

Weekly Summary	05-16-21	05-23-21
AWANA	62	—
Sunday Bible Study Attendance	126	155
Worship Attendance:		
8:30 AM	103	140
11:00 AM	119	109
Worship Totals	222	249
Offering	\$9,407.00	\$7,390.00
E-Giving (4/27 - 5/3)	\$27,262.45	



Congratulations

Proud grandparents **Wayne and Carol Gollaher**, and great-grandmother **Bernice Stewart**, welcome the arrival of **Logan Aaron Tilley**, born **May 22, 2021** to **Darlene and Matt Tilley**.



Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to ... **Family and friends** of **Warren Speh**, who passed away on **May 15**.
... **Family and friends** of **Dolores Jones**, who passed away on **May 24**.

Devotional Corner

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

"All that night the LORD drove the sea back," (Exodus 14:21).

There is a comforting message showing how God works during darkness. The real work of God for the children of Israel did not happen when they awoke that morning to find they could cross the Red Sea, but it occurred *"all that night."*

There may be a great work occurring in your life when things seems their darkest. You may see no evidence yet, but God is at work. God was just as much at work "all that night" as He was the next day when the Israelites finally saw the evidence. The next day simply revealed what God had done during the night.

Are you reading this from a place in your life where everything seems dark? Do you have faith to see but are still not seeing?

"All that night the LORD drove the sea back." Don't forget—it was *"all that night."* God works through the night until the morning light dawns. You may not see it yet, but through the *night* of your life, as you trust Him, He works. —C.H.P.

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 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
Sunday, June 6 — Graduation Sunday 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/McPhillips 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 11:00 a.m. KidsZone 5:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting 6:00 p.m. Summer Concert - Kingdom Players	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
Monday, June 7 7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on Facebook	
Tuesday, June 8 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 6:00 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4) 6:00 p.m. Worship Practice - Traditional 6:30 p.m. Socials Committee	
Wednesday, June 9 9:00 a.m. Isaiah Discussion on Facebook Live 10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym) 6:00 p.m. Chi Alpha Summers 6:30 p.m. Worship Practice - Contemporary 7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on Facebook 7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee	
Thursday, June 10 6:00 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4) 7:00 p.m. Sermon Rewind on Facebook	
Friday, June 11 10:00 a.m. Prime Time to Perryville	
Saturday, June 12	
Sunday, June 13 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/McPhillips 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, June 14 9:15 a.m. Wagner/Sherer WOM 10:00 a.m. Mobile Market 7:15 p.m. Properties Committee	
Tuesday, June 15 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 11:30 a.m. WOM Meeting 2:00 p.m. Prime Time Council 4:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes Ministry 6:00 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4) 6:00 p.m. Worship Practice - Traditional 7:00 p.m. Youth Movie Night	
Wednesday, June 16 9:00 a.m. Isaiah Discussion on Facebook Live 10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym) 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 Facebook	
Thursday, June 17 6:00 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4) 7:00 p.m. Sermon Rewind on Facebook	
Friday, June 18 1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time (Café)	
Saturday, June 19	

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A Word From Pastor Zach

Our staff recently finished reading a book about Christian leadership in uncharted territory. It is called *Canoeing the Mountains* by Tod Bolsinger. If you are like me, that title is definitely a bit confusing...how does one canoe the mountains?

That question is exactly the point of the book. As Bolsinger writes, "How do you canoe over mountains? You don't. If you want to continue forward, you change."

In this book, Bolsinger, a Vice President at Fuller Theological Seminary, gleans principles for church leaders from the journey of Lewis and Clark. After fifteen months of following the Missouri river, the Discovery Corps reached the spring that was the source of this river. The explorers expected to crest a mountain and find a river that would lead them easily to the Pacific Ocean. Instead, what they found, after already so much travel, were the Rocky Mountains!

There was no way that they could canoe over those mountains. The Discovery Corps had to change their plans. Everyone, up to that point, had believed that the topography of the West would match that of the Eastern USA. Unfortunately, that wasn't the case. Lewis and Clark had a choice: they could either adapt to the environment, or just give up.

In the same way, Bolsinger argues, the American church is now in uncharted waters. What worked before is no longer tenable in a post-Christian culture. In order to still be effective and complete the mission that God has given us, the American church must adapt. The methods that worked

so well in the previous century aren't effective now that the age of Christendom is over.

