

Weekly Summary	04-04-21	04-11-21
AWANA	48	45
Sunday Bible Study Attendance	121	144
Worship Attendance:		
8:30 AM	153	105
11:00 AM	141	108
Worship Totals	294	213
Offering	\$14,745.00	\$19,015.51
E-Giving (3/26 - 4/5)	\$14,827.50	

Devotional Corner

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

He will do this, (Psalm 37:5).

I once believed that after I prayed, it was my responsibility to do everything in my power to bring about the answer. Yet God taught me a better way and showed me that self-effort always hinders His work. He also revealed that when I prayed and had confident trust in Him for something, He simply wanted me to wait in an attitude of praise and do only what he told me. Sitting still, doing nothing except trusting in the Lord, causes a feeling of uncertainty, and there is often a tremendous temptation to take the battle into our own hands.

We all know how difficult it is to rescue a drowning person he tries to help their rescuer, and it is equally difficult for the Lord to fight our battles for us when we insist upon trying to fight ourselves. It is not that God will not but that He cannot, for our interference hinders His work.

Spiritual forces cannot work while we are trusting earthly forces.

Often we fail to give God an opportunity to work, not realizing that it takes time for Him to answer prayer. It takes time for God to color a rose or to grow a great oak tree. And it takes time for Him to make bread from wheat fields. He takes the soil, then grinds and softens it. He enriches it and wets it with rain showers and with dew. Then He brings the warmth of life to the

small blade of grass, later grows the stalk and the amber grain, and finally provides bread for the hungry.

All this takes time. Therefore we sow the seed, till the ground, and then wait and trust until God’s purpose has been fulfilled. We understand this principle when it comes to planting a field, and we need to learn the same lesson regarding our prayer life. It takes time for God to answer prayer.

The mission moves forward

GOAL EXCEEDED!

\$14,513

(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.

Ministry Opportunities	Church Office Staff
Sunday, April 25 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship & The Lord’s Supper 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. A4/Land Bible Study (2nd floor) 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. Preschool Care Monday, April 26 7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on Facebook Tuesday, April 27 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 10:00 a.m. Prime Time Science Center Trip 6:00 p.m. Worship Practice - Traditional 7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on Facebook Wednesday, April 28 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, April 29 7:00 p.m. Sermon Rewind on Facebook Friday, April 30 Saturday, May 1 8:30 a.m. International Food Pantry (off-site) Sunday, May 2 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. A4/Land Bible Study (2nd floor) 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. KidsZone 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 11:00 a.m. Preschool Care Monday, May 3 10:00 a.m. Mobile Market 7:00 p.m. Properties Committee 7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on Facebook Tuesday, May 4 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 6:00 p.m. Worship Practice - Traditional 7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on Facebook Wednesday, May 5 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 7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee 7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on Facebook Thursday, May 6 7:00 p.m. Sermon Rewind on Facebook Friday, May 7 Saturday, May 8	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 <div>OFFICE ♦ (314) 739-1525 FAX ♦ (314) 739-1302 www.feefeeabc.org</div> <div>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</div>

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A Word From Pastor Zach

First of all, I want to start by simply saying “thank you!” We have something pretty exciting to celebrate:

We not only reached our Annie Armstrong offering goal, we exceeded it by over 10%!!!!

At the time of the writing of this Forerunner article, we have brought in **\$14,513** for this special offering. I thought our goal of \$13,000 was pretty audacious, and I am so thankful for our church, which sacrificially gave to this important cause. 100% of this offering goes to support church planters and missionaries here in North America.

It is so important for us to continue to spread the hope of Jesus to those who desperately need it. There was a fascinating article written by a nonbeliever in England that highlights this need. John Harris, in a column for the *Guardian*, wrote that, as an irreligious person, this pandemic has been very difficult for him to understand. He said, “For many of us, life without God has turned out to be life without fellowship and shared meaning – and in the midst of the most disorienting, debilitating crisis most of us have ever known, that social tragedy now cries out for action.”

Harris pointed out that across 95 different countries, Googling the word “prayer” increased by 50%. He uses this as evidence that people need something more. Harris, and so many secularists like him, are realizing that they need answers to life’s most difficult questions.

