

Weekly Summary	02-21-21	02-28-21
AWANA	41	41
Worship Attendance:		
8:30 AM	74	77
11:00 AM	95	92
Service Totals	169	169
Offering	\$12,276.44	\$8,008.00
E-Giving (2/23 - 3/1)	\$7,246.00	



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.

The mission moves forward

our goal

\$13,000

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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.

Bible Studies

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

In person:

Potts Class – Lifeway Bible Study
Dining Room

Monasmith Class – Study of Acts
Fellowship Hall

Knepper Class – Examination of
Other Religions
C112

Fox Class – Grounded Discussions
B2

Online:

Foster Class – Lifeway Bible Study
Land/Jennings Class – Easter Video
Series

PRESCHOOL, CHILDREN, & YOUTH BIBLE STUDIES

Birth-2 Years – Room 106

3-5 Years – Room 105

Kindergarten-1st Grade – Room 203

2nd-3rd Grade – Room 207

4th-5th Grade – Room 303

Youth – Rafters (3rd Floor)

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."

Ministry Opportunities	Church Office Staff
Sunday, March 14—Daylight Saving Begins 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship & Mid-Winter Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Mid-Winter Bible Study Q & A 9:45 a.m. Grounded Bible Study (B2) 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. Kids' Bible Studies 10:00 a.m. Youth Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship & Mid-Winter Bible Study 11:00 a.m. KidsZone 11:00 a.m. Preschool Care Monday, March 15 9:15 a.m. Wagner/Sherer WOM 7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on Facebook Tuesday, March 16 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 2:00 p.m. Prime Time Council 4:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes Ministry 6:00 p.m. Worship Practice - Traditional 7:00 p.m. Grounded Video on Facebook Wednesday, March 17—St. Patrick's Day 10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym) 6:00 p.m. Missions Committee 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 7:30 p.m. Strategic Planning Committee 7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on Facebook Thursday, March 18 7:00 p.m. Sermon Rewind on Facebook Friday, March 19 Saturday, March 20 Sunday, March 21 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:45 a.m. Grounded Bible Study (B2) 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 2:00 p.m. Children's Committee Monday, March 22 10:00 a.m. Mobile Market 7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on Facebook Tuesday, March 23 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 6:00 p.m. Worship Practice - Traditional 7:00 p.m. Grounded Video on Facebook Wednesday, March 24 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. Live Prayer on Facebook Thursday, March 25 7:00 p.m. Sermon Rewind on Facebook Friday, March 26 Saturday, March 27	Pastor Zach Crook , SENIOR PASTOR Pastor Andrew Yakel , ASSOCIATE PASTOR Gloria Fox , DIRECTOR OF SENIOR ADULTS & BIBLE STUDY Kathy Scott , DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES Ronna Paden , DIRECTOR OF MUSIC Kyle Baldwin , DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES Steve Middendorf , FINANCIAL OFFICER Vance Stewart , IT ADMINISTRATOR Tara Smith , MINISTRY ASSISTANT OFFICE ♦ (314) 739-1525 FAX ♦ (314) 739-1302 www.feefeebc.org THE FORERUNNER is published Bi-weekly, by FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH 11330 St. Charles Rock Road Bridgeton, MO 63044-2792 Periodicals Postage rates paid at Hazelwood, MO 63042-9998 USPS 016957 POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: THE FORERUNNER Fee Fee Baptist Church 11330 St. Charles Rock Road Bridgeton, MO 63044-2792 PERIODICAL

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FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH

BUILD & PURSUE

A Word From Pastor Zach

Coming up at the end of the month, we will be having our week of prayer for North American Missions. This week of prayer coincides with our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, where 100% of what is given to this offering goes directly to the North American Mission Board (NAMB).

I wanted to share with you why it is so important for us to be praying for and supporting NAMB. According to a study by the Hartford Institute in 2010, there were 338,000 Christian congregations. The US population then was about 309 million, which makes the church to population ratio roughly 1:1000 (one church for every one thousand people).

In the last 10 years, our population has grown by 19 million people. Projecting forward, by 2050, there will be over 400 million people in the United States. In order to maintain that 1:1000 church to population ratio, we will need to start 76,000 new churches.

