

Weekly Summary	07-11-21	07-18-21
Sunday Bible Study Attendance	156	162
Worship Attendance:		
8:30 AM	114	139
11:00 AM	108	139
Worship Totals	222	278
Offering	\$6,871.40	\$12,448.78
E-Giving (5/25 - 6/21)	\$17,356.18	



Welcome, New Member

On Sunday, July 18, 2021 —
Presenting themselves as candidates
for church membership by baptism:

- **Savione Brown**
- **Makayla Marshall**

Donations for Backpacks & School Supplies

#2 Wooden Pencils
24-Pack Crayons
Colored Pencils
Washable Markers
Dry Erase Markers
Elmer's Glue Sticks
Ink Pens
Erasers
Fiskar Scissors
Spiral Notebooks (Wide Ruled)
Composition Notebooks
Pocket Folders (3-holes)
3-Ring Binders
Clorox Wipes
Hand Sanitizer

Please place all donations in the
Donation Center bins across from the
Connection Center. **The last day to
drop off backpacks and school
supplies is August 3.** These will be
given out during Free Market on
August 7.



Sympathy

Our love through Christian
sympathy is extended to
... **Samad (Sam) Gholami** on the
passing of his wife, **Marcella
(Marci) Gholami**, on **July 10**.



Pickleball is still happening in the Gym
every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Adults
of all ages are welcome! If you are
interested in joining in a game of
Pickleball, contact Carol Gollaher at
(314) 620-4036.

Ministry Opportunities	Church Office Staff
Sunday, August 1 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 (with baptisms) 11:00 a.m. Preschool Care 11:00 a.m. KidsZone 5:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting 6:00 p.m. Summer Concert Series - The Lesters Monday, August 2 10:00 a.m. Mobile Market 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on Facebook 7:15 p.m. Properties Committee Tuesday, August 3 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 10:00 a.m. Bramstedt Bible Study (B4) 7:00 p.m. Worship Practice - Traditional <i>No ESL Classes in July</i> Wednesday, August 4 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 7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (203) 7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Thursday, August 5 7:00 p.m. Sermon Rewind on Facebook <i>No ESL Classes in July</i> Friday, August 6 1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time (Cafe) 6:00 p.m. Family Swim Night Saturday, August 7 9:00 a.m. Free Market Sunday, August 8 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 12:00 p.m. Bible Study Leader Training 6:00 p.m. College Bonfire Monday, August 9 9:00 a.m. Prime Time to Churchill Museum 9:15 a.m. Wagner/Sherer WOM 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice Tuesday, August 10 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 10:00 a.m. Bramstedt Bible Study (B4) 7:00 p.m. Worship Practice - Traditional <i>No ESL Classes in July</i> Wednesday, August 11 9:00 a.m. Bible Reading Discussion on Facebook Live 6:00 p.m. Chi Alpha Summers 7:00 p.m. Worship Practice - Contemporary 7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (203) 7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee 7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on Facebook Thursday, August 12 7:00 p.m. Sermon Rewind on Facebook <i>No ESL Classes in July</i> Friday, August 13 Saturday, August 14	Pastor Zach Crook , <i>SENIOR PASTOR</i> Pastor Andrew Yakel , <i>ASSOCIATE PASTOR</i> Gloria Fox , <i>DIRECTOR OF SENIOR ADULTS</i> <i>& BIBLE STUDY</i> Kathy Scott , <i>DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN</i> <i>& FAMILY MINISTRIES</i> Ronna Paden , <i>DIRECTOR OF MUSIC</i> Kyle Baldwin , <i>DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES</i> Steve Middendorf , <i>FINANCIAL OFFICER</i> Vance Stewart , <i>IT ADMINISTRATOR</i> Tara Smith , <i>MINISTRY ASSISTANT</i> <div>OFFICE ♦ (314) 739-1525 FAX ♦ (314) 739-1302 www.feefeebc.org</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

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FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH

BUILD & PURSUE

A Word From Pastor Zach

Church Family,

Our mission statement here at Fee Fee
is as follows: 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.

I wanted to share with you a few
opportunities you have to both build
and pursue over the next few weeks.