However, what is heartbreaking is that Harris’ answer to this issue is to create a community modeled after the church. He argues that “religion, after all, often comes down to people doing things together, whatever the transcendental meaning attributed to it: they sing, they pray, they eat together.”

Do you see how he is missing out on the true reason that we gather together as a church? Christianity is so much more than just a social club where we do things together. It is all about a relationship with the one true God! It is about celebrating new life through the Gospel!

People are longing for more; Harris makes that clear. However, he incorrectly posits what it is that makes our church a community. His article is a compelling piece of evidence that we need to clearly articulate the truth of the Gospel. We need to continue to have a life-giving community that gathers together and strengthens one another in the midst of a crisis. However, we also need to clearly and explicitly explain why we are gathering together: because of Jesus!

Please join me in praying for the many lost people around who are desperately searching for something more. And please join me in praying for opportunities to share the truth of the Gospel with them!

Thank you for giving sacrificially to Annie Armstrong. Now, let’s pray about opportunities to give the truth of the Gospel to those around us that are looking for hope!

In Him,
Pastor Zach

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

I am so enjoying the spring weather and the sunshine! It’s nice to sit outside and absorb that heavenly sunlight. It’s also nice to be able to be active again. Our next activity is a trip to the Science Center to view the mummy exhibit. Alternatively, you can visit the OmniMax theater to watch *Back From The Brink* about animals species saved from extinction. The Mummies of the World exhibit is the largest collection of real mummies and related artifacts. It is senior day, but prices are not currently listed on the website. Lunch will be at Zia’s! As always, the bus will leave at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

I know many of you have been following along in the Grounded reading plan, which we will complete on May 7. Several of you have even participated in Marco Polo groups. Congrats to all who have accepted and met this challenge. Several of you have expressed the desire to continue, and while our plans are not quite finalized, I can share basic info with you. After our completion of the New Testament, for two weeks we will go back and revisit ten significant scriptures that we would like to spend a little more time studying. Next, Pastor Zach will be preaching from the book of Isaiah during the summer, so we will read the book of Isaiah, one chapter a day, starting May 24. In September, we will begin the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament, which we will complete by reading two chapters a day Monday-Friday until the end of the year. There will not be a formal sign-up, but I am hoping that many of you will continue the habit of reading scripture daily. Getting the Word into us is exactly what God commands us to do to equip us to face the world with love each day.

Finally, mark your calendars for Saturday, May 22 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We are going to kick off Legacy Weekend with a party! We will eat a yummy catered dinner, hear a short devotional from Dr. Ross, and be entertained by a group performing music from the 40s, 50s and 60s. Don’t miss out on the fun!

Bible Study Corner

It’s an exciting time at Fee Fee as Bible Studies on Sunday morning begin to return in-person.

Bible Studies			SUNDAYS @ 9:45 AM
IN PERSON:			PRESCHOOL, CHILDREN, AND YOUTH:
POTTS CLASS LIFEWAY BIBLE STUDY Dining Room	ADULT 4 LIFEWAY BIBLE STUDY 208, 212, 214, 215		Birth-2 years old ROOM 106
MONASMITH CLASS STUDY OF ACTS B2	INTERNATIONAL CLASS LIFEWAY BIBLE STUDY B4		3-5 Year olds ROOM 105
KNEPPER CLASS EXAMINATION OF OTHER RELIGIONS C113	ONLINE:		Kindergarten-1st Grade ROOM 205
FOX CLASS GROUNDED DISCUSSION C112	LAND/JENNINGS CLASS READ SCRIPTURE VIDEO SERIES		2nd-3rd Grade ROOM 209
FOSTER/SAMPLE CLASS LIFEWAY BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP HALL	KRACHT CLASS STUDY OF 1 SAMUEL		4th-5th Grade ROOM 303
			Youth Bible Study RAFTERS

Other classes are in the decision making process and I will let you know as soon as info becomes available.

Additionally, both Men’s and Women’s groups continue on Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The women will begin a new study on April 21, in person and on Zoom. You are welcome and encouraged to join at any time!

