

Weekly Summary	12-12-21	12-19-21	12-26-21	01-02-22
WOW Bible Study	—	—	—	—
Chi Alpha Wed.	28	—	—	—
AWANA	47	—	—	—
Sunday Bible Studies	169	183	—	124
Worship Attendance:				
8:30AM	125	104	—	62
11:00AM	135	162	159	105
Worship Totals	260	266	159	167
Offering	\$16,813.86	\$10,795.05	\$8,628.21	\$7,510.11
E-Giving (11/24 - 12/27)	\$37,462.86			

Special Offerings Calendar

In our continued effort to reduce the amount of physical mailings, many have opted to stop receiving offering envelopes. So we wanted to provide you with a calendar of the special offerings that are collected through the year, so you can plan your giving accordingly.

January – Birthday (given to the Missouri Baptist Children's Home)

February – Lela G. & Thomas V. Warner Memorial: Missions

March – Annie Armstrong

May – Student Memorial Scholarship

September – State Missions

October – World Hunger

December – Lottie Moon

Snow Policy Reminder

Weekday/night activities will be canceled on the days that the Pattonville School District goes to virtual learning due to inclement weather. This includes day and evening activities, including all Wednesday night activities. You may also check the closings on **KTVI Channel 2** and **KSDK Channel 5** on the TV. For Sunday closings, check the TV channels listed above, Facebook, the Fee Fee App, or the church website.

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 (K-12) 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 **chewy granola bars (no whole nuts), snack crackers, macaroni & cheese, fruit cups, applesauce cups, canned pasta, rice cups, 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:

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C/O CHURCH OFFICE
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Bridgeton, MO 63044

Thank you so much for your giving hearts!

Forerunner Changes

Starting with the January 10, 2022 issue of The Forerunner, physical copies will be available in the Connection Center at the church. And always available online at: <https://feefeebc.org/the-forerunner/>

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, January 16

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
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. Singles 1 (C115)
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
12:15 p.m. Children's Committee
2:00 p.m. By-Laws Committee

Monday, January 17

7:00 p.m. Choir & Traditional Worship Practice

Tuesday, January 18

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
10:00 a.m. Bramstedt Bible Study (B4)
11:45 a.m. WOM Meeting
2:00 p.m. Prime Time Council
4:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes Ministry
6:30 p.m. ESL Class

Wednesday, January 19

9:00 a.m. OT Reading Plan Discussion on [Facebook](#)
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)
5:45 p.m. Missions Committee
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

Thursday, January 20

6:30 p.m. ESL Class
7:00 p.m. Sermon Rewind on [Facebook](#)

Friday, January 21

1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time (Café)

Saturday, January 22

8:30 a.m. International Food Pantry (off campus)

Sunday, January 23

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)
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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
11:00 a.m. KidsZone

Monday, January 24

7:00 p.m. Choir & Traditional Worship Practice

Tuesday, January 25

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
10:00 a.m. Bramstedt Bible Study (B4)
6:30 p.m. ESL Class

Wednesday, January 26

9:00 a.m. OT Reading Plan Discussion on [Facebook](#)
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

Thursday, January 27

10:00 a.m. Prime Time to Field House Museum & Zia's
6:30 p.m. ESL Class
7:00 p.m. Sermon Rewind on [Facebook](#)

Friday, January 28

Saturday, January 29

4:00 p.m. Family Nerf Games

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A Word From Pastor Zach

Church Family,

I hope you are having a great start to 2022! As we begin this new year, let's commit to being serious about prayer! Below is a devotion from Charles Spurgeon's *Morning and Evening* on prayer:

Morning and Evening by Spurgeon, January 2

[Colossians 4:2](#) Continue in prayer.

It is interesting to remark how large a portion of Sacred Writ is occupied with the subject of prayer, either in furnishing examples, enforcing precepts, or pronouncing promises. We scarcely open the Bible before we read, "Then began men to call upon the name of the Lord;" and just as we are about to close the volume, the "Amen" of an earnest supplication meets our ear. Instances are plentiful. Here we find a wrestling Jacob--there a Daniel who prayed three times a day--and a David who with all his heart called upon his God. On the mountain we see Elias; in the dungeon Paul and Silas. We have multitudes of commands, and myriads of promises. What does this teach us, but the sacred importance and necessity of prayer? We may be certain that whatever God has made prominent in His Word, He intended to be conspicuous in our lives. If He has said much about prayer, it is because He knows we have much need of it. So deep are our necessities, that until we are in heaven we must not cease to pray. Dost thou want nothing? Then, I fear thou dost not know thy poverty. Hast thou no mercy to ask of God? Then, may the Lord's mercy show

thee thy misery! A prayerless soul is a Christless soul. Prayer is the lisping of the believing infant, the shout of the fighting believer, the requiem of the dying saint falling asleep in Jesus. It is the breath, the watchword, the comfort, the strength, the honor of a Christian. If thou be a child of God, thou wilt seek thy Father's face, and live in thy Father's love. Pray that this year thou mayst be holy, humble, zealous, and patient; have closer communion with Christ, and enter oftener into the banqueting-house of His love. Pray that thou mayst be an example and a blessing unto others, and that thou mayst live more to the glory of thy Master. The motto for this year must be, "Continue in prayer."