That might sound a little scary, but there is definitely some truth to it. We all know that Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings are no longer sacred. My seven-year-old has had to miss baseball games because they are scheduled on Sunday mornings. It seems that athletics and entertainment have surpassed the church in the eyes of most Americans.

However, our mission hasn't changed. We are still called to be Christ's hands and feet. To be His ambassadors. His witnesses. The point that Bolsinger makes is not for us to lament how things are and long for how things used to be. That would not be helpful. Instead, he argues that we need to take on an adaptive, adventurous mindset, just like Lewis and Clark.

Bolsinger writes, "We are canoers who have run out of water. There is no route in front of us, no map, no quick fix or easy answer. But...this is good news. This is a divine moment. This is an opportunity to express even more clearly what it means to follow and serve the God who is King of the entire world. The church at its best has always been a Corps of Discovery. It has always been a small band of people willingly heading into uncharted territory with a mission worthy of our utmost dedication."

Our methods may change to better reach our culture, but our message will always stay the same. For God so loved the world that he sent his only Son. Let's do our best to continue to get that message out to a world that desperately needs to hear it!

In Him,
Pastor Zach

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Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

I hope you will join us on Friday, June 11 for our trip to the Missouri National Veterans Museum and Memorial. The bus will leave at 10:00 a.m. First, we will eat at Stonie’s Sausage Shop and then head over to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the museum. We should be back at church about 4:30 or 5:00 p.m.

The next event in June is lunch and the movie, *Ruby Bridges*. This is the story of one family’s bravery in the face of desegregation in the south in 1960. Ruby was 6 years old when she entered an all-white school accompanied by her mother and armed Federal Marshals. Our lunch will include sandwiches and dessert. The cost is \$6 for lunch. The movie is free!!

The council has some great events planned for the next quarter! We will go to the Arch; Casey, Illinois; the Churchill Museum; and do an overnight trip to the Amana Colonies. Details and dates will be in the next issue of the Forerunner.

Hope you all are challenging yourself to build your life on Jesus by reading through the book of Isaiah with us. There is a lot of God’s judgement, but it always promises the hope of the coming Messiah.

Bible Study Corner

Bible Studies on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. is in full swing! There is a place for everyone. If you don’t know where to go, talk to Gloria and she will help you find a good fit. Check the calendar on the back page of this The Forerunner for a list of classes meeting.

During the summer, only the youth will continue to meet on Wednesday nights. There are Bible Studies on Tuesday and Thursday during the day. There is also a Bible Study on Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. on Facebook. For more details, please check the [website](#).

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

DNOW Registration is Open!! – DNOW is back this summer and we are so excited for what God has in store for our students this summer. Our theme for the 2021 is “No Filter,” and we will be learning how God has designed us to stand out, and not to be living how the world tells us we should. DNOW will take place July 23-25, and will be a weekend filled with music, games, fellowship, service projects, and the chance to build a great community with other students. The cost for the weekend is \$40. A \$10 deposit will be due by the registration deadline of July 11. You can register by filling out the form in The Rafters or on our website at dnow.feefeebc.org. We hope you will join us for this amazing weekend and invite your friends!

Chi Alpha Summers: Every Wednesday June 2-August 11

More summer events:

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		

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Isaiah and Handel's Messiah – If you are taking the opportunity to read the book of Isaiah in our new churchwide reading plan you will notice that the book of Isaiah makes up much of the lyrics for Handel's *Messiah* including the following promises:

The Promise that Jesus would come
The Promise of How Jesus would come
The Promise of what Jesus would do when He came
Prophecies and promises of the Messiah's death

Here is a listing of titles from this famous musical work along with scripture references from Isaiah.

From the Christmas portion:

"Comfort ye, my people." (*Isaiah 40, vv.1-3*)
"Every valley shall be exalted" (*Isaiah 40, v.4*)
"And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed" (*Isaiah 40, v.5*)
"O Thou that tellest good tidings" (*Isaiah 40, v.9*)
"Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen" (Isa. 60, v.1)
"For behold, darkness shall cover the earth" (*Isaiah 60, vv.2-3*)
"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light" (*Isaiah 9, v.2*)
"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given" (*Isaiah 9, v.6*)
"Then shall the eyes of the bling be opened" (*Isaiah 35, vv.5-6*)

From The Prophecies of Jesus' Death:

"He was despised and rejected" (*Isaiah 50, v.6*)
"And with his stripes we are healed" (*Isaiah 53, v.5*)
"And we like sheep have gone astray" (*Isaiah 53, v.6*)

Handbells - Opportunity for YOU – Wow! It was so nice to hear our handbells in worship playing Fanny Crosby's hymn of praise, *Praise Him! Praise Him!*.

