

Weekly Summary	05-30-21	06-06-21
Sunday Bible Study Attendance	139	157
Worship Attendance:		
8:30 AM	108	92
11:00 AM	114	131
Worship Totals	222	223
Offering	\$9,085.00	\$12,371.86
E-Giving (5/25 - 5/31)	\$2,995.00	

Devotional Corner

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

“We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose,” (Romans 8:28).

What a tremendous claim Paul makes in this verse! He does not say, “We know that in *some* things,” “*most* things,” or even “*joyful* things” but “ALL things.” This promise spans from the very smallest detail of life to the most important, and from the most humbling of daily tasks to God’s greatest works of grace performed during a crises.

Paul states this in the present tense: “God *works*.” He does not say, “*worked*” or “*will work*.” It is a continuing operation.

We also know from Scripture that God’s “justice [is] like the great deep” (Ps. 36:6); at this very moment the angels in heaven , as they watch with folded wings the development of God’s great plan, are undoubtedly proclaiming, “The LORD is righteous in *all* His ways and loving toward *all* He has made” (Ps. 145:17).

Then when God orchestrates “*all things...for the good*,” it is a beautiful blending. He requires many different colors, which individually may be quite drab, to weave into the harmonious pattern.

Separate tones, notes, and even discords are required to compose melodious musical anthems; a piece of machinery requires many separate wheels, parts, and connections. Once part from a machine may be useless, or one note from an anthem may never be considered beautiful, but *taken together, combined, and completed*, they lead to perfect balance and harmony.

We can learn a lesson of faith from this: “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand,” (John 13:7).—J.R. Macduff

In a thousand trials, it is not just five hundred of them that work “for the good” of the believer, but nine hundred ninety-nine, *plus one*. —George Mueller

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 20 — Father’s Day

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. A7/Land/Jennings Bible Study (C112)

9:45 a.m. A8/Crook Bible Study (C114)

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

Monday, June 21

7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on [Facebook](#)

Tuesday, June 22

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

11:30 a.m. Prime Time Movie & Lunch (DR)

6:00 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice - Traditional

Wednesday, June 23

9:00 a.m. Isaiah Discussion on [Facebook Live](#)

10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)

6:00 p.m. Chi Alpha Summers

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice - Contemporary

7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on [Facebook](#)

Thursday, June 24

6:00 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)

7:00 p.m. Sermon Rewind on [Facebook](#)

Friday, June 25

Saturday, June 26— Youth Mission Trip Departure

Sunday, June 27

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)

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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

6:00 p.m. Summer Concert - Timothy & Hosanna Noble

Monday, June 28

10:00 a.m. Mobile Market

Tuesday, June 29

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

10:00 a.m. Bramstedt Bible Study (B4)

6:00 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice - Traditional

Wednesday, June 30

9:00 a.m. Isaiah Discussion on [Facebook Live](#)

10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)

6:00 p.m. Chi Alpha Summers

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice - Contemporary

7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on [Facebook](#)

Thursday, July 1

No ESL Classes in July

7:00 p.m. Sermon Rewind on [Facebook](#)

Friday, July 2— Youth Mission Trip Returns

1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time (Café)

Saturday, July 3

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Pastor Andrew Yakel, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

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A Word From Pastor Zach

We have been reading through the book of Isaiah as a church this summer. In fact, on Sunday, June 20, I will be starting a sermon series in this book. The series is called “God is...” and we will be looking at different characteristics of God that are evident throughout this important Old Testament book.

When you think about how to describe God, what words come to your mind? Loving? Holy? Righteous? Just? Merciful? Kind? Forgiving? Powerful? God has so many different attributes that give us a glimpse of who He is. It is going to be a fun journey this summer looking at some of these characteristics.

As you might have guessed, I am pretty big fan of the prophet Isaiah (my firstborn does bear his name)! The name Isaiah means “The Lord is salvation.” Isaiah is considered by many scholars to be the most influential Old Testament prophet, as he is quoted directly over sixty-five times in the New Testament and mentioned by name over twenty times, more than any other Old Testament prophet.

Commentator Jim George notes that it is interesting that the first 39 chapters of Isaiah focus on God’s holiness and justice (the Old Testament has 39 books and stresses these things as well). The last 27 chapters of Isaiah focus on God’s love and grace (a similar theme of the 27 books of the New Testament).

Did you know that Isaiah’s ministry spanned the reign of four different kings of Judah? He was raised in an aristocratic home and married a

prophetess. He, like most prophets, was largely unpopular to the people of Judah, and tradition has it, he died under King Manasseh by being cut in two with a wooden saw.

What is interesting is that Isaiah knew at the very beginning of his call to prophesy that people would not listen, and it would be a difficult ministry (see Isaiah 6). However, he was still willing to go out and speak for God, regardless if it cost him temporary popularity or comfort.

Isaiah gives us a great example to follow today. In a post-Christian culture where standing firm on God’s Word can be unpopular, we, like Isaiah, still need to answer God’s call. When he asks, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?,” just like Isaiah, we need to say, “Here I am, Lord, send me!”

As we read through Isaiah this summer, let’s make it our aim to get to know God even better. In addition, let’s commit to living boldly for God and answering His call, just like Isaiah did.