As we start a new year, I want to encourage you to make prayer a priority. Like this challenge from Spurgeon, we want to be a church that continues in prayer!

In particular, I want to invite you to be a part of our Prayer Warriors ministry. When you join this ministry, you will receive monthly devotions encouraging you in prayer and also giving you specific requests around our church that you can be taking to the throne of God. In addition, you will be part of our prayer team one Sunday a month. On that Sunday, you commit to be praying for our services.

If you are interested in being a part of our Prayer Warriors ministry, please contact the church office or Larry Condra, the leader of this ministry. We would love to have you join this vital ministry and make prayer a priority in 2022!

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

Happy New Year! Hope you haven’t broken too many of your resolutions yet. I would like to challenge all of you to read the book of Joshua with the entire church. We are only reading one chapter each day, and this will help you to develop the spiritual discipline of reading the Bible every day. It will change your day and your life If you want accountability, contact me about joining a T-group. You will be assigned a day each week to share what the LORD showed you while reading that day’s assigned chapter and then get to hear what your other group members gleaned from their assigned passages. Some of us have been doing this for over a year and love connecting with our group each day through the Marco Polo app on our phone.

We have made plans for some fun activities for the first quarter of 2022. With the latest Covid surge, we might need to be flexible with these plans, but please add these to your calendar.

Wednesday, January 12 , 11:00 a.m.	Sight and Sound Production of <i>Ruth</i> and sandwiches and dessert for lunch. Cost is \$6.
Thursday, January 27 , 10:00 a.m.	Field House Museum and Zia’s. Cost is \$10 for museum plus your lunch.
Friday, February 11 , 10:00 a.m.	Tour of Meramec Caverns and Lunch. Cost is \$24 for tour plus lunch.
Wednesday, February 23 , 11:00 a.m.	Chili/soup lunch and movie, <i>American Underdog</i> (if available). Cost is \$6 for lunch.
Friday, March 11 , 9:00 a.m.	Warm Springs Ranch – home of the Clydesdales - tour and lunch. Cost TBD.
Monday, March 28 , 10:00 a.m.	Scott Joplin House and lunch. Cost \$6 plus lunch.

I look forward to seeing each of you in this new year.

Bible Study Corner

This is a great time to join a Transformation Group (T-Group). When we read through scripture together as a church, a T-Group takes this one step further. Through the Marco Polo smartphone video app, you will be assigned one weekday to share what God has shown you in that day’s chapter. Each of the individuals in a group will only be responsible for one assigned day each week, and then will listen to what the other group members noticed on their assigned day. You can comment on their video post, but you do not have to. About 50-60 people did this all of last year. If you would like to ask someone about their experience, please let me know and I will connect you with someone in an ongoing T-group. Please contact gloria@feefeebc.org for more information.

We have ongoing Bible Study groups gathering each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. Let me know if you would like to join one and we will find you a good fit!

All Wednesday night Bible Studies will resume on January 12 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Please note that we have extended the time from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We have men’s, women’s, youth, and AWANA, so there is definitely a place for you!

Loaves & Fishes Ministry

For several years we have been serving dinner on the third Tuesday of the month at Loaves and Fishes. If your Bible Study group, T-group, women’s, or men’s group, or just your family would be willing to provide a meal in the upcoming months, please contact Gloria or Andrew. Thanks for considering serving!

