

Weekly Summary	10-03-21	10-10-21
WOW Bible Study	18	—
Chi Alpha Wednesdays	—	21
AWANA	49	46
Sunday Bible Study Attendance	165	167
Worship Attendance:		
8:30 AM	110	128
11:00 AM	123	120
Worship Totals	233	248
Offering	\$18,575.00	\$12,317.98
E-Giving (8/25 - 9/21)	\$12,612.00	

Devotional Corner

Taken from Henry T. Blackaby and Richard Blackaby's "Experiencing God Day By Day"

“He will be like a refiner and purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver. Then they will present offerings to the LORD in righteousness,” (Malachi 3:3).

The quality of our worship is not based on our activities but on our character. Churches can mistakenly assume that the better the music, the more impressive the building, and the more eloquent the preaching, the more worshipful the experience will be. Genuine worship, however, originates from within our hearts. If our relationship with God is not healthy, all these things are nothing more than religious pageantry.

The Levites were the worship leaders of their day. Their task was to offer sacrifices on behalf of the people. God declared that before they could worship Him in righteousness, He would first refine them with His refiner’s fire, purging them of any impurities. Merely being members of the religious profession, having official responsibilities in the temple, and going through the rituals of worship did not guarantee that their religious activities would be acceptable to holy God.

Today, we tend to look to external things to enhance our worship. The true quality of our worship, however, rests within us. If we have not allowed

God to purify us first, our worship will be void of His presence. If we do not have a pure heart, we may give offerings, but they will be unacceptable to God. Attending a religious service will not automatically ensure an encounter with God. If you are not satisfied with the quality of your worship, don’t be too quick to blame your environment. Look first to your own heart. Allow God to refine your heart until it is pleasing to Him, and you will be free to worship God as He intends.

Thank You

The church has received a *Thank You* card from
... **Carol Gollaher and family.**
... **Bob Foster.**



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, October 24 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship & The Lord's Supper 8:30 a.m. Preschool Care 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 (B2) 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 (C113) 9:45 a.m. Grounded Bible Study (B1) 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 1:15 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal Monday, October 25 10:00 a.m. Mobile Market 7:00 p.m. Choir & Traditional Worship Practice 7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on Facebook Tuesday, October 26 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 10:00 a.m. Bramstedt Bible Study (B4) 6:30 p.m. ESL Class Wednesday, October 27 9:00 a.m. Pentateuch Discussion on Facebook Live 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 (DR) 6:00 p.m. Men's Fraternity (B1) 7:00 p.m. Worship Practice - Contemporary 7:30 p.m. Handbell Practice (203) Thursday, October 28 6:30 p.m. ESL Class 7:00 p.m. Sermon Rewind on Facebook Friday, October 29 Saturday, October 30 Sunday, October 31 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 8:30 a.m. Preschool Care 9:45 a.m. Grounded Bible Study (B1) 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 (B2) 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 (C113) 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 1:15 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal 3:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat Monday, November 1 7:00 p.m. Choir & Traditional Worship Practice 7:00 p.m. Live Prayer on Facebook 7:15 p.m. Properties Committee Tuesday, November 2 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 10:00 a.m. Bramstedt Bible Study (B4) 6:30 p.m. ESL Class Wednesday, November 3 9:00 a.m. Pentateuch Discussion on Facebook Live 10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym) 10:30 a.m. Prime Time Lunch & Serve @ STL Food Bank 6:00 p.m. AWANA 6:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups 6:00 p.m. WOW Bible Study (DR) 6:00 p.m. Men's Fraternity (B1) 7:00 p.m. Worship Practice - Contemporary 7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee 7:30 p.m. Handbell Practice (203) Thursday, November 4 6:30 p.m. ESL Class 7:00 p.m. Sermon Rewind on Facebook Friday, November 5 1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time Saturday, November 6 8:30 a.m. International Food Pantry (off campus) 6:00 p.m. Trivia Night Youth Fundraiser	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> Pastor Kyle Baldwin , <i>DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES</i> Kim Lewis , <i>FINANCIAL OFFICER</i> Vance Stewart , <i>IT ADMINISTRATOR</i> Tara Smith , <i>MINISTRY ASSISTANT</i> Andrea Jennings , <i>RECEPTIONIST</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

