

Weekly Summary	04-03-22	04-10-22
WOW Bible Study	11	11
Chi Alpha Wed.	24	24
AWANA	50	43
Sunday Bible Studies	132	167
Worship Attendance:		
8:30AM	126	136
11:00AM	146	135
Worship Totals	272	271
Offering	\$14,739.25	\$14,739.25
E-Giving (3/26-4/4)	\$10,842.00	

Deacon Recommendations:
Qualifications/Expectations

1. 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).

- Bold in the faith (I Timothy 3:13).

2. Choose persons who can serve well.

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

Church Workday

It's that time of year again when flowers begin to peek out of the dirt after their long sleep, trees sway in the wind waking up their roots, and the grays and browns of winter turn into little green beginnings of leaves or buds of color. The amazing gift of creation of nature is not only for us to enjoy but to offer a pretty setting for the church experience of others.

If you would like to get your hands in a little dirt to plant some flowers, do some digging, or other tasks needed, please join us on **Saturday, April 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in the church courtyard. Bring your garden gloves, your favorite garden tools (shovels and rakes could be handy), and we'll have donuts to start our time together. Water will be provided, too.

Mobile Market

We love partnering with the St. Louis Area Food Bank to get free groceries into the hands of families in need in our community. Anyone is welcome to come get groceries on the second Monday of each month, at 10:00 a.m. (until the food runs out).

Our upcoming 2022 dates will be:

- May 9
 - June 13
 - July 11
 - August 8
- September 12
 - October 10
 - November 14
 - December 12

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, May 1

- 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)

10:00 a.m. Youth Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

11:00 a.m. Preschool Care

11:00 a.m. KidsZone

2:00 p.m. Patriotic Choir Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting (C112)

Monday, May 2

- 1:30 p.m. History Committee (211)

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

7:15 p.m. Properties Committee (C112)

Tuesday, May 3

- 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, May 4

- 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 (FH)

6:00 p.m. Men's Fraternity (B1)

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice - Contemporary

7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee (C112)

Thursday, May 5

- 6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)

Friday, May 6

- 1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time (Café)

Saturday, May 7

- 9:00 a.m. Shred Truck Youth Fundraiser (Parking Lot)

Sunday, May 8—MOTHER'S DAY

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship & Parent/Child Dedications

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)

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11:00 a.m. Preschool Care

11:00 a.m. KidsZone

2:00 p.m. Patriotic Choir Rehearsal

Monday, May 9

- 9:00 a.m. Prime Time Warm Springs Tour & Lunch

10:00 a.m. Mobile Market

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

Tuesday, May 10

- 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, May 11

- 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 (FH)

6:00 p.m. Men's Fraternity (B1)

7:00 p.m. Worship Practice - Contemporary

7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee (C112)

Thursday, May 12

- 6:30 p.m. ESL Class

Friday, May 13

- 12:00 p.m. Blood Drive

7:00 p.m. Worship & Prayer Night

Saturday, May 14

- 6:00 p.m. Legacy Banquet (DR)

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A Word From Pastor Zach

Church
Family,

This has been a pretty busy April! We started with DNOW, then we had our Widow and Widowers Banquet. Now, at the time of my writing, we are gearing up for both Easter and our Family Connection Sunday! I can't wait to see how God moves and works in our church through the remainder of this month!

It is great to use this space to write about events that are happening in the life of our church (which I often do). However, I wanted this article to be more devotional in nature. In fact, at the time of me writing this, today is the 250th anniversary of one of my favorite hymns, “There is a Fountain.”

This hymn was written as part of the Olney Hymnbook by William Cowper (pronounced “Cooper”). Cowper was a trained lawyer and poet who dealt with tragedy throughout his life. He was only the second of seven children who made it to adulthood. His mother passed when he was six. He spent time away at boarding school and was bullied by peers. He dealt with bouts of depression and had a nervous breakdown when he was interviewing for a parliamentary position and attempted suicide on three different occasions and spent time in a mental asylum. However, it was there, in that asylum, that he came to faith in Christ.

While we wish his story was all wonderful from there, he still struggled with mental health for the rest of his life. He ended up moving

out to Olney and was befriended and discipled by John Newton, the slave-trader turned priest who penned “Amazing Grace.” Newton encouraged Cowper to write hymns with him for their church.

In a time when he was close to the Lord, he wrote the lyrics to the “There is a Fountain.” This hymn references Zechariah 13:1 and it’s first verse proclaims, “There is a fountain filled with blood/drawn from Immanuel’s veins/And sinners plunged beneath that flood/lose all their guilt and stains.”