The good news is that church planting is being emphasized by NAMB. In fact, according to Lifeway Research, there were 4,000 churches that were planted last year. That sounds great! It sounds like we are well on our way to maintaining or even exceeding that 1:1000 ratio. However, those 4,000 new church plants are only part of the story. Sadly, while there were 4,000 new churches started last year, 3,700 closed their doors.

That means, in actuality, we only had a net gain of 300 churches last year. In order to have that net gain of 76,000 churches, we need to be starting

about 1,900 churches a year! We are falling woefully behind the curve.

So, what is that we can do about this issue? First, and foremost, we pray. We pray that God will send workers into the harvest. We pray for revival. We pray for established churches to grow and for new churches to be started. We pray for God to move and work in our nation!

Additionally, because of the cooperative program of the Southern Baptist Convention, we can partner with other churches and send out church planters to start new churches all over North America. We partner with our Baptist Association here in St. Louis and support new churches. Also, everything that we give through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will go to help the North American Mission Board.

As a church, we have set a goal for \$13,000 for Annie Armstrong. Would you join me in praying about what God would have us give so that we can meet this goal?

The need is immense. We need more churches in North America. Let's all prayerfully support NAMB as they lead the way in helping us reach the lost in our neighborhoods.

In Him,
Pastor Zach

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Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

As more and more of you get your vaccinations, I feel confident that we will soon be enjoying some trips and lunches together. I'm really looking forward to that time. God made us for relationship with Him and others. It's been a year and we might just have to learn all over again. I know I've learned some lessons about the value of relationship.

I am hoping some of you will join me on [Facebook](#) live for about 30 minutes every Wednesday morning beginning March 10 at 9:00 a.m. I will choose some passages from that week's readings in the Grounded reading plan and talk about them. You can make comments, ask questions, or share an insight. Go to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FeeFeeBC/> or click the Facebook link at the bottom of our [homepage](#). You can also follow Fee Fee on Facebook and it will notify you when it begins. You can watch it live and interact or watch it later at your convenience.

I'm still looking for suggestions for activities. You should have good immunity to the virus 31 days after your first shot so the countdown to fun has begun.

Bible Study Corner

More Bible Studies are beginning in person. We will announce these changes at church and teachers will be notifying their classes. If you are interested in in-person Bible Study, just ask a greeter in the Welcome Center or front entrance and they will be able to help you.

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

Big News Coming Soon! - Students and families...may I have your attention please?! It has been a year since we have been stuck in this pandemic. We have had to grind and struggle through it all. But we are nearing that shining light at the end of the tunnel. With that being said...our events that we have missed out on, the ones that we look forward to the most, are coming back. Summer 2021. Stay tuned for more info soon!

Community Connection

Andrew Yakel, Associate Pastor

Week of Prayer for North American Mission, March 29-April 4 - North American Missionaries have had some unique challenges with COVID-19. But what has not changed is the need for the Gospel to be declared. They could definitely use our prayers. March 29 through April 4 is our Week of Prayer for North American Missions. You can download the Prayer Guide on the [Downloads](#) section of our website. Then Sunday, April 4 we are taking a special offering for the **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**. All the money given to this offering goes towards North American Missionaries. Please be praying for our missionaries!

Upcoming Mobile Markets – We know that right now it is difficult for some people to get the food they need. Fee Fee has partnered with St. Louis Area Foodbank to provide a Mobile Food Market! Every other Monday from 10:00 a.m. until noon, you can drive through the church parking lot and volunteers and staff will put food in your car. We ask that you have space in your vehicle for the food items and that you not leave your vehicle during the distribution. The upcoming Mobile Markets are **March 22** and **April 5**. You can contact Andrew if you have any questions or would be interested in volunteering, andrew@feefeebc.org.

Featured Article

Larry Condra, Prayer Warrior

“This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Once again I will yield to the plea of the house of Israel and do this for them: I will make their people as numerous as sheep,” (Ezekiel 36:37).