PERIODICAL

Vol. 61, No. 21

October 18, 2021

THE FORERUNNER

FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH

BUILD & PURSUE

A Word From Pastor Zach

Church Family,

Here at Fee Fee, we want to make sure that we are taking the Gospel to both our local neighborhoods and to the nations. We try to ensure that we have a missional impact in our local community and also that we are part of global missions as well. In the next few weeks, we have opportunities to participate in both local and global missions.

First, globally, we are about to start our Operation Christmas Child initiative. This global missions project is pretty simple: pick up a shoe box from our church and then pack it with toys and Christmas presents for a child who lives in an under-resourced country overseas. You can pick up your box starting on **October 20**. The deadline to bring back your box so it can get shipped overseas in time for Christmas is **November 17**.

I love OCC because it is a great way to make connections with children and their families and get opportunities to share the Gospel with them. I want to encourage you to pray about filling up a box and then praying for the child who is receiving it to be open to receiving the greatest gift of all this Christmas: salvation through faith in Christ!

Locally, I want to share with you about an incredible outreach opportunity we will have on **October 31**. After a one-year hiatus because of the pandemic, we are going to have our Trunk or Treat again! This is a huge outreach event to our local

community. We had close to a thousand people walk through our church parking lot two years ago. I want to encourage you to sign up to volunteer in some way.

I want to challenge each person in our church to do three things as we prepare for this event:

1. **Pray** - Pray that God will bless this outreach event and that many people in our community would come and be exposed to the Gospel.

2. **Invite** - Personally extend an invitation to a few different people in your circle of influence.

3. **Serve** - From buying (LOTS OF) candy, to setting up your car as a trunk, to running a game, to greeting, to helping set up or tear down, there are so many different ways to volunteer. Would you be willing to serve and help make this event a success?

Join me in praying that we have both a local and global impact for the Gospel. We want to make much of Jesus from our neighborhoods to the nations! Let's pray that both Operation Christmas Child and Trunk or Treat open up avenues for Gospel conversations.

In Him,
Pastor Zach

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

Greetings from beautiful downtown Branson, MO! I'm enjoying a little getaway before the Amana Colony trip. We have a good group going who confirmed their reservation by October 1. Each of you will be getting an emailed itinerary when I get back, but I can tell you that we will be leaving on Thursday, October 21 at 7:30 a.m. The bus is full and so is my car, so I had to turn away several because of no additional bus driver!

Our next adventure is Wednesday, November 3. We will have lunch at Cracker Barrel and then go serve from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the St. Louis Area Foodbank. I hope you can join us in pursuing the good of our community!

Then on November 17, we will be eating at everyone’s favorite place in St. Louis...Zia’s! But before you get to eat, we will go to the History Museum to look at their display on the sounds of St. Louis. It is a display of the music, stars, and history of musicians in St. Louis. I can’t wait to see Tina Turner!

Invite your friends and neighbors to go with us. It’s a good way to connect with others and bring them to Jesus.

Bible Study Corner

Join us each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for Bible Study – we have classes for everyone. Be sure to build your life on Jesus.

Both the women and men have Bible Studies on Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. The women meet in the Dining Room and the men meet in B1. If you don't know where those places are, please ask someone and you will be directed.

What do you think of our Pentateuch Bible Reading Plan? There are some inspiring and interesting gems found in these first five books of the Bible. It's not too late to join the reading plan! Pick up a copy of the reading plan at church, or download a copy from our website: <https://feefeebc.org/tgroups/>



Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

Trivia Night Fundraiser – Join us on Saturday, November 6 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. for a night of trivia, prizes, silent auction, and a LOT of fun and food! The cost is only \$80 for a table of 8. Sign up for a table in the Connection Center or by contacting Andrew – andrew@feefeebc.org. Childcare will be available by reservation only. All the money raised that night will go towards the youth going on our mission trip to Washington DC next summer!

