting for Bible Study on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m., in compliance with the St. Louis county mandate for gathering size. We hope you are involved in either an in-person or virtual Bible study each week. We also have groups meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. These opportunities are on the church website or contact Gloria at gloria@feefeebc.org.

Community Connection

Andrew Yakel, Associate Pastor

Outdoor Movie Night, October 16 – Join us for a free outdoor movie! On Friday, October 16 we will watch the new Disney movie *The One and Only Ivan* together in the church courtyard. Show up at 6:30 p.m. to get your spot and the movie will start at 7:00 p.m. Bring your own chairs, blankets, snacks, and drinks. You must reserve your spot ahead of time on the church website or by calling the church office.

Dominican Republic Mission Trip Informational Meeting, October 18 – Unfortunately, due to COVID19 concerns, our mission trip to Dominican Republic got canceled this past summer. However, we are hopeful and excited about going back in the summer of 2021! There is an informational meeting for that trip on Sunday, October 18, at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you feel led to be a part of this mission trip, join us at the meeting to find out more information.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes – The Operation Christmas Child boxes will be available on Wednesday, October 21. Every year thousands of boxes filled with Christmas gifts are sent to children all over the world through Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child boxes. This is an opportunity to bless kids in need with presents and the Gospel. Make sure to pick up your box (or 2 or more), fill it, and bring it back by Wednesday, November 18. You can also support this effort by donating the \$9 cost per box for shipping these.

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Hymn Sing - A Throwback! – Did you ever attend a hymn sing? Up in North Central Missouri where I am from, our Linn County Baptist Association held a hymn sing in one of the Linn County Baptist churches each month. These "sings" usually featured hymns built around special themes and were well attended by people who just loved singing hymns. I was pretty young, but still remember these events as very joyous occasions and since my mother who served as Associational Music Director planned each event, it was never disputed that I would be in attendance often participating in the special music numbers. So much for reminiscing!

I haven't been to a hymn sing in years, but when our Friendship Choir did some "hymn caroling" during Impact Week the old classic hymns were so well received that it seemed others might enjoy and receive a blessing from a hymn sing event.

So, come join us on October 11 at 3:00 p.m. in our courtyard for a good ole Hymn Sing! Please bring your own lawn chairs and your voice to sing praises. The Friendship Choir will be leading us in hymns, and we would love to have you join in on the singing! Can't wait to see you there!

Why Do We Sing? – A good friend shared this article with me, and I thought you would enjoy.

“Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,” Ephesians 5:18-19.

Why do people sing? The nineteenth century American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow may have said it best: "Music is the universal language of mankind." Even when our spoken words cannot be understood, music can bridge a gap where our words often fail. Joy, sorrow, fear, exaltation, praise, energy - every facet of life can be reflected in music. And when our spoken words that edify and communicate to the heart, all the better.

Why do we sing songs in church? The Early Church did so because of the Jewish culture of singing the Psalms in worship. But why did Israel sing? Because they were human and needed to pour out their hearts to God in praise, confession, petition, and love. We also sing in corporate worship because Paul instructed us to praise God with "psalms and hymns and spiritual songs," (Ephesians 5:19). Corporate worship, especially with music, focuses our attention on the Savior we serve.

Do you invest your whole heart in corporate worship in church? Worship is our "sacrifice of praise" to the Lord, (Hebrews 13:15)?

“My ready tongue makes haste to sing the glories of my heavenly King.” – Charles Wesley

Featured Article

Kyle Kalkbrenner, Resident Intern

The Great Sympathizer – Hello friends, I have recently started growing out my facial hair and it leads me to ask you all something: “May I ‘stache you a question?” In all seriousness though, my question is, how do you view God? Is it something like a God that reigns over you looking to bust your chops whenever you mess up? Or is it a loving father that is able to pick you up whenever you're having a rough time. Now I'll be honest, I had a rough weekend. Family came over unexpectedly and I was swamped with homework. I had gotten little to no sleep the night before and I was struggling to find the patience needed to deal with everything that goes along with family visiting. I was really struggling with not making small remarks and being a “Debbie Downer.” However, the thing that helped me was that I knew I have a good Father in Heaven, and He wants to

hear my problems and help me get through them. So, this is my challenge to everyone who reads this: allow God to be your listener. Confide in Him all of your frustrations and anger. In Hebrews 4:15-16, it says, “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” What we can see from this text is that Jesus is a compassionate God who lived and dealt with the same things we deal with today. He is a God who is willing to meet you where you are with your struggles. God tells His people to weep with those who weep and mourn with those who mourn. God’s character can be seen throughout the Bible as a God who wants to be your Counselor. Because no matter how hard we try we will always mess it up. So, take everything to the throne of God and allow Him to be your sympathizer. “Pray as you are, not as you ought.”

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

AWANA — We were so excited to get to start AWANA again and have our kids in the building on Wednesday nights. This is for all preschoolers and children up to 5th grade. Join us in the gym from 6:00-7:00 p.m. if you have kids or if you want a place to serve. We could use you to help a child learn the scripture for the night. I cannot think of a better way to use your time!

KidsZone — We have also begun KidsZone on Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. service. This will be held in the Rafters and end up in the gym. When you arrive for 11:00 a.m. worship get your child’s check-in sticker, leave your preschool children in the preschool area, then take your elementary child to the Rafters room on 3rd floor. I am thankful for Kyle and Scarlet Kalkbrenner, our interns, who are leading this for our kids. They will end the morning in the gym where you can pick up your child following worship. We will do our best to adhere to social distancing guidelines as we meet during all of these kids’ events. Just a reminder that on the 4th Sunday of each month, elementary kids will worship with you in the worship center. We also have preschool care for the 11:00 a.m. service every Sunday led by great caregivers.

Just a reminder, for now, there are still weekly Bible lessons for kids on our church website that you can use at home. You can find these lessons on our website, on the [KidsZone page](#). These can be great family worship times for the whole family to do together!

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

Vision Casting Night / Family Firepit Night – On Friday, October 23 we will be having a night to celebrate where we are moving together as a Youth department. Come join us – students, families, volunteers, leaders – to check out our newly renovated youth lounge! During this time, we will also discuss our new Mission Statement for the youth, which is “Real Community, Real Purpose, Real God.” I am so excited about this new chapter for our students and can’t wait for each of you to come along on the journey with us! Following our brief time of discussion, we will head out to the courtyard for a fun time of fellowship and s’mores! We will have prepacked s’mores kits and plenty of firepits to go around! So come and join us! I can’t wait to celebrate with each of you!

Regular Weekly Schedule –

Sunday Morning Bible Study (in person & on Zoom): 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday Night Study Night: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Small Groups: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.