<b>Weekly Summary</b>	04-18-21	04-25-21
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AWANA	46	48
Sunday Bible Study Attendance	135	138
Worship Attendance:		
8:30 AM	121	115
11:00 AM	114	124
Worship Totals	235	239
Offering E-Giving (3/26 - 4/19)	\$10,708 \$27,740.50	\$12,790

#### **Devotional Corner**

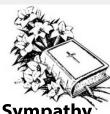
Taken from L.B. Cowman's "Streams in the Desert," Zondervan Updated Edition

#### "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved," (Joel 2:32).

So why don't I call on His name? Why do I run to this person or that person, when God is so near and will hear my faintest call? Why do I sit down to plot my own course and make my own plans? Why don't I immediately place myself and my burden on the Lord?

Straight ahead is the best way to run, so why don't I run directly to the living God? Instead, I look in vain for deliverance everywhere else, but with God I will find it. With Him I have His royal promise: "[I] will be saved." And with Him I never need to ask if I may call on Him or not, for the word "everyone" is all encompassing. It includes me and means anybody and everybody who calls upon His name. Therefore I will trust in this verse and will immediately call on the glorious Lord who has made such a great promise.

My situation is urgent, and I cannot see how I will ever be delivered. Yet this is not my concern, for He who made the promise will find a way to keep it. My part is simply to obey His commands, not to direct His ways. I am His servant, not His advisor. I call upon Him and He will deliver me. —*Charles H. Spurgeon* 



Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to

#### ... John (Andrea) Baldwin,

**Kyle (Alaina) Baldwin**, and **Jenna Baldwin**, on the passing of **Billie Baldwin**, their mother and grandmother, respectively, on April 21.



The *Isaiah Reading Plan* starts on **May 10**, so pick up your bookmark or reading plan sheet in the Welcome Center or foyer on campus, or download from our website at: <a href="https://feefeebc.org/downloads/">https://feefeebc.org/downloads/</a>.

Don't miss out on the hottest book club this summer as we unpack the many prophecies about Israel, Jesus Christ, and our lives as the redeemed!

**Our worship services are available to watch via** Live Stream on our <u>website</u> or <u>Facebook page</u>

To stay up-to-date on all calendar updates, please check our website. Download our app on Google Play Store or Apple App Store for more news; just search for "Fee Fee Baptist Church."

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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.

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**PERIODICAL** 

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Sunday, May 9– Mother's Day Child/Parent Dedications (Both Services) 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)

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11:00 a.m. Preschool Care

Monday, May 10–Isaiah Reading Plan Begins
9:15 a.m. Wagner/Sherer WOM

7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on <u>Facebook</u> **Tuesday, May 11** 

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 6:00 p.m. Worship Practice-Traditional 7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on Facebook

Wednesday, May 12

9:00 a.m. Isaiah Discussion on <u>Facebook Live</u> 10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)

10:00 a.m. Prime Time to Zoo/Spaghetti Factory 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. Handbell Practice

7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee 7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on Facebook

Thursday, May 13

7:00 p.m. Sermon Rewind on <u>Facebook</u>

Friday, May 14

1:00 p.m. Blood Drive (FLC/Gym)

Saturday, May 15

Sunday, May 16 - Grounded Celebration (Both Services)

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 8:30 a.m. Preschool Care 9:45 a.m. Grounded Bible Study (B2)

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6:00 p.m. Summer Concert—Ken Davidson

Monday, May 17 10:00 a.m. Mobile Market

7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on Facebook
Tuesday, May 18

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. Live Prayer on Facebook

Wednesday, May 19

9:00 a.m. Isaiah Discussion on Facebook Live

9:00 a.m. Isaiah Discussion 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. Handbell Practice 7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on Facebook

Thursday, May 20
7:00 p.m. Sermon Rewind on Facebook

7:00 p.m. Friday, May 21

1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time (Café) 7:30 p.m. Church-Wide Movie Night (Courtyard)

Saturday, May 22

6:00 p.m. Seniors Legacy Weekend

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#### A Word From Pastor Zach

love the fact that we are a multigenerational church. I believe there is a such a benefit from different generations gathering together and worshipping with one another. We can learn from each other and encourage each other. It is a key strength of our church.

With that being said, there are still key ministries that are focused on particular age groups. It's important to have rock solid children, youth, and adult ministries. This summer, we will have a few different opportunities to have specific ministry events for different age groups. You'll be hearing more about Vacation Bible School for our kids, and both Summer Blast and Disciple Now for our youth, from Kathy and Kyle. However, I wanted to share more in detail about our first Legacy Weekend for senior adults.

