

Weekly Summary	03-21-21	03-28-21
AWANA	—	49
Sunday Bible Study Attendance	108	90
<b>Worship Attendance:</b>		
8:30 AM	80	85
11:00 AM	98	96
<b>Worship Totals</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>181</b>
Offering	\$17,507.00	\$8,300.00
E-Giving (2/23 - 3/25)	\$37,976.97	



## Congratulations

**Ben and Phyllis Hackney**, are the proud grandparents of **Murphy Caleb Rogers**, born March 23, 2021 to **Holly and Nathaniel Rogers**.

## Devotional Corner

*Taken from L.B. Cowman’s “Streams in the Desert,” Zondervan Updated Edition*

**Elisha prayed, “O Lord, open his eyes so that he may see,” (2 Kings 6:17).**

This is the prayer we need to pray for ourselves and one another: “Lord, open our eyes so we may see.” We are surrounded, just as the prophet Elisha was, by God’s “horses and chariots of fire” (2 Kings 6:17), waiting to transport us to places of glorious victory.

Once our eyes are opened by God, we will see all the events of our lives, whether great or small, joyful or sad, as a “chariot” for our souls. Everything that comes to us becomes a chariot the moment we treat it as such. On the other hand, even the smallest trial may

become an object crushing everything in its path into misery and despair if we allow it.

The difference then becomes a choice we make. It all depends not on the events themselves but on how we view them. If we simply lie down, allowing them to roll over and crush us, they become an uncontrollable car of destruction. Yet if we climb into them, as riding in a car of victory, they become the chariots of God to triumphantly take us onward and upward.

There is not much the Lord can do with a crushed soul. That is why the Adversary attempts to push God’s people toward despair and hopelessness over their condition or the condition of the church. It has often been said that a discouraged army enters a battle with the certainty of defeat. Recently a missionary said she had returned home sick and disheartened because her spirit had lost its courage, which led to the consequence of an unhealthy body.

We need to better understand these attacks of the Enemy on our spirit and how to resist them. If he can dislodge us from our proper position, he then seeks to “wear out the saints of the Most High” (Dan. 7:25) through a prolonged siege, until we finally, out of sheer weakness, surrender all hope of victory.

**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.”*

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.

Ministry Opportunities	Church Office Staff
<b>Sunday, April 11</b> 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 8:30 a.m. Preschool Care 9:45 a.m. Grounded Bible Study (B2) 9:45 a.m. A3/Foster Bible Study (FH) 9:45 a.m. A5/Potts’ Bible Study (DR) 9:45 a.m. A6/Monasmith Bible Study (FH) 9:45 a.m. A9/Knepper Bible Study (C112) 9:45 a.m. International Class (B4) 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. Scholarship Committee <b>Monday, April 12</b> 9:15 a.m. Wagner/Sherer WOM 7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on <a href="#">Facebook</a> 7:15 p.m. Properties Committee <b>Tuesday, April 13</b> 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 6:00 p.m. Worship Practice - Traditional 6:00 p.m. Socials Committee 7:00 p.m. Grounded Video on <a href="#">Facebook</a> <b>Wednesday, April 14</b> 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 <a href="#">Facebook</a> <b>Thursday, April 15</b> 7:00 p.m. Sermon Rewind on <a href="#">Facebook</a> <b>Friday, April 16</b> 10:00 a.m. Seniors to Kimmswick/Blue Owl <b>Saturday, April 17</b> <b>Sunday, April 18</b> 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 8:30 a.m. Preschool Care 9:45 a.m. Grounded Bible Study (B2) 9:45 a.m. A3/Foster Bible Study (FH) 9:45 a.m. A5/Potts’ Bible Study (DR) 9:45 a.m. A6/Monasmith Bible Study (FH) 9:45 a.m. A9/Knepper Bible Study (C112) 9:45 a.m. International Class (B4) 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 12:15 p.m. Children’s Committee 5:00 p.m. Deacons’ Meeting <b>Monday, April 19</b> 10:00 a.m. Mobile Market 7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on <a href="#">Facebook</a> <b>Tuesday, April 20</b> 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 11:45 a.m. WOM Meeting 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 <a href="#">Facebook</a> <b>Wednesday, April 21</b> 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 6:00 p.m. Missions Committee 6:30 p.m. Worship Practice - Contemporary 7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on <a href="#">Facebook</a> <b>Thursday, April 22</b> 7:00 p.m. Sermon Rewind on <a href="#">Facebook</a> <b>Friday, April 23</b> <b>Saturday, April 24</b> 8:00 a.m. All Church Workday	<b>Pastor Zach Crook</b> , SENIOR PASTOR <b>Pastor Andrew Yakel</b> , ASSOCIATE PASTOR <b>Gloria Fox</b> , DIRECTOR OF SENIOR ADULTS & BIBLE STUDY <b>Kathy Scott</b> , DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES <b>Ronna Paden</b> , DIRECTOR OF MUSIC <b>Kyle Baldwin</b> , DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES <b>Steve Middendorf</b> , FINANCIAL OFFICER <b>Vance Stewart</b> , IT ADMINISTRATOR <b>Tara Smith</b> , MINISTRY ASSISTANT  <div>OFFICE ♦ (314) 739-1525 FAX ♦ (314) 739-1302 <a href="#">www.feefeebc.org</a></div> <div>THE FORERUNNER is published Bi-weekly, by <b>FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 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:  <b>THE FORERUNNER</b> Fee Fee Baptist Church 11330 St. Charles Rock Road Bridgeton, MO 63044-2792</div>