Would **you** like to ring some bells? For our first project we used only two octaves of bells, but we have two more octaves available to play. So don't worry that we will have too many players. For our next project we will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, June 30 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 214. Rehearsals will last about 45 minutes to one hour. You will be provided with gloves and will not share music. Our target date for playing will be August 1. Please send an email to Tara@feefeebc.org to let us know of your interest. We need you!

Ministry Opportunity

Have you ever wanted to be a part of a short-term mission team? Well, we have an opportunity right in our backyard! Family Retreat, a camp hosted by Joni & Friends, is in need of some enthusiastic volunteers for the upcoming event at Timber Lakes Camp in Williamsburg, Kansas, July 2-6 (training on July 1). The fundamental role at camp is to share Jesus’s love with people who often go unseen. The main qualification they look for in a short-term missionary (STM) is a desire to be a friend and share Jesus’s love, and all ages are welcome! No prior experience with disability is necessary and all STMs are trained before families arrive. Some STMs are carefully paired with a camper as buddies for the duration of camp. They cheer their camper on, eat meals with them, attend camp activities with them and serve them, enabling the camper’s parents and siblings to rest and receive ministry specific to their needs. Some additional volunteer roles that are needed are: teachers/small group leader for adults with disabilities, craft teacher, games leader, certified lifeguards, nursery teacher, camp doctor/nurse, photographer, worship leader, youth/high school teacher, golf cart drivers, setup team, sensory room, adult male to help with youth male’s hygiene needs. If you are interested in taking part in this amazing opportunity to serve, the cost is \$325 for volunteers (scholarships and fundraising links are available!!) visit the [Joni & Friends](#) website to sign up!

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Preschool Care Needed – You should see the smiles on kids’ faces when they come to play with their friends at church! A few are even sad to leave our church when it is time to go home! Do you want to be part of caring for these little ones? If you can give your time to care for preschoolers during one worship service each month, please contact Kathy (kathy@feefeebc.org). We need you! You will be doing a great service for our families and for your church!

VBS Wilderness Escape, July 26-30, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – We still have a few unique spots open for God to use you to help kids to see how God guides and provides. If you are interested in volunteering, email Kathy at kathy@feefeebc.org or call the church office. Lots of hands are needed for a successful VBS; sign up today! And please pray for the volunteers and kids as all the details fall into place.

VBS Supplies Donation slips will be available on Sunday. You can either donate or purchase the item(s) on the slip of paper and return by July 5. 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! You can drop them off at the VBS sign up area.

Sports Crusaders Basketball Camp, July 26-30, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. – In 2019, 4 children came to know Christ through our basketball camp! What a tremendous ministry this is for our kids to enjoy and know Christ in a fun and unique way. As we host these phenomenal college students who are coaching, we have a few needs that you can help out with!

- Bed & breakfast (2 homes would be great!)
- Gifts cards and/or cash for meals
- Prayer for crusaders and children who attend camp

If you or your Bible Study groups can help with these needs, please see me. 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 is available on our website: feefeebc.org/free-vbs-fee-fee/ or feefeebc.org/sports-crusaders/. There will be a limit to registration for both VBS and Sports Camp. The maximum registration for basketball camp is 40 kids, so register early. (The same registration form can be used for both events).

Family Swim Night - The very next week after VBS we are hosting a FREE Family Swim Night at the Bridgeton Municipal Pool on August 6 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Community Connection

Andrew Yakel, Associate Pastor

Upcoming Mobile Markets – Our upcoming Mobile Markets will be June 14 and 28. Anyone in the community is welcome to drive through our parking lot those days from 10:00 a.m. until noon (or whenever we run out of food) to have FREE groceries put in their car!

Free Market, August 7 – If you have been doing spring cleaning, I hope you have held onto some good things that you can give away during our Free Market this summer on Saturday, August 7. The Free Market is our annual “garage sale” but everything is FREE! Church members can give away their new or lightly used items at this event. So as you are going through your house and see the things that you don’t really use or need anymore, hold onto them for our Free Market.