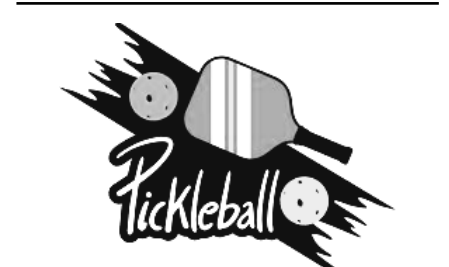


Weekly Summary	02-07-21	02-14-21
AWANA	—	32
Worship Attendance:		
8:30 AM	38	36
11:00 AM	41	54
Service Totals	79	90
Offering	\$10,840.00	\$16,344.40
E-Giving (12/25 - 01/21)	\$17,020.95	

Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to

...**Eva MacKoul** on the passing of her mother-in-law, **Lois MacKoul**, on February 18.



Pickleball is Back On!

Tired of being cooped up in the house? Want to get a little exercise and have fun while you’re doing it? Pickleball is starting back up in the Gym every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Adults of all ages are welcome! Masks are required the entire time on the church campus and while playing the game. If you are interested in joining in a game of Pickleball, contact Carol Gollaher at (314) 620-4036.

Devotional Corner

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

“Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them,” (Matthew 7:12).

This universal language is the *language of action*. I understand that you have a kind heart, because your kindness takes shape in a friendly letter or deed – I can see your kindness. I understand how much you love your family because your love for them takes form in hard working devotion to their needs. In the same way we come to know the Love of God. For long centuries God in His wisdom spoke

to men through words, on the lips of prophets and priests and sages and saints, and men could not be sure what God was like. Then when they were ready, He spoke to them in a new way: ‘And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, full of Grace and Truth.’ God’s Love took form in a Life which we could *see*, in a death upon a Cross which we *beheld*; and ever since then, men have said, ‘God is like Jesus Christ. God’s Love is like the Cross.’ This was the ‘Incarnation,’ taking shape in flesh before the eyes of people. God has spoken, at last, in the universal language of action!

George Washington, one day, had a tempting opportunity to preach a sermon on loving your neighbor. He was riding across the farmlands with a company of gentlemen, when the last horse over a stone fence knocked over a number of stones, leaving a large opening. Washington suggested that they stop and repair it, but the others shrugged their shoulders; so he said nothing more, and rode on with them. When the party disbanded, one of them, riding homeward, found Washington back in the farmer’s fence, carefully replacing the stones. ‘Oh, General,’ chattered the man, ‘You are too big a man to be doing a thing like that.’ ‘No,’ answered Washington, gravely inspecting his work, ‘I’m just the right size.’ Washington was preaching his sermon in the universal language of action. Words would have bored the farmer no end, but the deed of neighborliness spoke for itself.

If you want, with all your heart, to tell someone that you love them, say as little as possible about it, and show them in loving deeds.— *SSPEC*

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, February 28

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship & The Lord’s Supper
9:45 a.m. Potts’ Bible Study (DR)
9:45 a.m. Monasmith Bible Study (FH)
9:45 a.m. Knepper Bible Study (C112)
10:00 a.m. Youth Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship & The Lord’s Supper
11:00 a.m. KidsZone
11:00 a.m. Preschool Care

Monday, March 1

7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on [Facebook](#)
7:15 p.m. Properties Committee

Tuesday, March 2

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
6:00 p.m. Worship Practice - Traditional
7:00 p.m. Grounded Video on [Facebook](#)

Wednesday, March 3

10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)
6:00 p.m. AWANA
6:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups
6:00 p.m. WOW Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Men’s Fraternity
6:30 p.m. Worship Practice - Contemporary
7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee
7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on [Facebook](#)

Thursday, March 4

7:00 p.m. Sermon Rewind on [Facebook](#)

Friday, March 5

Saturday, March 6

Sunday, March 7

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:45 a.m. Potts’ Bible Study (DR)
9:45 a.m. Monasmith Bible Study (FH)
9:45 a.m. Knepper Bible Study (C112)
9:45 a.m. Grounded Bible Study (B2)
9:45 a.m. Kids’ Bible Studies
10:00 a.m. Youth Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
11:00 a.m. KidsZone
11:00 a.m. Preschool Care
5:00 p.m. Deacons’ Meeting
6:00 p.m. Worship & Testimony Night

Monday, March 8

10:00 a.m. Mobile Market
7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on [Facebook](#)

Tuesday, March 9

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
6:00 p.m. Worship Practice - Traditional
7:00 p.m. Grounded Video on [Facebook](#)

Wednesday, March 10

10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)
6:00 p.m. AWANA
6:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups
6:00 p.m. WOW Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Men’s Fraternity
6:30 p.m. Worship Practice - Contemporary
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee
7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on [Facebook](#)

Thursday, March 11

7:00 p.m. Sermon Rewind on [Facebook](#)

Friday, March 12

Saturday, March 13

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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A Word From Pastor Zach

If you grew up in church or have been going for a while, most of us know the answer to this trivia question: What is the shortest verse in the Bible? It’s John 11:35 – “Jesus wept.”