One simple way that we can answer God’s call and proclaim His truth is through supporting Vacation Bible School. VBS is the most fruitful evangelistic event that we have. Make sure to stop by the VBS table in the Welcome Center and figure out a way to support our kids, whether it be through volunteering that week or helping with supplies. And of course, we all need to be in prayer for that week!

In Him,
Pastor Zach

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

Our next event is at the church on Tuesday, June 22 at 11:30 a.m. We will have sandwiches and dessert in the Dining Room followed by the movie, *Ruby Bridges*. This movie is the “true story of one little girl whose strength and dignity during the racially charged 1960s helped changed history.” The cost for lunch is \$6.00.

The senior council met a few weeks ago and planned activities for July, August, and September. I still need to verify all the dates, but I can promise you a Saturday evening of games, watermelon, and homemade ice cream; a trip to the Churchill Museum in Fulton; guest speakers; a trip to Casey, Illinois; and the Amana Colonies. Details will be in the next Forerunner. For now, put these two July events on your calendar:

- **Saturday, July 10** at 6:00 p.m. we will enjoy homemade ice cream, watermelon, and games! Bring your favorite game and we will provide the food! Cost is \$5.00.
- **Monday, July 26** at 9:00 a.m. we will leave for a day at the Churchill Museum in Fulton. Cost for the Museum is \$9.00, \$3.00 for bus ride, and buy your own lunch.

Are you having a great start to the summer? Hope you are getting back into the habit of coming to church and Bible Study each week. It is so good to be connected in corporate worship and studying together. In keeping with our mission of building our lives on Jesus and pursuing the good of your community, I hope your class is finding ways to minister in our church and community.

Bible Study Corner

Adult Bible Study classes are meeting each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Every class is meeting in person except for one. We have classes using traditional Lifeway literature, video driven classes, and even one that discusses the Bible readings we have done each week in Isaiah. If you haven’t already, come join us. Don’t know where to go? Find a staff member or Gloria and they can help you. Hope to see you this Sunday!

While our regular Wednesday evening classes have wound down for the summer, we still have some daytime options for you! A group led by Linda Bramstedt on Tuesday morning from 10:00 a.m. until noon, and the Facebook live study of Isaiah on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.

Loaves and Fishes

We continue to serve dinner to those at Loaves and Fishes every third Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. If your class or group would like to prepare a meal, please contact Gloria, gloria@feefeebc.org.

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

Minneapolis Mission Trip – Our team of students and adult volunteers are preparing to leave for Minneapolis in just a handful of days. Please be in prayer for these individuals as they are selflessly giving up a portion of their summer to go and be the hands and feet of Jesus. We will be having a special send off and time of prayer at the beginning of the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, June 20. Please join us, and as always, thank you for your continued support of our student ministry!

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 \$40.00. A \$10.00 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

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

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

June means a summer filled with music! In a collaborative effort, our Ministry Assistant Tara and I have put together an eclectic [YouTube playlist](#) for your listening pleasure. Here is a very diverse list of music we would love to share with you. There is something for everyone!

Bluegrass:
Ain't No Grave (Gonna Hold My Body Down)
The Isaacs

#2 Billboard Top Christian:
Less Like Me
Zack Williams

A cappella finalists in East Africa's Got Talent:
Have a Little Talk With Jesus
Jehovah Shalom Acapella

Gospel Music from Zimbabwe:
Sweetest Song I Know
Armor Music Ministry

Blues and Country Jazz (Saxophone):
Amazing Grace
Dan Traxler

#10 Billboard Top Christian:
Wherever I Go
Dan Bremnes

New Hymn:
Thank You, Jesus, For the Blood
Charity Gayle

Contemporary Christian:
Grown Up Lullabye
Jamie Grace

Mo Town Gospel:
Look No Further
Evvie McKinney

You can listen along on YouTube to [Ronna’s June 2021 Playlist](#) by using this link: https://music.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpdd9NDp5H-XvXTg84kWARg3lRJv_mBJ-&feature=share

Let us know which one is your favorite!

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!

WE ARE HOSTING VBS AND SPORTS CAMP THIS YEAR! Yay!!! July 26-30 is VBS *Wilderness Escape* from 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 see how God guides and provides. If you are interested in volunteering, email Kathy at kathy@feefeebc.org or call the church office. Thank you for picking up supply donation slips. Donate or purchase the item(s) on the slip of paper and return to church by July 5. Lots of hands are needed for a successful VBS; sign up today! Please pray for the volunteers and kids as all the details fall into place.

Sports Crusaders Basketball Camp is also July 26-30 from 1-4pm 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 Kathy. As always, thank you for your generosity!

Registration for VBS and Sports Camp Still Available on our website at feefeebc.org/sports-crusaders or feefeebc.org/freevbs. We can only accommodate 40 kids for basketball camp, 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 Schedule Changes - Our schedule has slightly changed, so make sure to mark these dates on your calendar. Our upcoming Mobile Markets will be June 28, July 19, and August 2, 16, and 30. 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!

Blood Drive, July 14 – Our next Blood Drive with the American Red Cross is on Wednesday, July 14 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. It is recommended that all donations be scheduled ahead of time. Simply go to our site, <https://feefeebc.org/blooddrive/>, click on the Register Here link, 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, and 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).