First, when it comes to building our
lives on Jesus, we have a new Bible
reading plan that we are going to be
starting on August 8. We are going to
be reading through the Pentateuch
(Genesis-Deuteronomy) as a church
together this fall. We will be reading
two chapters a day, five days a week. I
want to encourage you to jump on
board with our reading plan! In
addition, we will continue our virtual
transformation groups. If you are
interested in being a part of a
transformation group and have
accountability as you read through
the Bible with other believers, I want
to encourage you to sign up at
[www.feefeebc.org/tgroups](#). To build
our lives on Jesus, we need to make a
habit to be in His Word!

Second, when it comes to pursuing
the good of our community, we have
two great opportunities coming up.
First, on Friday, August 6, we are
going to have a Family Swim Night at
the outdoor Bridgeton pool! We want
to show our community that we love
them, and one easy way to do so is to
invite families to this fun (and FREE!)

evening! Please spread the word
about this event to your friends and
neighbors.

Additionally, the next morning, on
August 7, we are going to have our
annual Free Market. Please come and
volunteer as we give away gently
used items to our community. Sign up
to host a table or simply come and
help us set up or tear down. In
conjunction with the giving away of
these items, we will also have
backpacks packed full of school
supplies for kids in our community.
This is a great way for us to pursue the
good of our community by ensuring
kids in our neighborhood have the
necessary supplies as they get ready
for a new school year.

We will continue to look for creative
ways to build our lives on Jesus and
pursue the good of our community. I
want to encourage you to join me in
praying for these upcoming
opportunities in the life of our church.
I believe that God is going to continue
to move and work in our church in a
powerful way!

In Him,
Pastor Zach

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.

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

Don't forget to sign up for our trip the Churchill Museum in Fulton, scheduled for Monday, August 9. I have arranged a tour for us at 12:30 p.m. We will eat lunch when we get there at Beks, <https://www.beksshop.com> which is supposed to be one of the best restaurants in Fulton. You can check out their menu beforehand by going to their website.

The bus will leave the church at 9:00 a.m. and each person will be charged \$5.00 for transportation. Lunch is on your own and the senior price for museum admission is \$10. Don't forget to sign up!

Our event originally planned for August 25 has been cancelled, so instead we will be having Adult VBS. It will run August 23-26, from 9:00 a.m-11:30 a.m. Mark your calendar, invite some friends, and plan to attend!

Bible Study Corner

Ready for another challenge? I know many of you have been faithful in reading the entire New Testament and Isaiah this year. We have decided to continue with our churchwide reading plan. We will finish Isaiah on August 6 and will begin the Pentateuch (Genesis – Numbers) on Monday, August 9. We will be reading two chapters a day, Monday through Friday, with the weekends off. This will mean we can complete the first five books of the Bible by the end of the year! I hope you will join us.

If you would like to talk about what you are reading with others, please let me know so I can either put you in a Transformation Group, or you can get 5 friends together in your own group. They do not even have to be church members or even in this country or state! Get creative and reconnect with some old friends by reading the Bible together!

Loaves and Fishes – Our church has been feeding the residents of Loaves and Fishes one time a month for the last 2 years, every third Tuesday. What a great way to get involved in serving your community! Your small group, T Group, Bible Study group, or family can take a turn at this awesome opportunity, please contact Gloria gloria@feefeebc.org and let her know. Thank you in advance for your generosity of your time and resources!

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

DNOW

Thank you so much, Church, for your support of DNOW this past weekend! This weekend was not possible without your generosity, prayer, and support of our youth ministry. We had 30 students this weekend, 11 of which were friends brought by our students. They all learned together about how to live in the world without the filters that the world places on us, and instead how to live more like Jesus. I am so excited to see how God will use this weekend in the lives of our students moving forward!

Chi Alpha Summers: Every Wednesday June 2 – August 11

- July 31: Paintball
- August 22: Youth & Family BBQ

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Choir Returning to 8:30 a.m. Worship – Our choir will begin rehearsing on August 2 and will return to lead in worship on September 5. It has been about 18 months since our choir has been "on duty," and I know everyone will be happy to see them returning to our choir loft to sing beautiful songs of praise and inspiration.

New Hymn by Matt Papa and Matt Boswell – *Almost Home* is a new hymn composed by Irish hymnist Matt Papa collaborating with Matt Boswell from Texas.