However, did you know that this is only one of two places in Scripture where our Savior cried? The other place where He wept was in Luke 19:41. The passage says, “As He approached and saw the city, He wept for it...”

It is actually really interesting to contrast these two passages. In John 11, Jesus is going to visit Lazarus’ tomb. We know that He is going to raise Lazarus from the dead. And yet, though He knows that miracle is coming, He still weeps. On the surface, it might seem like Jesus has the same reaction to Lazarus’ death that He does to Jerusalem. However, when we dig a little deeper, we see there is a stark difference between how Christ “weeps” in these two passages.

In the original Greek, there are two different words used for “wept.” In Luke 19, the word used for weep is *klaio*. This type of weeping is best described as crying aloud in anguish. Interestingly enough, this is the type of weeping that we see Mary and others have in Luke 11:33 as they mourn the loss of Lazarus. Jesus is mourning over Jerusalem because He knows, in AD 70, that Jerusalem will be sieged and overthrown.

In John 11, the word for “weep” is *dakryo*. This words means that He wept silent tears, best described as tears of compassion. In other words, it

seems like in John 11, Jesus is crying not out of anguish, but He is full of compassion for the grief that Lazarus’ friends and family are dealing with. Jesus cares about them, so He weeps. However, His crying isn’t marked with anguish. Instead, He knows what is going to happen with Lazarus. He knows that a resurrection is coming!

Why was Jesus’ weeping so different in these two passages? Because, in both situations, Jesus knew what was coming. In Luke 19, Jesus is in anguish over Jerusalem because He knows that the city is full of people who will not repent and trust in Him. When the city is destroyed, He knows the eternal implications of its residents. He is heartbroken over their impending demise.

When it comes to Lazarus, Jesus has compassion for those who are mourning. He knows that they are heartbroken for Lazarus in the same way that He was devastated for Jerusalem. However, He isn’t heartbroken Himself. He knows that Lazarus will be restored to life and that the mourning of his family and friends will turn to joy.

So Jesus wept...twice! But He was only truly heartbroken for those who didn’t have the hope of eternity with Him.

Let me close with this last question. What breaks your heart? It is evident by contrasting these two passages that Christ’s heart breaks over the lost. Will you join me in praying that we have the same burden for the lost in our city?

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

Aren't you thankful for a nice warm house and a schedule that allows you to stay home, drink hot chocolate, and read books when we have a snow day? I know I am.

I'm also thankful that spring is on its way and with the prospect of many of us having had our vaccine shots soon, I feel like we can start planning some adventures. I will be meeting with the senior council in the next few weeks to plan some outings. We will wear our masks, social distance, and enjoy some fellowship.

If you have a suggestion for an outing, please feel free to email, text, or call with your idea.

Are you keeping up with your Grounded reading plan? It's challenging, isn't it? I find myself digging in a little deeper than I have time for and getting behind. I am thankful for the time to catch up on the weekends.

Hang in there, hope is on the horizon!

Bible Study Corner

Beginning Sunday, March 7, I will be leading a Grounded Bible Study group in person at the church on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. until we finish the New Testament in May. Everyone is invited to attend. We will be discussing some of the scriptures we have read that week. Come prepared with questions or comments on a passage that spoke to you. This group will only meet in person each Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

If you still don't feel comfortable meeting in person, we will do a Facebook live version of Grounded on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. It would be great if you could join live to comment and answer questions, but it will also be available on our website to watch at your convenience.

It is so meaningful to discuss what you have been reading in scripture. Hope you can join me in one of these formats.

Of course, our usual Sunday morning Bible Studies will continue either online or in person as will our Wednesday night men's and women's studies.

Join us in studying Scripture together.

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

Minneapolis Mission Trip – As our departure date for the Twin Cities gets closer each day, there is a large sense of anticipation building. We are all very excited for the opportunity to serve in Minneapolis after losing out on the opportunity to travel and serve last year. We are continuously monitoring the situation prior to our trip and working closely with Praying Pelican Missions to try and create the safest environment possible. Please continue to pray for our student ministry, Praying Pelican Missions, and the city of Minneapolis. We are anxious for the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus in just a few short months.

Students, as we get closer to this trip, do not forget your calling to serve in your local community. Being the hands and feet of Jesus does not begin and end by traveling to different cities or countries. Jesus has called you to serve in your local community, schools, and at your activities. The mission never ends, so embrace it, and continue to build the Kingdom!

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Hymns Written During Past Pandemics - Part III – By Dr. Julie Barrier, Crosswalk.com

James Montgomery, born in 1771, was a Scottish-born hymn writer and poet. He wrote 400 hymns in the midst of controversial quarantines for yellow fever, cholera, and bubonic plague. *Sing Hallelujah*, *Sing* is one of his most famous. What a statement of faith!

