

Weekly Summary	03-06-22	03-13-22
WOW Bible Study	8	10
Chi Alpha Wed.	27	21
AWANA	59	50
Sunday Bible Studies	194	186
Worship Attendance:		
8:30AM	137	93
11:00AM	136	154
Worship Totals	273	247
Offering	\$19,331.00	\$10,316.40
E-Giving (1/26-2/22)	\$16,101.71	



Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to ... **Diane Wright** on the passing of her husband, **Victor Wright**, on March 5.
... **Family and friends** on the passing of **David (Bill) Pischel**, on March 12.

Continued from Devotional Corner...

We tend to desire justice for others and mercy for ourselves. But in Jesus’ Kingdom, when people are merciful, they are blessed because they too shall receive mercy.

Rather than a substitute, mercy is a complement to righteousness. They go together. Righteousness (harmony) comes about because we are merciful and seek to lead others to follow God’s ways for their benefit.

The social harmony His Kingdom provides is unlike anything the world offers. It is the byproduct of truth and grace. We don’t compromise Kingdom standards. Instead, we recognize that God’s standards are provided for the benefit of the community.

The kingdoms of the earth focus on dominion and control over others. They

stoke offense, which is a focus on self. But the Kingdom of Heaven encourages us to find the good life through serving one another in love (Galatians 5:13). Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness find mercy and are blessed with ultimate happiness as a result.—

Deacon Recommendations: Qualifications/Expectations

- Choose persons who meet the biblical qualifications set forth primarily in Acts 6:1-7 and I Timothy 3:8-13.
 - A man of honest (good) report (Acts 6:3).
 - Full of the Holy Spirit (Acts 6:3).
 - Full of wisdom (Acts 6:3).
 - Full of faith (Acts 6:5).
 - Grave (I Timothy 3:8); reverence for spiritual matters.
 - Not double-tongued (I Timothy 3:8).
 - Not given to much wine (I Timothy 3:8).
 - Not greedy of filthy lucre (I Timothy 3:8).
 - A holder of the faith (I Timothy 3:9).
 - Tested and proved (I Timothy 3:10).
 - Blameless (I Timothy 3:10).
 - Christian family life (I Timothy 3:11-12).
 - Husband of one wife (I Timothy 3:11-12).
 - Ruling their children and their own houses well (I Timothy 3:12).
- Choose persons who can serve well.
 - Bold in the faith (I Timothy 3:13).

(Full recommendation forms can be found in the Connection Center and can be turned in to a Deacon, church staff, or church office.)

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, April 3 - Week of Prayer for North American Missions
12:00 a.m. DNOW (Overnight Weekend Youth Event)
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
4:00 p.m. Prayer Warriors Meeting (DR)
5:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting (C112)
Monday, April 4 - Week of Prayer for North American Missions
1:00 p.m. History Committee (211)
7:00 p.m. Choir & Traditional Worship Practice
7:15 p.m. Properties Committee (C112)
Tuesday, April 5 - Week of Prayer for North American Missions
7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
10:00 a.m. Bramstedt Bible Study (B3)
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)
7:00 p.m. Volleyball - Open Gym
7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (203)
Wednesday, April 6 - Week of Prayer for North American Missions
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
7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee (C112)
Thursday, April 7 - Week of Prayer for North American Missions
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)
7:00 p.m. Sermon Rewind on [Facebook](#)
Friday, April 8 - Week of Prayer for North American Missions
Saturday, April 9 - Week of Prayer for North American Missions
6:00 p.m. Deacons' Widow & Widowers Banquet (RSVP to church office)
Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday - Annie Armstrong Ingathering
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)
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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 (C112)
2:00 p.m. By-Laws Committee (C112)
Monday, April 11
10:00 a.m. Mobile Market
7:00 p.m. Choir & Traditional Worship Practice
Tuesday, April 12
7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
10:00 a.m. Bramstedt Bible Study (B3)
12:00 p.m. Prime Time Easter Eggs & Baskets for Loaves & Fishes
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)
7:00 p.m. Volleyball - Open Gym
7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (203)
Wednesday, April 13
9:00 a.m. OT Reading Plan Discussion on [Facebook](#)
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)
5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner (DR)
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, April 14
6:30 p.m. ESL Class
7:00 p.m. Sermon Rewind on [Facebook](#)
Friday, April 15 - Good Friday - Offices & Church Building Closed
Saturday, April 16

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A Word From Pastor Zach

Church Family,

There are three big things that I want to bring to your attention in this edition of the *Forerunner*: **Easter, Prayer**, and our **Associate Pastor, Andrew Yakel**.

First, did you know that the APM research lab found that in 2022, 84% of Americans said they are either extremely (55%) or very worried (29%)? Additionally, 26% of all Americans report that absolutely nothing makes them hopeful.

