

Weekly Summary	05-01-22	05-08-22	05-15-22	05-22-22
WOW Bible Study	11	9	11	—
Chi Alpha Wed.	16	16	17	16
AWANA	31	27	43	—
Sunday Bible Studies	175	155	151	165
Worship Attendance:				
8:30AM	134	114	107	131
11:00AM	135	140	110	132
Worship Totals	269	254	217	263
Offering	\$14,995.00	\$11,590.18	\$5,805.00	\$11,589.04
E-Giving (11/24 - 12/27)	\$19,811.00			

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lives for eternity at VBS! Please be praying for our VBS, and pray about how you can serve that week!

I can't wait to see how God moves over the next few months. Please join me in praying that our church continues to build our lives on Jesus and pursues the good of our community for God's glory this summer!

In Him,
Pastor Zach Crook

Sympathy
Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to ... **Carol Gollaher and family** on the passing of her mother, **Bernice Stewart**, on May 15.

Men's Softball Schedule
The FFBC Men's Softball team will be playing the following dates/times at BMAC:

Friday, June 10 - 9:30 p.m.
Friday, June 17 - 8:30 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.

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.

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Her father, after a while, climbed up to her bedroom, sat next to her and waited until she calmed down a bit and said: "Corrie, love is the strongest force in the world. When love is hold back, we can do two things: we can either silence and kill love so that no one can hurt us anymore or we can ask God to open other ways to share our love. If we cannot share love in the normal, human way then God can teach us to love in His perfect way and pour out His love in our hearts". God is Love. Again and again, He can find ways through which we can love our neighbor. "We love because he first loved us," (1 John 4:19).—

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:

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

Ministry Opportunities	Church Office Staff
<p>Sunday, June 12 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 8:30 a.m. Preschool Care 9:45 a.m. Adult 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 2:00 p.m. Patriotic Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Monday, June 13 10:00 a.m. Mobile Market 7:00 p.m. Choir & Traditional Worship Practice</p> <p>Tuesday, June 14 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 10:00 a.m. Bramstedt Bible Study (B3) 7:00 p.m. Volleyball - Open Gym 7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (203)</p> <p>Wednesday, June 15 9:00 a.m. OT Reading Plan Discussion on Facebook 10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym) 6:00 p.m. Chi Alpha Summers 7:00 p.m. Worship Practice - Contemporary</p> <p>Thursday, June 16 Friday, June 17 1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time (Café)</p> <p>Saturday, June 18 9:00 a.m. Father/Son Fishing Day</p> <p>Sunday, June 19 - Father's Day 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 8:30 a.m. Preschool Care 9:45 a.m. Adult 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 2:00 p.m. Patriotic Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Monday, June 20 9:15 a.m. Wagner/Sherer WOM (FH) 7:00 p.m. Choir & Traditional Worship Practice</p> <p>Tuesday, June 21 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 10:00 a.m. Bramstedt Bible Study (B3) 11:45 a.m. May Clermont WOM (FH) 2:00 p.m. Prime Time Council 4:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes Ministry 6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4) 7:00 p.m. Volleyball - Open Gym 7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (203)</p> <p>Wednesday, June 22 9:00 a.m. OT Reading Plan Discussion on Facebook 10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym) 6:00 p.m. Chi Alpha Summers 7:00 p.m. Worship Practice - Contemporary</p> <p>Thursday, June 23 Friday, June 24 Saturday, June 25</p>	<p>Pastor Zach Crook, <i>SENIOR PASTOR</i> Gloria Fox, <i>DIRECTOR OF SENIOR ADULTS & BIBLE STUDY</i> Kathy Scott, <i>DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES</i> Ronna Paden, <i>DIRECTOR OF MUSIC</i> Kyle Baldwin, <i>DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES</i> Logan Mills, <i>INTERIM COLLEGE & OUTREACH MINISTER</i> Kim Lewis, <i>FINANCIAL OFFICER</i> Vance Stewart, <i>IT ADMINISTRATOR</i> Tara Smith, <i>MINISTRY ASSISTANT</i> Andrea Jennings, <i>RECEPTIONIST</i></p> <div><p>OFFICE ♦ (314) 739-1525 FAX ♦ (314) 739-1302 www.feefeebc.org</p><p>THE FORERUNNER is published Bi-weekly, by FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH 11330 St. Charles Rock Road Bridgeton, MO 63044-2792</p><p>Periodicals Postage rates paid at Hazelwood, MO 63042-9998</p><p>USPS 016957</p><p>POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: THE FORERUNNER Fee Fee Baptist Church 11330 St. Charles Rock Road Bridgeton, MO 63044-2792</p></div> <div>PERIODICAL</div>

A Word From Pastor Zach

Church Family,

As I am writing this, it is the first day of summer for my three kids. I can't believe the school year is already over...time has flown by! With summer now here, I wanted to share with you some exciting things happening in the life of our church.

First, we are going to spend the summer diving into different parables that Jesus taught. What is the main reason behind Jesus telling parables? I can distinctly remember being taught that parables were stories about how we should live. That we are supposed to be good, moral people.