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Happy New Year!!! Here we are in 2022 - new beginnings, new expectations and here is a new **PLAYLIST!**

I really thought I would put a list together of the BEST of 2021, but that really isn't as easy as it sounds. So, I have for you as always, a highly varied list containing music of different genres. Mostly the music is representative of recent times, but there are also some selections that offer insights into emerging styles and some lesser-known artists. So here goes:

- **Together** - for KING & COUNTRY (feat. Kirk Franklin and Tori Kelly) - Contemporary. (It is interesting to note that this project was filmed when everyone was in quarantine and being filmed from their individual homes. This project won a Billboard Music Award).
- **Farther Along** - The Petersons (Live) - Bluegrass Gospel
- **Shepherd of My Soul** - Rivers and Robots - Indie Folk
- **Brethren, We Have Met to Worship** - David Phelps - Prelude from Hymnal Project. (Do I have to tell you this is my favorite!?).
- **Yes, He Can** – CAIN – Contemporary
- **Believe for it** - CeCe Williams (Live) – Gospel
- **Messengers** – Lecrae ft. for KING & COUNTRY – Christian Rap
- **Old Church Basement** - Elevation Worship and Maverick City
- **Old Church Choir** - Zach Williams
- **Walk On** - The Isaacs – Bluegrass Gospel

There you have it. A little something for everyone! You can listen to the playlist here: <https://bit.ly/3EXNcBN> - Enjoy!

Devotional Corner

Taken from Henry T. Blackaby and Richard Blackaby’s “Experiencing God Day By Day”

“Now to Him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power, that works in us,” (Ephesians 3:20)

At times we feel as if we could impress God with all we are trying to do for Him and His church. Yet God has yet to be impressed with even the most grandiose human aspirations (Ps. 8:3-4). You will never set a goal so big or attempt a task so significant that God does not have something far greater that He could do in and through your life. Saul of Tarsus worked harder than anyone else to impress God with his efforts, only to discover that his greatest achievements were but rubbish compared to God’s will for his life (Phil. 3:7-8).

Our problem is that we become too easily enamored with our own plans. If we are attempting to do noble or difficult things, we assume that we must be experiencing the maximum potential for our lives and that God must, therefore, be pleased with us. Until we have heard from God, we cannot even imagine all that our lives could become or all that God could accomplish through us.

We need to remind ourselves that the Father sees the “big picture,” that His power far exceeds our limited imagination. We must set aside our own agenda, however lofty. We must never become satisfied with our own dreams, for they are finite at best. When we follow God’s direction, we will witness things happening in our lives that can only be explained by His powerful presence.

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

I hoped and prayed you had a peaceful and happy Christmas and anticipate great things in this new year!

Wednesday Night Activities – AWANA, starting January 12, will meet from **6:00 – 7:30 p.m.** We look forward to having the kids a bit longer and not have to rush through our time together. On that night, please bring school supplies to help teachers at Drummond Elementary to replenish their school supplies for the new year. Men’s and Women’s Bible Studies will also meet until 7:30 p.m.

Family Nerf Games – You have been asking for it and here it is! FAMILY NERF GAMES, January 29, 2022, from 4:00 to 6: 00 p.m. Bring your own Nerf guns and darts and we will have a great time! Invite your family and friends to join us! We will look for you there! Please wear masks, as we will be inside the gym.

Serving Opportunities – Part of being a Christian is serving. Colossians 3:23-24 says, “*And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance: for you serve the Lord Christ.*” We have needs here for people to plug in and use their gifts to serve. Some of those are in our preschool and children’s areas. Yes, we have a lot of wonderful people that already serve in this area, but it takes many to serve our children and families. Please talk to Kathy if you believe God can use you to serve in our children’s ministry. See Andrew if you would like to serve in other areas. Choose in this new year to actively serve the living God who gave so much for you!

Community Connection

Andrew Yakel, Associate Pastor

Mobile Markets 2022 – We are continuing our partnership with the St. Louis Area Foodbank to provide Mobile Markets for anyone in the community who needs help with groceries. On the second Monday of every month we will distribute food starting at 10:00 a.m. People can just pull through our parking lot and have free groceries put in their car, and anyone in the community is welcome! Our upcoming 2022 dates will be: February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12. Also, please pass the word along to anyone in your life that you know may benefit from free groceries.

Praying for Our Missionaries – As we kick off the new year it would be great to continue to pray for our members that are serving throughout the world on the mission field. Take a moment right now as you read this to pray for Darci, Sarah, and the Hackneys as they serve overseas to declare the glory of God!

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

The “Big Game” Watch Party – On Sunday, February 13, let’s get together and watch football’s two best teams (hopefully the Packers...GO PACK GO!!) duke it out in the final game of the season. The Big Game kicks off at 5:30 p.m., so meet in the Rafters that night at 5! No party is complete without food, so a massive sub sandwich will and drinks will be provided, but families should bring a side dish or a dessert to share! Sign up your family in the Rafters, or by messaging Kyle at kyle@feefeebc.org! Hope to see you all there!

DNOW Update – DNOW is officially scheduled for April 1-3, so make sure you mark your calendars! More details about this weekend will be revealed in the coming weeks, so stay tuned!