Scriptural basis for the hymn is from Hebrews 11:16:

"But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them."

The Christian life is a journey toward a place we know in our hearts as home, yet we have never seen or experienced.

"This song reminds us that we are almost there. Almost to our reward! *Don't drop a single anchor*, the opening lines urge us, because this world is not our home. And so, we press on through the doubts and darkness, looking forward to that day when He shall wipe away every tear. On that day, the weak and the strong will rejoice together in our faithful God, the one who brings us home," – Matt Papa.

This hymn is set to release on September 10, 2021. You can easily find and hear by keying in - [Almost Home by Matt Papa and Matt Boswell](#).

Devotional Corner

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

"By faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the righteousness for which we hope," Galatians 5:5.

There are times when everything looks very dark to me—so dark that I have to wait before I have hope. Waiting *with* hope is very difficult, but true patience is expressed when we must even wait *for* hope. When we see no hint of success yet refuse to despair, when we see nothing but the darkness of night through our window yet keep the shutters open because stars may appear in the sky, and when we have an empty place in our heart yet will not allow it to be filled with anything less than God's best—that is the greatest kind of patience in the universe. It is the story of Job in the midst of the storm, Abraham on the road to Moriah, Moses in the desert of Midian, and the Son of Man in the Garden of Gethsemane. And there is no patience as strong as that which endures because we see "him who is invisible" (Heb. 11:27). It is the kind of patience that waits for hope.

Father...give me strength to wait for hope—to look through the window when there are no stars. Even when my joy is gone, give me the strength to stand victoriously in the darkest night and say, "To my heavenly Father, the sun still shines."

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

VBS and Basketball Camp – We are having a wonderful week at Wilderness Escape VBS and Sports Crusaders basketball camp. The kids are having so much fun and learning so much about the attributes of God. Thank you, Church, for providing the resources so we can host such great events for our families. I can't say enough good things about the volunteers who have given their time in so many ways: helping to set up, leading tribes, doing crafts, teaching and modeling Jesus. They are awesome! I am excited about next year (after a short rest, of course)!

Family Swim Night – Cool off from those hot summer nights at a FREE Family Swim Night at the Bridgeton Community Pool, Friday, August 6, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Free Market – Free Market will be on our parking lot on Saturday, August 7. Backpacks with school supplies will be available for kids in our community. Please join us as we serve our community at this fun event!

Bible Study Leader Training – Attention Teachers: On Sunday, August 8 we will be having a Bible Study Leader Training right after the 11:00 a.m. service. This is a session on how to be the best Bible Study leader you can be. Lunch will be provided as well. Please make your reservation by calling the church office to let us know you are coming.

Welcome Weekend – Sunday, August 15 is a welcome event for our preschoolers, children, and youth as they move up to the next grade/department. We invite preschoolers, children, and their parents for a continental breakfast, to give kids an opportunity to see their new classroom and meet their teachers. Promotion day will be August 22.

"Give praise to the only God. He is our Savior. Glory, majesty, power and authority belong to him. Give praise to him through Jesus Christ our Lord. Give praise to the One who was before all time, who now is, and who will be forever. Amen," (Jude 1:25).

Community Connection

Andrew Yakel, Associate Pastor

Thank you for giving life by giving blood! – Thank you to everyone that gave blood on July 14! We collected 17 units of blood that can bless up to 51 people. I appreciate your willingness to give to save lives. Our next blood drive will be September 10.

Impact Week, September 12-19!! – Our annual Impact Week is coming up soon! This is a week every year where we try and do as much good in our community as possible in one weeks' time. In the past we have served at a lot of different locations in many ways: doing yardwork for our neighbor, packing food at food pantries, painting a home in our neighborhood, baking cookies for local first responders, providing meals for a homeless shelter, writing letters to soldiers, and a lot more. I hope you are already thinking creatively and praying about how you could "pursue the good of our community" that week!

Upcoming Mobile Market Dates – Anyone in the community is welcome to drive through our parking lot on the following Mondays from 10:00 a.m. until noon (or whenever we run out of food) to have FREE groceries put in their car!

- August 2
- August 16
- August 30