Reflecting on the cross, this hymn powerfully communicates the hope that we have because of Christ’s substitutionary atonement. He bled on that cross so that we could be saved! Though Cowper had a difficult life, he clung to Christ as his Savior!

Getting very personal in the fifth verse, Cowper writes of a longing when he won’t have to battle his issues anymore. He writes, “When this poor lisping, stamm’ring tongue/lies silent in the grave/then in a nobler, sweeter song/I’ll sing the power to save.”

That “lisp” that Cowper endured was never fully healed on this side of heaven. However, because he was plunged beneath that flood from Immanuel’s veins, he is now made perfect and whole with his Savior. Church, in the midst of difficult circumstances in our lives, let us, like Cowper, cling to the promise that we all lose our guilty stains when we are trust in Jesus as our Savior!

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

Thanks to all who contributed toys and candy, dyed eggs, and assembled Easter baskets for the children of Loaves and Fishes. They were beautiful and each contained a small New Testament and a chocolate cross. Those who helped want to make this an annual event. What a **sweet** way to bless the children in our community.

Don't forget to get bring a check for \$22/person for Oakland House. The bus will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, April 26**. We will tour the house at 11:00 a.m. and eat lunch at noon. The Oakland House is amazing and I'm sure it will be a great day.

We have two really great events coming up in May. On **Monday, May 9** we will go to see the Clydesdales at Warm Springs Ranch with lunch TBA. The cost of the tour is \$16 plus you will need money for your lunch and \$3 for the bus. This is an all-day trip and we will be leaving at 9:00 a.m.

I'm hoping you are planning to come to the Legacy Banquet on **Saturday, May 14** at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person. Our guest speaker will be our own Dr. Lowell Donnelley. The entertainment will be amazing! I have heard that we will be having guest appearances from Johnny Cash, Linda Ronstadt, and several other big names from the 50s, 60s and 70s. You are invited to join us for this fun evening whether you consider yourself a Prime Timer or not. I would love to see some multigenerational fellowship around our tables. Would you come if I promised you a Freddy's ice cream sandwich for dessert? I know that would get me moving! Hope to see you all there!

Hope you all enjoyed celebrating Resurrection Sunday. See you at our Family Connection Sunday on **April 24** as we hear some encouraging words from Dr. Richard Ross.

Bible Study Corner

I hope more and more of you will join us for Bible Study on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. Our numbers continue to grow each week. Remember that all adults are invited to Family Connection Sunday during Bible Study on **April 24**. You can learn how to encourage children spiritually whether you are a parent, grandparent, or an adult in the church family.

There is a place for everyone in Bible Study. Join us on Sundays at 9:45 a.m., Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m., or on Facebook Live on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Hide God's Word in your heart. It will bring you great joy!

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

Summer Fun! – We have officially rolled out our Summer Schedule for 2022, and I am so excited for what is in store! We have some great things planned, and we are looking forward to making so many memories together. Students should have received the schedule during Bible Study and parents should have received an email, but if you need an extra copy of the schedule, you can find them in the Rafters. You can also refer to our social media and the website for more details.

Shred Truck Fundraiser – We are hosting another Shred Truck Fundraiser on our campus on **Saturday, May 7** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to help raise funds for our DC Mission Trip! This is the first one we have hosted since the pandemic, so if you have accrued extra documents that you would like to have safely and securely shredded (which I'm sure you have), come and see us! For every box that you need shredded, we are asking for a \$5.00 per box donation. We hope to see you there, and as always, thank you for supporting our Student Ministry!

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

April Playlist – Well, it is time for a new playlist featuring several genres of Christian music! You are really going to like this one. This is also a test to see how accepting you are of different styles of music. Do you enjoy variety or same-ole, same ole? Find Ronna's April 2022 Playlist here: <https://bit.ly/36asm6L>