However, we make a mistake when we equate parables with fables, stories that are just giving us a good moral lesson. Jared Wilson, in *Storytelling God*, writes, "The parables function in Jesus's ministry as representative stories about Kingdom of God." He later adds that they are "postcards from heaven" and that the stories "contained the mystery of eternal life."

I love parables being described that way. Stories that give us a glimpse of how God's Kingdom is supposed to operate. It's time for us to move past our preconceived ideas of the parables just being good stories, and instead, seeing them as stories about the Kingdom of God.

Our summer sermon series will be all about the parables. It's going to be called "True Fiction," because these

are fictional stories that Jesus shared in order to communicate deep biblical truth. It is my prayer that it will help shed new light on this stories that we all have heard before.

These parables were told by Jesus not to direct us to be good and moral, but to drive us to worship him as he exposes how his will should be done on earth as it is in heaven. When it comes to knowing his will, we all know of God's desire for all people and all nations to come to know Him. Missions really is God's heartbeat! Throughout the summer, you are going to get the chance to pray for and to participate in local, national, and international mission opportunities.

Internationally, we are going to be taking a team back to the Dominican Republic in July. To help this team, we are going to be collecting different colors of sharpies (not just black!) and flip flops to take with us as we go and serve in San Pedro de Macoris. Please pray for this team, and also bring some supplies as we go to bless this community that we have partnered with for 5 years now!

Nationally, our youth are heading out to Washington, D.C. in June. Please be praying for them as they go to share the Gospel and serve in our nation's capital.

Locally, we have the most important outreach opportunity of the year coming up in July. It is the most effective local missions event that we do every year. Do you know what it is? Vacation Bible School! More decisions are made for Christ at VBS than any other outreach event. We can change

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Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

I hope you can join us on Thursday, June 9, at 10:00 a.m. to go to the Heritage Museum in St. Charles. They are featuring a brand new exhibit called, “The American Revolutionary War in the West.” The exhibit focuses on the war in the west which is almost always completely ignored. We will then have lunch at Lewis and Clark’s on Main Street St. Charles. The exhibit is totally free, just bring money for lunch. Hope to see you there.

There has been a date change for Josephine’s Tearoom and Gift Shop in Godfrey, IL. We are now going on Monday, June 27, when I am actually in town! Sorry for the confusion. After a great lunch we can visit the main gift shop that features everything you could possibly want, and then 2 more shops – one of which is all sales items. The tearoom features soups, salads, and sandwiches and of course desserts! The bus will leave at 10:00 a.m.

We are taking the month of July off but will resume our regular twice-a-month fun in August which will include four days of Adult VBS. Dates will be announced in the next Forerunner.

A big thank you to all who attended, served, set-up, and provided the night’s entertainment for the Annual Legacy Banquet. It just keeps getting better and better each year!

Bible Study Corner

Pick up a bookmark or reading plan from the Connection Center for our Summer/Fall Bible Reading Plan, which covers 1 & 2 Kings and 1 & 2 Chronicles. We have read all of the New Testament, Isaiah, and from Genesis through 2 Samuel together. If you have not participated, it is not too late to start now.

I want to encourage those of you doing T-groups to start meeting in person. I know some of you love your Marco Polo groups but there is nothing better than the interaction you have when meeting together face to face.

I would also like to see small groups beginning to resume. If you need materials or suggestions of how to get this going, contact Gloria. You can meet in homes or the church. If you want to meet in the church, one person in the group will need to schedule that on the church calendar but contacting the church office (314) 739-1525.

Get involved in Bible Study with others. Talk to Gloria if you want to get involved.

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

Pray for our Washington, D.C. Team! – We will be sending a team of 30 students and adult leaders to Washington, D.C. in just a few short days, and we are so excited! While we are there, we will be serving with a local church doing ministry together and supporting them in many ways. We will be doing projects such as painting, minor construction, homeless ministry, prayer walking, and whatever else God will throw our way while we are there! Here are a few ways you can practically pray for our team:

- Pray for safe travels to and from Washington, D.C.
- Pray for the city of Waldorf, MD and Washington, D.C., and their people. Pray that we will be able to bless those we meet.
- Pray for our students and leaders, that this will be a great bonding experience for them to grow closer together as a team, but also that this will be a fruitful week for their relationship with the Lord.

I am so blessed to lead these students in a church that so faithfully supports them, and many others, in missions. So, thank you church family!

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Patriotic Choir – Please come join us in singing great songs honoring our country and more importantly seeking God's guidance to heal our land. We meet on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. in the choir room. Rehearsals run approximately 90 minutes. We need all voices and hope to have a multigenerational voiced choir. We will not rehearse on Father's Day.

Save the Dates – It is not too soon to plan to attend our Summer Concerts Series every Sunday night in July. Each concert begins at 6:00 p.m. and runs about an hour. Following each concert, we have a time for refreshments and fellowship. These concerts are FREE, but love offerings will be collected.