"Sing Hallelujah, Glory to God alone...Bring your thank-offerings to the throne. The Lord put forth His hand. He touched us and we died. Vengeance went through the land, but mercy walked beside. He heard our prayers; He saw our tears and stayed the plague and quelled our fears."

Dr. John Ryland was an English Baptist pastor and a close friend of John Newton, composer of *Amazing Grace*. The deadly Cattle Plague was similar to smallpox, but even more deadly. This plague ravaged Britain and other parts of Europe. Ryland paraphrased Psalm 139 into lyrics for his hymn, *Sovereign Ruler of the Skies*.

"He that formed me in the womb shall guide me to the tomb. All my times shall ever be ordered by His wise decree...Plagues and death around me fly 'til He bids I cannot die. Not a single shaft can hit 'til the God of love thinks fit."

Swiss pastor Ulrich Zwingli (1484-1531) was one of the most influential voices in the Protestant Reformation. Black plague broke out in Zurich and he raced to minister to the sick. Zwingli caught the dreaded disease and almost died. But the hymn he wrote gives us an inspiring glimpse of his faith. The first four verses of his hymn were penned when the disease struck. Verses five through eight were written as his health deteriorated. Verse nine through twelve were written after God healed him. What a great model for us as we fight sickness:

"Help me Lord, my strength and rock, Lo at the door I hear death's knock. Lift up Your arm once pierced for me, that conquered death and rescued me. Yet if Your voice in life's midday recalls my soul, then I obey."

During his illness: *"My pains increase, haste to console; for fear and woe seize body and soul. Death is at hand, my senses fail, my tongue is dumb, now Christ prevail. He (Satan) harms me not - I fear no loss. For here I lie beneath the cross."*

After his recovery: *"My God! My Lord! Healed by your hand, upon the earth once more I stand. Let sin no more rule over me - my mouth shall sing alone to Thee. Though now delay, my hour will come - involved perchance in deeper gloom. BUT LET IT COME, MY JOY WILL RISE. And bear my yoke straight to the skies."*

What a picture of handling suffering!

Virtual Choir Project – It's time to get serious! Some of you have already arranged a time for Andrea Jennings to record you. If you have not set up a time with her, please make your appointment ASAP. We need to have all recordings by February 26. Also, thanks to Jonathan McPhillips for creating a score that moves forward with repeat and coda marked. This will help you to not get lost in following the arrangement. Appreciate every one of you!

Snow Policy Reminder

Weekday activities will be canceled on the days that the Pattonville School District is closed due to inclement weather. This includes day and evening activities, including all Wednesday night activities. You may also check the closings on **KTVI Channel 2** and **KSDK Channel 5** on the TV. For Sunday closings, check the TV channels listed above, Facebook, Fee Fee App, or the church website.

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Here are updates on in-person kids' activities:

Wednesdays: AWANA Club 6:00-7:00 p.m. for kids 3 years old through 5th grade. Kids: bring your book, Bible, and wear a mask.

Sundays: Preschool care is provided for birth through pre-K during 11:00 a.m. worship. KidsZone meets at 11:00 a.m. for kids K-5th grade. The 4th Sunday of each month, K-5th grade kids will worship with their parents. When there is a 5th Sunday in the month, we will have a Birthday Bash to celebrate birthdays from the months prior.

Preschool and children's Bible Study classes will start back on Sunday, March 7 at 9:45 a.m. between worship services. We are looking forward to having our kids back in their classes with our teachers! There will also be adult and youth Bible Study classes offered at the same time.

We are planning to do **VBS Wilderness Escape** and **Sports Camp** in some form this summer. It may be a drive-in experience for families, or it may be in-person. But we plan to have something! If you would like to be involved, it's not too early to let me know.

"And let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works. Not neglecting to gather together, *(even if it's online)* ... but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching," (Hebrews 10:25).

Community Connection

Andrew Yakel, Associate Pastor

Blood Drive, February 26 – Our Blood Drive is this week and we still have spots left!! Sign up to give blood this Friday, February 26 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. on the Red Cross website (www.redcrossblood.org) and use the Sponsor Code **"FeeFeeBaptistBridgeton."** Alternatively, you can make an appointment by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). The drive will be held in the Family Life Center. Everyone donating can drive around to the back of the church and park in the lot by the gym and enter through the gym doors. On the blood drive page on the church website (www.feefeebc.org/blooddrive) you can find helpful info about donating, including who can donate and how to donate, and a link to sign up. If you have any questions, contact Andrew (andrew@feefeebc.org).

Tom and Lela Warner Missions Fund, February 28 – We will have a special offering for the Tom and Lela Warner Missions Fund on Sunday, February 28. All money given towards that fund goes to support our members that go on mission trips. If you give, make sure to label your gift as "Warner Mission Fund."

Mobile Food Market

We love our partnership with the St. Louis Area Food Bank to get free groceries into the hands of families in need in our community. Upcoming Mobile Market Mondays will be:

March 8
March 22

Each of these will take place starting 10:00 a.m. (until the food runs out) in the church parking lot. Contact Andrew at andrew@feefeebc.org to volunteer.