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## A Word From Pastor Zach

**What** a joy it was for us to celebrate our Resurrected Savior this past weekend! I am so thankful for the hope that we have in Jesus! It is remarkable to think that the same power that conquered the grave lives in each of us! I am praying that our church will continue to proclaim that truth to a world that desperately needs hope.

[Gallup released a study](#) a few months ago that I found very telling concerning our need for hope. As you know, 2020 was an incredibly taxing year for all of us mentally. In fact, this poll by Gallup found that nearly every demographic group saw a decrease in their mental health from 2019 to 2020. It did not matter if you were male or female or married or single. It didn’t matter your race or your socio-economic status. It didn’t matter what political party you were affiliated with. It didn’t matter your age. Every single demographic saw a decrease in mental health except for one category.

What was that category? Weekly religious service attendance. The only demographic that saw their mental health increase from 2019 to 2020 were those people who attended weekly religious services. Isn’t that remarkable?

I think it says something profound about the need that we all have for Biblical community. We are not meant to live our lives alone. We truly need each other! We need each other for encouragement and we need each other for our own mental health!

In the tenth chapter of Hebrews, there are a series of “let us” imperatives that the writer challenges us to do as a church:

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have boldness to enter the sanctuary through the blood of Jesus— <sup>20</sup> he has inaugurated for us a new and living way through the curtain (that is, through his flesh)— <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> **let us draw near** with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water. <sup>23</sup> **Let us hold on** to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And **let us consider** one another in order to provoke love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.

Because of what Jesus has done for us, we want to draw near to God with one another. We want to hold on to our confession of hope. And we want to consider how to stir one another to love and good deeds. We do this by not neglecting to gather with one another!

I know this past year has been crazy. We know this world needs hope. I want to encourage you to continue to gather with us weekly, whether in person or online, as we encourage each other. We are truly better together, church family! And not only are we better together, but according to this Gallup poll, we are healthier mentally as well!

In Him,  
Pastor Zach

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

Please sign up in the new Connection Center for our April 16 outing. We have a brand new area for our members where the sign-up sheets will be. Walk towards the media center through the coffee Café and it is on your left, before entering the Café Annex. The Fee Fee mailboxes have also been moved there.

On Friday, April 16 we will leave at 10:00 a.m. for Kimmswick. Lunch will be at the Blue Owl and there will be time for some shopping afterward. I hope you will be able to join me! It’s been a long time and I personally am looking forward to some great food, much-needed fellowship, a lot of laughs, and a little shopping.

I also have one correction from the last issue. The date for the Perryville trip is Friday, June 11 (not July). Good catch, Prime Timers. I think most of you called me to tell me!

I know that many of you have been reading along in our Grounded Reading Plan through the New Testament. I would be interested in knowing your thoughts about what to do next. Do you want to continue the momentum by reading though the Old Testament at a slower rate (perhaps 2 chapters a day, Monday – Friday, with catch-up on the weekend)? Or do you need a break? Do you have other suggestions? You can email me at [gloria@feefeebc.org](mailto:gloria@feefeebc.org), or text me at (314) 604-6071, or call me at the church office (314) 739-1525, but remember, I am not in the office every day and this is not the best way to reach me.

Hope you are all enjoying God’s handiwork as He is changing the seasons for us. Don’t sneeze too much and I look forward to being with you on our upcoming event on April 16!

Bible Study Corner

Bible Study classes are starting to resume almost every week. If you as a Bible Study leader are planning to resume your class on campus, please let me know so we can allot a space for you. We are currently at 50% capacity, so planning needs to be done to accommodate each class that resumes.

Our current available classes can be found on our website: [feefeebc.org/sunday-bible-studies/](http://feefeebc.org/sunday-bible-studies/).

Community Connection

Andrew Yakel, Associate Pastor

**Upcoming Mobile Markets** – Free groceries are still being given out every other Monday! Could you use some free groceries? Or do you know someone that does? Then come through our parking lot on Monday, April 19 from 10:00 a.m. until noon (or until the food runs out). We ask that you have space in your vehicle for the food items and that you not leave your vehicle during the distribution. We are also signed up for Mobile Markets with St. Louis Area Foodbank on May 3 and 17 (but NOT on Memorial Day, May 31). You can contact Andrew if you have any questions or would be interested in volunteering: [andrew@feefeebc.org](mailto:andrew@feefeebc.org).