If you have items that you would like to donate for our Silent Auction or Door Prizes, we are taking donations! Items such as sports tickets, gift baskets, gift cards, and home items are always good draws. You can drop off donations in the church office.

Students that want to earn money towards the mission trip MUST work at this event. Students can sign up to work in the Rafters.

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Why We Sing – I recently came across an article in a professional magazine for Worship Leaders and thought it was very interesting and worth condensing to share in this issue of The Forerunner.

We enjoy singing.
But that’s not why we sing.

Singing connects us to one another.
But that’s not why we sing.

Singing is a way of serving the Lord.
But that's not why we sing.

Singing impacts my mind (lyrics teach truths and Biblical values.)
But that's not why we sing.

Singing is a way of our giving back to God.
But that's not why we sing.

Singing is a form of prayer.
But that's not why we sing.

Singing is tied to the promises of God.
But that's not why we sing.

Singing forces us to be physically involved when we express worship.
But that's not why we sing.

Singing is something the Bible commands us to do.
But that's not why we sing.

Singing effects our emotions.
But that's not why we sing.

WHY do we sing?

God deserves our praise. We choose to sing. How dare we arrogantly decide that He should not receive something that He declares He wants. Do we know better than He does whether the sound we make is good enough when He says it is? Who are we to judge our worship - when that right belongs only to Him.

So – you have reason to sing!



Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Happy Fall! Put Trunk or Treat on your calendar for Sunday, October 31, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. There is SO MUCH to do and we have a spot for you: help setup, decorate a trunk to give out candy, greet people, run a game in the courtyard, face paint, clean up, and shuttle guests from various parking lots. The decorated car trunks only will be giving out candy this year. Please bring **TONS** of candy and put it in the designated bin in the Welcome Center. Let's meet and serve our community BOOOO-tifully on October 31! Then you have the evening free to meet YOUR community of trick-or-treaters.

Families – Watch for a digital survey from me regarding family ministry. I want to hear from you about our children and family ministries and how we can serve you and our community better.

Parents’ Night Out is back again Friday, December 10, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Bring your kids – ages 2 years old through 5th grade – for a fun night with friends and shopping in our free Christmas store while parents have a night out for only \$5 per child. Pizza will be provided for supper for workers and kids. Sign-up sheets will be available next month. Donations for **new** items to offer in the Christmas store are welcome anytime. Thank you!

Community Connection

Andrew Yakel, Associate Pastor

Starting Point – For anyone interested in becoming a member of Fee Fee Baptist Church we want to invite you to Starting Point on Sunday, November 21. Immediately following the 2nd service that day we will have lunch and then talk through what it means to be a member of the church and how you can connect here! Contact Andrew (andrew@feefeebc.org or (314) 739-1525) to sign up. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, November 14.

Upcoming Mobile Market Dates – Anyone in the community is welcome to drive through our Mobile Markets 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!

- October 25
- November 8
- November 22

Backpack Ministry

One of the more rewarding ministries at Fee Fee Baptist Church is our Backpack Ministry. This ministry provides a bag of easy-prep foods for school-aged children in our school district. We want to make it as easy as possible for these kids to eat a nutritious and filling meal when they aren’t at school. But we can’t do this without you, Church! We need donations of **granola bars, snack crackers, macaroni & cheese, fruit cups, applesauce cups, canned pasta, single-serve snacks or meals, and other easy-prep meals.** You may leave these items in the Donation Center in the section marked “Backpack Ministry.” Alternatively, you can have these items shipped from any big box store to the church:

Fee Fee Baptist Church
C/O CHURCH OFFICE
11330 St. Charles Rock Road
Bridgeton, MO 63044

Thank you so much for your giving hearts!