Those statistics are alarming! That is why the theme of our **Easter** services this year is simply “Hope.” I want to encourage you to invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and relatives to celebrate Resurrection Sunday with us here at Fee Fee on **April 17**. We are going to focus on the hope that is found in Jesus. I promise you that I will clearly present the Gospel and share about the hope that we have because of the resurrection.

Additionally, we will be bringing back our Easter breakfast! In lieu of our normal Sunday morning Bible Study, we will be having a hot breakfast in our gym. Please join us for a fellowship meal together as we celebrate our risen Savior!

Second, we want to refocus on our Prayer Warriors Ministry. We know that prayer moves the heart of God. If we want to see God move in our church and in our city, we need to get on our knees! If you are interested at all in being a part of this ministry, I want to invite you to an informational

meeting **Sunday, April 3**, at 4:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. We are challenging people to agree to pray for our services during a particular month. In addition, we will be having a united prayer time of that month’s volunteers on the first Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m. in the Media Center. Come join us as we discuss this vitally important ministry and talk about ways to seek God’s face together as a congregation.

Finally, I want to take a moment to recognize our departing **Associate Pastor, Andrew Yakel**. The Bible says that we are to give honor where honor is due. Andrew has faithfully served Fee Fee for over a decade! He has poured his life into this church, and I am so thankful for the way he has served God so well here at FFBC. Further, I know that God is going to use him in a big way in his new role at the St. Louis Area Food Bank. We are going to miss him, but we know that God’s Kingdom is bigger than just our church.

We want to make sure that we honor and encourage Andrew, Teresa, and the girls as they step into this new venture. Please bring cards and show your support to the Yakels on their **last Sunday with us, March 27**. Also, we will be having a special time to fellowship with them between our two services that Sunday. So, before you go to Bible Study, or after Bible Study and before the 11:00 a.m. service, make sure you stop by the café for some refreshments and let Andrew and the Yakels know how much they mean to us.

Please join me in praying for Easter, our Prayer Warriors Ministry, and the Yakel family.

In Him,
Pastor Zach Crook

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

On Tuesday, April 12, we will have lunch at 11:30 a.m. and then prepare 20 Easter baskets for the children living at Loaves and Fishes. We will dye Easter eggs and assemble baskets which will include small toys, stuffed animals, and candy. We could use your help **even if you can't come** that day. You can pick up some items like Pez dispensers, Matchbox cars, princess figurines, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, books, or any other small toy items. We will also need LOTS of candy. If you are near a Dierbergs, some have chocolate crosses available. Even if you cannot attend that day, you can absolutely help with this project.

On April 26 at 10:00 a.m. we will go to Oakland House for a tour and luncheon. This home in Affton is the country home of Louis A. Benoist and has been restored to its original beauty from 1853. The cost is \$22 per person.

In May, we have **two** great events planned. We will go to Warm Springs Ranch on May 9 to see the Clydesdales. Then on Saturday night, May 14 we will have our annual Legacy Banquet. Our entertainment will be provided by Ronna, Maggie, Rennae, John, and Dave with a variety of songs from the 50s, 60s and 70s, and our own Lowell Donnelly will give the devotional. You will **definitely** not want to miss this night.

I want to encourage you as the pandemic numbers continue to go down and the weather gets better, to resume your small groups and include your friends and neighbors.

Bible Study Corner

Bible Study numbers are increasing each week as Covid numbers continue to fall. We have places for everyone in Bible Study on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Talk to Gloria if you want to get connected.

While we continue to read through the Bible together, I would like to encourage you to start a T-Group and meet in person one hour a week talking about what God has shown you in the scripture you have been reading. Meet in a park or on someone's patio, or a coffee shop. It's a great way to build spiritual connections with others and to hold each other accountable for studying scripture. If you need help getting started or would like to start a group, contact Gloria: gloria@feefeebc.org.

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

DNOW! – We are so excited for our DNOW 2022 Weekend! This is one of my favorite events every year, and this year is shaping up to be one of the best yet! This year we are partnering with Remix Church and their students; Lenny Barber is returning as our speaker; and Katelynn Griffey is leading worship for us! Plus, our theme, “Stand,” is going to serve as a tool of preparation for our students to ready them for the trials they face every day in their schools and in life. Continue to pray for our students and leaders leading up to this event!

Washington, D.C. Forms – If you are signed up to go on the Washington, D.C. mission trip this summer, please make sure that you log on to the Praying Pelican Website and fill out the legal and risk assessment forms. These need to be completed before we leave, so do it sooner rather than later! If you have any questions, contact Kyle: kyle@feefeebc.org.

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Multigenerational Choir – Let's have a multigenerational choir here at Fee Fee. Recently, churches have begun looking for opportunities for children, youth, adults and seniors to minister together.