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Summer Concerts Beginning Soon – Summer Concerts have been scheduled, and again as last year, they are not scheduled back to back as in previous years. Here’s a look at each one:

May 16 - Ken Davidson – Ken is a music missionary and co-founder of Heart Sounds. This organization exists to encourage the development of worship music through training native musicians, especially in countries where Christ followers are restricted or persecuted.

June 6 - Kingdom Players – Kingdom Players is a drama group from Lee University. They present skits based on the Bible. The skits are humorous and/or dramatic.

June 27 - Timothy and Hosanna Noble – Timothy Noble is a piano virtuoso who has been a part of our concert series for about 7 years. His new wife, Hosanna, brings her vocal talent and playing violin.

July 11 - Charles Graham – Charles is a Gospel singer who has visited Fee Fee dating back to his college days. Charles has attracted many friends worldwide. His singing is powerful, as is his testimony.

August 1 - The Lesters – The Lesters are a mainstay for the annual Fee Fee concerts. The family has shared the Good News of the Gospel through song for over 90 years. The present ensemble is a trio comprising of Brian, Jonathan, and Bailee Lester. This trio represents the third and fourth generations of the Lester family.

Make plans now to attend these concerts and get the word out to friends and neighbors. As always there is no charge for these concerts, but a love offering will be taken for each concert artist. Reserve your seats online at <https://feefeebc.org/summerconcert/>.

Community Connection

Andrew Yakel, Associate Pastor

Blood Drive, May 14 – Our next Blood Drive with the American Red Cross is on Friday, May 14 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. It’s recommended that all donations be scheduled ahead of time. You can go to the Red Cross website (www.redcrossblood.org) and use the Sponsor Code “FeeFeeBaptistBridgeton” to find our drive and schedule your donation. You can also call 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, you can find some helpful info about donating, including who can donate and how to donate. If you have any questions about this, please contact Andrew (andrew@feefeebc.org).

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 have them come through our parking lot on Monday, May 3 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 17 and June 14 (but NOT on Memorial Day, May 31). You can contact Andrew if you have any questions or would be interested in volunteering.

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

AWANA Club Awards night is May 19 at 6pm. Plan to come and see what our kids have accomplished!

Church-wide movie night in the courtyard is **Friday, May 21**. Bring a blanket and/or lawn chairs and your own drinks. We will provide popcorn.

July 26-30 is VBS *Wilderness Escape* from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We will need tribe leaders to lead the children and preschoolers. We will also need Israelite Tent Hosts where kids will learn desert life in the Israelite camp through various crafts and skills like: sandal stitcher, butter churner, weaver, and musician. Celebration, Moses Tent, and Recreation leaders will also be needed. Doesn’t it sound like fun? It will be and you won’t want to miss being a part of it! Contact Kathy (kathy@feefeebc.org) for the part you want to play to introduce kids to this unique way to see how God guides and provides. Next month we will have available supplies that will be needed for this event, so stay tuned!

Sports Crusader Basketball Camp is also July 26-30 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We need your help for this camp to be successful. We will need housing for this college team that includes bed and breakfast. We will also need some gift cards or cash for meals during the week. If you or your Bible Study groups can help with these needs, please contact Kathy (kathy@feefeebc.org) or 314-739-1525. Thank you for your generosity! Please be in prayer for the workers, the children who will attend, and the Sports Crusaders who will lead the basketball camp. Registration for VBS and Sports Camp will be available on our website this month. There will be a limit to registration for both events, so register early.

Fee Fee Baptist Church, you are always so generous with your gifts of supplies and monies when children’s ministry has a need. THANK YOU for providing those gifts. You are a generous people. We are blessed!

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

Summer Blast – Signups for Summer Blast are officially posted and up in The Rafters! Make sure you sign up soon because space is limited for this event. Summer Blast will take place June 4 & 5 and will cost \$15/person. Make sure you invite your friends because they will not want to miss out on this amazing weekend! Here is a quick look at the schedule for that weekend:

Friday Night (6:00 p.m. to10:00 p.m.) – Live Concert, yard games, outdoor movie, bonfires, hot dogs, & S’mores.
Saturday Night (9 AM – 9 PM) – Adrenaline Zone, Aloha Mini Golf & Shaved Ice, video games, dodgeball, AND MORE!!!

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		