**All Church Workday** – Saturday, April 24 will be our annual “All Church Work Day.” Put the date on your calendar so we can beautify our courtyard and flowerbeds. As you have probably noticed, some work has already started outside, but there is plenty more to be done. We will see you at 8:30 a.m. and should wrap up around noon. Bring gardening tools if you have them.

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

***This Must Be Grace*** – Our virtual choir project for *This Must Be Grace* has been completed and returned by the company who compiled our recordings. We will present this video in our 8:30 a.m. worship on April 11. We owe a debt of gratitude to both Vance Stewart and Andrea Jennings, as they worked diligently to bring this project to completion.

*This must be grace, love in this place.  
So we take our bread; we take our fish;  
We offer it up to You so You can multiply it!  
This must be grace!*

**Hymns With Strange Titles** - Recently I came across an article which listed a number of hymns with strange titles. I decided to share three of these with all of you.

***Lord, I Can Suffer thy Rebukes*** – The text of this hymn was written by Isaac Watts. The tune was by Mozart. Here is the first verse of the hymn:

*Lord, I can suffer Thy rebukes,  
When Thou with kindness dost chastise;  
But Thy fierce wrath I cannot bear:  
O let it not against me rise.*

***Blest Be the Man Whose Bowels Move*** – This is another hymn written by the great hymn writer Isaac Watts. "Bowels" as referenced in scripture are the seat of emotions. It's that realization that your feelings come from deep within. Here is the first verse of the hymn:

*Blest is the man whose bowels move  
And melt with pity to the poor;  
Whose soul by sympathizing love,  
Feels what his fellow saints endure.*

Although Isaac Watts composed the text for these two "strangely titled" hymns, he is best known for writing text for *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* and *Joy to the World*.

***If Men Go to Hell, Who Cares*** – This hymn was written by E.M. Bartlett in 1939. In the first verse and chorus, you can clearly see the underlying message of the hymn is all about CARING.

*While the world rushes on in its folly and sin,  
And men go down in despair  
To reign where demons are shrieking within,  
If men go to hell, who cares?*

*Who cares, who cares, O Lord, who cares?  
While the world rushes on in sin to despair:  
If men go to hell, who cares?*

A very popular hymn written (text and music) by Bartlett is *Victory in Jesus*. An interesting piece of trivia...Bartlett was from Waynesville, MO!

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

It’s hard to believe Easter has past, but I pray the expectancy of the hope that Christ brings hasn’t faded! Paul tells us in Colossians 1:5, “*Your faith and love are based on the hope you have. What you hope for is stored up for you in heaven. You have already heard about it. You were told about it when the message of truth was given to you. I’m talking about the good news that has come to you.*”

We are teaching that to our preschoolers and children in Bible Study at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays, KidsZone at 11:00 a.m. during worship, and to our preschoolers in Bible Study and Worship Care on Sunday mornings, AND in AWANA on Wednesday evenings! There are only a few more weeks left in AWANA. I am so thankful for dedicated teachers who are willing to teach our kids God’s word. AWANA Club Awards night is May 19 at 6:00 p.m. Plan to come and see what our kids have accomplished!

**Church-wide Movie Night** will be in the courtyard on **May 21** (time to be announced). Bring a blanket and/or lawn chairs and your own drinks. We will provide popcorn!

**July 26-30** is **VBS Wilderness Escape** and **Sports Camp**. VBS will be in the morning and basketball camp in the afternoon. We hope to offer VBS in-person and virtual! If you would like to be involved in leading, it’s not too early to let me know, [kathy@feefeebc.org](mailto:kathy@feefeebc.org). Registration will be online in April. Please be in prayer for the workers, the children who will attend, and the Sports Crusaders who will lead the basketball camp.

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

**Summer Schedule Info** – As we prepare to look forward to our crazy busy summer schedule, I want to send a couple reminders. First and foremost, the safety of our students and volunteers is of the highest importance. While vaccinations are being rolled out and people are feeling more comfortable in returning to normalcy, this virus is still very real and present. So here are some steps we are taking to make sure we are as safe as possible:

- We will be closely following CDC guidelines in response to COVID-19. Masks will be required at all events, at all times. This will be strictly monitored and enforced.
- Social distancing will be enforced, where applicable.
- All events will have strict cut-offs for sign-ups. We are limited on space and we want to respect each other.
- Events like DNOW, Summer Blast Concert, Chi Alpha Summer, and our weekly Sunday Morning Bible Study will still be available as online content, either on Zoom, or streamed (more details to come on that).

We are so excited for the opportunities ahead of us this summer and we hope your student will be a part of it. I know that we are still in some crazy times, so if you have questions or concerns about anything at all, please reach out and I will be happy to help out. Be praying for our students as we gear up for an exciting summer! God has great things in store!

Summer Dates:  
Chi Alpha Summers – Every Wednesday – June 2-August 11

June 4-5	Summer Blast	July 23-25	DNOW
June 6	Graduation Sunday	July 26-30	Serve for VBS
June 15	Movie Night at FFBC	August 7	Paintball
June 26-July 2	Minneapolis Mission Trip	August 22	Youth & Family BBQ
July 9	Church Mini Golf Night		