On May 22-23, we are going to have a special weekend dedicated towards ministering to our senior adults. This weekend is going to consist of some music and fun on Saturday night. Then, on Sunday, we are going to have a guest speaker preach in our both of our services. That guest speaker will be Dr. Claude Cone, one of the key mentors in my life.

Dr. Cone is the former Director of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico and he has been preaching and teaching God's Word for over sixty years! Dr. Cone will be sharing a devotion on Saturday night and preaching a great message in both of our services on Sunday. This weekend of ministry is going to be a huge blessing as he challenges our entire church to live a life that will leave a Gospel legacy!

When I was called into ministry at 18, Dr. Cone discipled me and gave me opportunities to preach every time I came back into town from college. I have been so thankful for his investment in my life and I am grateful that he is coming to minister to our church as well.

May 3, 2021

I want to encourage everyone 55+ to sign up to be a part of our Legacy Weekend. It is going to be a lot of fun, and I know you are going to be blessed by Dr. Cone!

In addition to that, I want to encourage you stay faithful in our Bible reading. While we are wrapping up the New Testament on May 7, we will start reading through Isaiah as a church on May 10. We will be reading a chapter a day of Isaiah, Monday through Friday, throughout the summer. It is so important to stay engaged in God's Word! Make sure you grab a bookmark the next time you are at church so you can follow along and keep up the discipline of a daily quiet time with the Lord.

Let's pray for Dr. Cone and our Legacy Weekend. I can't wait to see how God works through it!

In Him, Pastor Zach

#### **Prime Time**

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

We had a great response to our first two activities since we resumed bimonthly events. A group of 24 went to Kimmswick, and 19 to Zia's with a quick stop at the Art Museum. I had several of you complain about still being hungry when we left...just kidding!

Our next trip to the zoo on May 12 will be slightly more physically demanding, although we will make it as short of a distance as possible. The bus will drop you off in front of the north entrance; the dinosaur exhibit is where the Children's Zoo was previously located. That is neither a difficult nor long walk. For those who want to visit the reptile and insect exhibit, it is nearby, as are the polar bear, grizzlies, puffins and penguins. The zoo does require you to wear a mask at all times. The cost of this exhibit is \$5.95. The exhibit has 16 different groupings of animatronic and stationary dinosaurs. After the zoo, we will head down to the Spaghetti Factory on the Landing for lunch.

Please sign up for all Prime Time events at the Connection Center located through the doorway between the Media Center and Coffee Café.

A sign up sheet for the banquet for Legacy weekend is available in the Connection Center. The deadline is May 17, so that the food can be ordered. It's going to be a fun night with music from the 40s, 50s, and 60s, along with an intro from our speaker on Sunday morning who will challenge us to "Have a Blast While We Last!"

### **Bible Study Corner**

Almost all Bible Study classes are back in person. Hope you will join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m.

As you know, we will complete our Grounded readings on May 7. For those who wish to continue, we will begin reading one chapter a day, Monday through Friday, from the book of Isaiah beginning May 10. So grab your commentaries and join us! There are a lot of prophecies (or doom and destruction) for the nation of Israel, but there are also a lot of prophecies about Jesus! You do not need to sign up or for this summer reading challenge, but if you would like to join a Marco Polo group to discuss what you have read, please contact Gloria. You can also join Gloria live on Facebook on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. for a discussion of what we have read. Pastor Zach will be preaching from Isaiah in a sermon series this summer, so this will help to prepare you for that series. I invite you to challenge yourself with these readings.

# Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

Fee Fee Scholarships – The 2021-2022 Fee Fee Scholarship Applications are now available! All Fee Fee members that are going to be enrolled in college in the Fall 2021 term, make sure to fill out a Scholarship Application and get two letters of reference. You can grab the application and information packets at the church or download them from the website: <a href="https://feefeebc.org/downloads/">https://feefeebc.org/downloads/</a>. Scholarship applications and all needed documents are due by Sunday, May 23rd. If you have any questions, contact Andrew (andrew@feefeebc.org).

**Graduation Sunday** – If your student is graduating from High School or College this year, we want to celebrate them! On Sunday, June 6 we will be holding our annual Graduation Sunday celebration during the 11:00 a.m. service. If you would like your student to be recognized, please send the following to Kyle (kyle@feefeebc.org): graduate's name, recent headshot, name/location of school, and the degree that was earned (college only). Even if they are unable to attend in person, we would still love to celebrate every graduate and all they have accomplished. The deadline for submissions is Friday, May 28, so don't delay!

### **Music Musings**

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

**First Concert of the Season is Approaching** - Our Summer Concerts are at our doorstep and the first one is set to go on Sunday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m. We will feature music missionary Ken Davidson. Ken currently works at a Chinese university where he oversees a music degree including music technology and recording arts.