Retro Christian Contemporary

Amy Grant
Sing Your Praise to the Lord

Bluegrass Gospel

The Bishops
I've a Mansion Over in Glory

Country Christian

Brooks and Dunn (ft. Kane Brown)
Believe

Christian Contemporary

Unspoken
Start a Fire

Christian Instrumental

The Naz Church (ft. Shawn Wallace)
Draw Me Close to You

Christian Contemporary

Matthew West
Grace Upon Grace

Contemporary Praise and Worship

Elevation Worship and Maverick City
Jireh

Christian Rap

Justus (ft. Sevin & Alicia Renee)
More Than Life

Christian Contemporary

Phil Wickman
House of the Lord

Christian Southern Gospel

The Guardians
It's Still Good News

Christian Urban Gospel

Stockholm Gospel Mass Choir
Total Praise

Christian Rock

Switchfoot
Beloved

Indie Christian Pop Rock

Relient K
Be My Escape

Indie Christian Pop Punk

Everyday Sunday
Stand Up

Indie Christian Rock

The Wrecking
You Remain

Indie Christian Synth Pop

Owl City (ft. Lindsey Stirling)
Beautiful Times

Footsteps of the Faithful

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

I'm so glad God offers complete forgiveness, aren't you? It is so precious to receive forgiveness. Have you experienced that? Have you ever asked for forgiveness and felt complete release?

Recently, I made a comment to my husband that was unkind. I walked around the house loudly for a while before I made the comment but didn't feel any better after I said it. The day went on and I tried to convince myself I was justified for what I said but still had that nagging feeling that it wasn't right nor was it true. Once I apologized, what a relief I felt. My soul felt light. I knew Joe would forgive me, and of course, he did. We both felt a new closeness for being obedient to the Father. There have also been times I have had to apologize to my children because my anger got the best of me. That is really humbling to ask your children for forgiveness! But our God commands us to seek forgiveness (Matthew 6:12).

Is there someone you need to forgive for something they said or did? Or is there forgiveness you need to ask from someone? God is ready to hear you ask forgiveness. What a relief it will be for you. It will repair a relationship and get rid of that barrier between the person or between you and the Father. Psalm 32:1 says, *"Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered."* Another favorite quote by Blackaby says, "Few things are more precious to receive than forgiveness."

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Family Connection Sunday – Dr. Richard Ross will be our guest for Family Connection Sunday on **April 24**. He is a teacher, author, speaker, and conference leader. His mission is: "By the Spirit—live, teach, speak, and write to see Christ's kingdom come through teenagers and their parents and leaders—for the glory of God." On April 24 we have Dr. Ross preaching in both services, teaching to parents and grandparents during the Bible Study hour at 9:45 a.m., then a lunch discussion with parents and students grades 5-12. It will be a great day!

DATE CHANGE: Mother/Daughter Spa Day that was scheduled for May 14, is rescheduled to **Saturday, June 4**, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Come prepared to pamper yourself and do a craft. We will have fun with hair chalk, nail salon, jewelry making, chalk couture crafting, photo booth and more! Cost is \$5.00 per person. Mothers and Daughters of all ages are invited!

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 – REGISTRATION IS OPEN for VBS and Soccer Camp for kids that have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade. The cost for this week of fun is **FREE for VBS** and **\$55 for Soccer Camp**. No limit on registration for VBS. However, there are limited spaces available for soccer camp, so go to our website and register early: www.feefeebc.org/free-vbs-fee-fee. One form can be used for both events. Turn Preschool forms into the church office or Kathy.

VBS Volunteers – 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. 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. Email or talk to Kathy (kathy@feefeebc.org) if you are interested in serving!

Devotional Corner

Taken from [Corrie Ten Boom's "Faith, Hope, and Love" YouVersion Plan](#)

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God," (Hebrews 12:2).

How we can long for the "good old days". Everything was so much better and more predictable. What was normal and taken for granted in those days is not that obvious anymore. It could make us sad and homesick, and we could tend to give up and become passive and depressed. In Ezra 3, we can read that the elderly people are crying as the temple is rebuilt, remembering the glory and grandeur of the former temple that has been destroyed so many years ago.

After World War II Corrie could have been discouraged, giving up, without any hope for the future. Her father, Casper ten Boom, and her sister, Betsie, both had been killed in 1944. And the happy days of before, in their warm and cozy home, had forever been gone. She could have looked back, remembering and longing for the good old, and so much better times before the war. Realizing it would never come back she could have sunk into a great depression and sorrow. But instead, she looked forward with hope, fixing her eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of her faith.

Hope is not the same as longing and desiring. We can long for things that are impossible to fulfill, such as, a season that will not come back, a journey we cannot afford to make, longing for a loved one who has passed away. Hope, on the contrary is based on reliable facts. There could have been periods and events in our life for which we look back with unfulfilled, craving and longing. But the better thing to do is to look forward, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Then we can go forward, with courage and hope. That is what Corrie, and many with her, did after the war, building on the foundation of Christ and His Kingdom. Romans 5:5 says: *"And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us".*