Prayer is the forerunner of mercy. Look at sacred history, and you will find that scarcely ever did a great mercy come to this world unheralded by supplication. You have found this true in your own personal experience. God has given you many an unsolicited favor, but still great prayer has always been the prelude of great mercy with you. When you first found peace through the blood of the cross, you had been praying much, and earnestly interceding with God that he would remove your doubts and deliver you from your distress. Your assurance was the result of prayer. When at any time you have had high and joyful experiences, you have been obliged to look upon them as answers to your prayers. When you have had great deliverances out of sore troubles, and mighty helps in great dangers, you have been able to say, "I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears," (Psalm 54:7).

Prayer is always the preface to blessing. It goes before the blessing as the blessing's shadow. We may be certain that if we are much in prayer, our pleadings are the shadows of mercy. Prayer is thus connected with the blessing to show us the value of it. If we had the blessings without asking for them, we should think them common things; but prayer makes our mercies more precious than diamonds. The things we ask for are precious, but we do not realize their preciousness until we have sought for them earnestly.

"Prayer makes the darken'd cloud withdraw;
Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw;
Gives exercise to faith and love;
Brings every blessing from above."
'Devotional by C.H. Spurgeon

Ezekiel prophesied for a whole nation that one day God would restore His people from captivity and make them “as numerous as sheep.” As this devotional describes, our earnest prayer, “Brings every blessing from above.” Whether it be for our nation, our church, our families, or ourselves, He hears our prayers.

For Fee Fee Baptist Church in particular, I suggest we consider these “pleas” as we pray. Pray for our Pastor and staff as they lead us. Pray too, for our deliberate direct ministries to the community, including the Mobile Market, backpack ministry, Meals on Wheels, Red Cross blood drive, International Food Pantry, and Loaves and Fishes. Remember as well, the individual and random acts of kindness we each do every day for those around us. Pray that these actions will not only meet the physical needs of those touched but relay a definite message that our actions are a direct result of God’s presence and His love for them.

“Be thou ever near unto us and keep us near unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Daylight Saving
Time Begins
Sunday, March 14

Don't forget to set your
clocks ahead 1 hour!



+1h

Spring
Forward

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

We have very exciting news! Preschool and children's Bible Study has started again at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays. I am so thankful for our dedicated teachers who are willing to teach our kids God's Word. Please keep us in prayer as we start back! We are requiring teachers and kids to continue to wear masks, as well as check-in at the preschool area where we will take temperatures and sanitize hands, too. This month the kids are walking with Jesus through the last week of His life on earth. It will be an exciting time!

Here are updates on other 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. We hope to open Preschool Care for 8:30 a.m. worship by April.

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 and the Lord's Supper will be observed. When there is a 5th Sunday in the month, we will have a Birthday Bash to celebrate birthdays from the months prior.

We are planning to do **VBS Wilderness Escape** and **Sports Camp** the week of July 26-30. If you would like to be involved in leading, it's not too early to volunteer – just let me know, kathy@feefeebc.org. Registration will be on-line in April.

"I am absolutely sure that not even death or life can separate us from God's love. Not even angels or demons, the present or the future, or any powers can do that. Not even the highest places or the lowest, or anything else in all creation can do that. Nothing at all can ever separate us from God's love because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done," (Romans 8:38-39).

Devotional Corner

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

"We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first," (Hebrews 3:14).

Often the last step is the winning step. In *Pilgrim's Progress* the greatest number of dangers were lurking in the area closest to the gates of the Celestial City. It was in that region the Doubting Castle stood. And it was there the enchanted ground lured the tired traveler to fatal slumber. It is when heaven's heights are in full view that the gates of hell are the most persistent and full of deadly peril. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest *if we do not give up,*" (Galatians 6:9). "Run in such a way as to get the prize," (1 Corinthians 9:24).

The greatest challenge in receiving great things from God is holding on for the last half hour.

*In the bitter waves of woe
Beaten and tossed about
By the sullen winds that blow
From the desolate shores of doubt,
Where the anchors that faith has cast
Are dragging in the gale,
I am quietly holding fast
To the things that cannot fail.*

*And fierce though the fiends may fight,
And long though the angels hide,
I know that truth and right
Have the universe on their side;
And that somewhere beyond the stars
Is a love that is better than fate.
When the night unlocks her bars
I will see Him—and I will wait.*

—Washington Gladden