In addition to music missions, Ken is a worship leader, audio engineer, and videographer. Ken is co-founder of Heart Sounds International, which exists to encourage the development of worship music through training native musicians in cultures where Christ followers are restricted or even persecuted.

Please reserve seats for this May 16 concert, and all upcoming concerts, on our website: <a href="https://feefeebc.org/summerconcert/">https://feefeebc.org/summerconcert/</a>. This is a free event, but reservations are necessary for attending this event. There will be an opportunity to give a love offering and to purchase CDs of the music of various cultures. Please invite friends and other acquaintances to attend this event.

A Biblical Example of Music Ministry - 1 Samuel 16:21-23 tells the story. David walked bravely carrying his primitive stringed instrument into a place of darkness inhabited by King Saul. Saul was willing to try anything to free himself from the depths of depression that plagued him. As the story unfolds, we find that David's music touched this tormented man. Saul was relieved as the evil presence departed from him. David's music not only provided relief, but also brought love from this man for the young shepherd boy whose music had touched his soul.

When you sing beautifully, or less beautifully, you are making melody in your heart to the Lord. So, sing out to bring joy to the hosts of heaven.

Christ provides soul music for us. He will fill you with a life free of depression and despair. We, His sheep, need the music of His voice. Let's rejoice in God together.

# **Community Connection**

Andrew Yakel, Associate Pastor

Blood Drive, May 14 – We need your blood! We still have spots left for our blood drive on Friday, May 14 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. You can literally save a life by donating blood, so sign up today!! Just go to the Red Cross website (<a href="www.redcrossblood.org">www.redcrossblood.org</a>) 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). On the blood drive page on the <a href="church website">church website</a>, 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 (<a href="mailto:andrew@feefeebc.org">andrew@feefeebc.org</a>).

**Upcoming Mobile Markets** – Free groceries are still being given out every other Monday! Could you use some free groceries? Or do you know someone who does? Then have them come through our parking lot on Monday, **May 17** 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 **June 14 and 28** (NOTE: St. Louis Area Foodbank is closed on May 31, Memorial Day, so we will NOT have a Mobile Market that day). You can contact Andrew if you have any questions or would be interested in volunteering.

# **Family Front**

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Preschool Care Needed – We are having more and more people returning to inperson worship so that means more children are needing care. Therefore that also means that loving, caring adults and teens are needed to help! If you can give your time during one worship service each month to care for our preschoolers, please contact Kathy (kathy@feefeebc.org). You will be doing a great service for our families and your church!

**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, May 21 at 7:30 p.m.** – Join us in the courtyard on Friday night, May 21, we will be watching the new Disney movie, *Raya and the Last Dragon*! Bring a blanket and/or lawn chairs and your own drinks as we watch this exciting new release and have fun together! We will even provide the popcorn!

VBS Wilderness Escape, July 26-30, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Would you love to be a tribe leader to lead the children and preschoolers? Or maybe an Israelite Tent Host, where kids will learn desert life in the Israelite camp through various crafts and skills like: sandal stitcher, butter churner, weaver, and musician? Not sure where you fit in? Don't worry! We have a place for you! Let's have fun together as we show kids how God guides and provides in this unique way.

Can you help us gather supplies for VBS? We will be using A LOT of newspaper. So if you have any old newspapers, please bring them to me and we will put them to good use! A more extensive list will be provided next month listing all the supplies we will need help gathering for VBS.

A lot of hands will make this VBS a successful one! Sign up today to help in any of these ways. Please pray for the volunteers and kids as all the details fall into place for VBS 2021!

Sports Crusaders Basketball Camp, July 26-30, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. – Hey sports fans!! Have you missed out on sports this last year? Well, we have an opportunity for you! We will be hosting our annual basketball camp with the Sports Crusaders the same week as VBS, and we need some help to make this a successful event for our kids. Most of the needs will be helping to take care of our camp coaches and leaders, who are college students, as they work hard leading our kids in the sport. Housing, which includes bed and breakfast, and meal gift cards for other meals are the things we need help with for that week.

If you or your Bible Study groups can help with any of these things, please contact Kathy (kathy@feefeebc.org) or (314) 739-1525. Thank you in advance 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 is available on our website: <a href="https://feefeebc.org/free-vbs-fee-fee/">https://feefeebc.org/free-vbs-fee-fee/</a>. There will be a limit to registration for both VBS and basketball camp, so register early.

Fee Fee Baptist, you are always so generous with your gifts of supplies and money when a need arises in the Children's Ministry. THANK YOU for providing those gifts! You are a generous people! We are truly blessed!