Here is this year's concert lineup:

July 3 - Patriotic Concert - featuring choir and handbells

July 10 - Timothy and Hosanna Noble – piano and violin

July 17 - Doug Mikan - ventriloquist

July 24 - The Punches - Bluegrass Gospel

July 31 - The Lesters - Southern Gospel

As you can see, we have a wide variety of concert events this year. Don't miss hearing some great music and entertainment. Bring friends, family, and neighbors to join you to attend these concerts. You will be glad you did!

College & Outreach

Logan Mills, Interim College & Outreach Minister

“Now he told them a parable on the need for them to pray always and not give up,” (Luke 18:1). I pray that our study of the parable of the persistent widow encouraged you to pray always and not give up. We serve a loving God who desires to hear our prayers, “because the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are open to their prayer” (1 Peter 3:12). In their exile, God encourages his people with these tender words: “You will call to me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart” (Jeremiah 29:12-13). Be encouraged church; the God of all Creation wants to hear from you! If it is a brand-new request, or the same prayer you’ve prayed a thousand times, God delights in hearing from his people. Don’t know what to pray? Have no fear, “because we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the saints according to the will of God” (Romans 8:26-27).

There are countless ways you can be praying for Fee Fee Baptist Church, her staff, and her people this summer; let me draw your attention to two of them:

Chi Alpha in Washington D.C. – 30 of your students and leaders will travel to the Washington D.C. metropolitan area for a missions project **June 10-18**. Pray now for Church at Saint Charles in Waldorf, MD, where your team will be renovating classrooms. Pray for Lifestyles of Maryland, a homelessness and hunger ministry your team will work alongside during our stay. Pray for travel mercies, expectant hearts, and working hands.

Dominican Republic – A team of 11 members and staff will travel to the Dominican Republic for church partnership and children’s ministry **July 9-15**. Pray for health before and during our travels, as we do not want any sickness to sideline the ministry God will do. Pray now for the hearts of the children who will attend VBS during our stay. Pray for the translators who will communicate the love of Jesus in their own language.

Thank you for joining us in prayer for these missions endeavors this summer. May God bless you and give you strength to pray always and not give up.

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Movie Night Recap – Movie night was great! Thank you, Vance Stewart and Keith Jenkins, for set-up and for those who stayed after the movie, Eric Bowman, Jacob Hopson, Maddie Hopson, Keith Jenkins and Kevin Knepper for helping to take down and clean up! Ashley Bowman made some great popcorn! Thanks everyone!

Father/Son Fishing Day – Saturday, June 18, 9-11am at Busch Wildlife Conservation area. Put it on your calendar and plan to spend a fun morning fishing. If you will need equipment with which to fish, let Kathy know because we have some experienced fishermen coming to assist. Bring drinks to keep cool, and your favorite bait and fishing pole, (some will be provided). Sign-up sheet is available in the Connection Center. You can find fishing regulations for this event here - <https://mdc.mo.gov/fishing/regulations> . Adults will need a fishing license. This event is open to kids through 5th grade and their dads.

VBS 2022 & Athletic Camp – July 18-22, “MOMUMENTAL – Celebrating God’s Greatness” – Registration is open for VBS and Soccer Camp for kids that have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade. Sadly, Sports Crusaders had to cancel leadership for soccer camp due to lack of college students to lead. We will provide some kind of athletic camp following VBS, and lunch, so go ahead and register. The cost for this week of fun is **FREE for VBS** and **\$55 for Athletic Camp**. No limit on registration for VBS. However, there are limited spaces available for athletic camp, so go to our website and register early online: www.feefeebc.org/free-vbs-fee-fee and register early! One online form can be used for both events. Preschool forms can be turned in to church office or Kathy. Please register for all other ages online.

VBS Volunteers – Set aside time now to help with VBS! Please see Kathy to volunteer! There are lots of ways to be involved! We need you! Pray with us for leadership for our sports camp. Thank you!

Devotional Corner

Taken from [Corrie Ten Boom’s “Faith, Hope, and Love” YouVersion Plan](#)

“Keep on loving each other as brothers”. - Hebrews 13:1

Ravensbruck 1944. A young Dutch woman is in the hospital barracks, giving up hope. Where there remains no courage to live, the body gives up. Though it is absolutely forbidden to go into the hospital barracks, Corrie and four other Dutch women try to go as close as possible to the young woman to encourage her, motivated by compassion and love. They know which window she lies behind. When they arrive, the shutters are closed. So, they pray that someone will open the shutters. One of the guards walks by and opens them. But then the window is locked, and they cannot open it from the outside. They pray again and a Polish nurse opens the window from inside. Now Corrie walks to the window and starts to encourage the young woman. Again, the guard walks by and slaps Corrie hard on her back. Corrie goes back to the four other women, and they pray that no one will walk by anymore. Then Corrie continues to comfort and encourage this young sick woman and reminds her of the fact that Christ is Victor and that He is always with her.

Thirty years before, Corrie’s father had given her the key to love and compassion. At that time, Corrie was crying her eyes out, because the young man, whom she loved dearly, unexpectedly came to her house and introduced his new fiancée to her, which tore down all her dreams and hopes to share her future life with him.

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