Think about the value of blending multiple timbres into one homogeneous sound. This is a perfect picture of the body of Christ. An intergenerational music ministry allows everyone the opportunity to participate - no matter the individual skill level. It reflects the age diversity already present. It involves the youngest and oldest pooling their voices together.

Young people bring excitement and a contagious enthusiasm. Older members contribute a wealth of knowledge. Therefore, they can benefit from each other. Unity in purpose and musical unity are key. It's a win – win situation!

The choir must work together to overcome personal music preferences and traditions to be effective worship leaders.

Here is a scripture that applies so well to the workings of an intergenerational choir:

Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians church urged them (us) "*to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called with all humility and with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the Lord of peace,*" (Ephesians 41:3 ESV).

We can learn more than music from a choir experience.

Hannah's Song (Mother's Prayer) – As we have been reading in 1 Samuel, I was really taken by Hannah's prayer of thanksgiving. In coming across this rendition of Hannah's song, I thought its beauty along with the dramatization was worth sharing: <https://bit.ly/3ifg3bS>

Devotional Corner

Taken from “[Teachings of Jesus](#)” [YouVersion Plan](#)

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy,” (Matt. 5:6-7). The Greek word translated as “blessed” is makarios. It describes complete fulfillment in life, an enduring condition rather than fleeting happiness.

As Jesus launches into the Beatitudes to tell us how to be “blessed” (makarios), it is crucial for us to know that He uses a literary device called a chiasm—wherein the most essential elements are found in the middle. The verses at the center of the Beatitudes, Matthew 5:6–7, are the main message of the chiasm: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness; blessed are the merciful.

Jesus is establishing His Kingdom on a foundation of both righteousness and mercy. They can be said to be two sides of the Kingdom coin or compared to the vertical and horizontal aspects of the cross: Righteousness is a focus on God, and mercy is a focus on others.

The righteousness that Jesus describes is social harmony, similar to the harmony found in the championship team. Righteousness implies a right way that is chosen rather than imposed; it can also be translated as justice.

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Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Missions – On Sunday, April 3, our elementary children will be able to attend the North American Mission Study that will go from 9:45 a.m. through KidsZone and end at 12:00 p.m. This will be taught by our Bible Study teachers. We will focus on prayer for our Southern Baptist missionaries serving through the North American Mission Board and the people they serve. We will also highlight the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Mother Daughter Spa Day - Come prepared to pamper yourself and do a craft on Saturday, May 14, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. More details, including cost, to follow.

Father Son Fishing Day – On Saturday, June 18, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Busch Wildlife. Put it on your calendar and plan to spend a fun morning fishing. If you need fishing equipment to use, let Kathy know; we will have extra equipment available.

VBS 2022 & Soccer Camp – It's not too early to set time aside to help with VBS. Put **July 18-22** on your calendar for our 2022 VBS called **“MOMUMENTAL – Celebrating God's Greatness.”** There will be many different areas to help: registration, music leadership, station leader or helper, family group leader or helper, snacks, photographer, sound, PowerPoint, and more! If you have soccer skills or are athletic, there are volunteer spots available for Soccer Camp also. VBS will be in the mornings and Soccer Camp will be in the afternoon. The cost for this week of fun is **FREE for VBS** and **\$55 for Soccer Camp**. Email or talk to Kathy (kathy@feefeebc.org) if you are interested in serving!

Community Connection

Andrew Yakel, Associate Pastor

As I'm sure most of you have already heard, I have accepted a new job as the Community Resource Coordinator for the St. Louis Area Foodbank. My last Sunday at Fee Fee Baptist Church will be on **Sunday, March 27**. It took a lot of prayer to get to this point, but I am at peace with this decision knowing this is what God is calling me to do.

I cannot begin to say thank you enough for all that Fee Fee has done for me and my family these past 10 years. You have been my friends and family. You have watched my daughters grow up and helped point them to Jesus. You have supported me as I took on new positions and more responsibilities within the church. You have challenged me to grow as a person and as a follower of Jesus. You have given me the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with people right here in our neighborhood and all over the world. For all of that, you have my heartfelt appreciation. My family and I will miss you dearly.

My last encouragement to you is to continue to live out the model of Jesus from Mark 10:45 when He said, “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” He, being the Son of Man, is showing us the model of how to live: serving others. Jesus spent his life serving others by lovingly teaching them and caring for their needs. That has been my prayer for us at Fee Fee – that we would be a people that model Jesus by serving others. So please continue to serve those around you. I am so proud of how much our church has grown in serving people through things like the blood drive, Mobile Market, Impact Week, and missions emphases. My prayer will continue to be that Fee Fee Baptist Church pursues the good of our community for the glory of God!

Thank you, Fee Fee! The Yakel family loves you!