

WEEKLY SUMMARY	11-27-22	12-04-22
WOW Bible Study	12	—
Chi Alpha Wed.	22	26
AWANA	54	46
Sunday Bible Studies	169	157
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE		
8:30AM	123	96
11:00AM	134	135
WORSHIP TOTALS	257	231
Offering	\$4,202.00	\$15,891.89
E-Giving (11/24 - 11/29)	\$3,327.00	

Holiday Schedule

Friday, December 23

Office & Building open till
Noon, *by appt only*.

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve (Building closed).
**Christmas Eve Service at
5:00 p.m. in Worship Center.**

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day.
Combined Service 11:00 a.m.
(No Bible Studies).

Monday, December 26

Christmas Day Observed.
(Church office & building
closed).

Saturday, December 31

New Year's Eve.
(Church office & building
closed).

Sunday, January 1

New Year's Day.
Regular Services and Bible
Studies.

Monday, January 2

New Year's Day Observed.
(Church office & building
closed).



Mobile Market

Our partnership with the St. Louis Area Foodbank will continue into 2023 with more Mobile Markets. The 2023 schedule is as follows:

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

Anyone is welcome to come get groceries on the second Monday of each month, at 10:00 a.m. (until the food runs out).

If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, talk to Kathy Webber and she will make sure you have a spot to serve!

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

Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service (WC)

Sunday, December 25—Christmas Day

11:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service

Monday, December 26 - Christmas Observed

Office & Building Closed.

6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Committee

Tuesday, December 27

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Bramstedt - B4)

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

7:00 p.m. Volleyball - Open Gym

Wednesday, December 28

9:00 a.m. [FB](#) Bible Plan Discussion

10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)

7:00 p.m. Cont. - Worship Practice

Thursday, December 29

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

Friday, December 30

Saturday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

3:00 p.m. Christmas Presentation

Sunday, January 1—New Year's Day

8:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors

Pre-Service Prayer

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

5:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

Monday, January 2 - New Year's Observed

Office & Building Closed.

6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Committee

Tuesday, January 3

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Bramstedt - B4)

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

7:00 p.m. Volleyball - Open Gym

Wednesday, January 4

9:00 a.m. [FB](#) Bible Plan Discussion

10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)

6:00 p.m. AWANA

6:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups

6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee

7:00 p.m. Cont. - Worship Practice

Thursday, January 5

1:00 p.m. PT Game Time (B3)

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

Friday, January 6

Saturday, January 7

Church Office Staff

Dr. Matt Easter, *INTERIM PASTOR*

Derald Harris, *INTERIM PASTOR*

Gloria Fox, *DIRECTOR OF SENIOR ADULTS & BIBLE STUDY*

Kathy Scott, *DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN
& FAMILY MINISTRIES*

Ronna Paden, *DIRECTOR OF MUSIC*

Kyle Baldwin, *DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES*

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Tara Smith, *MINISTRY ASSISTANT*

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A Word From Our Prayer Warriors

Many of our

Christmas traditions center around children. The Christmas story itself revolves around the birth of the infant Jesus and his dependance upon his family: Mary and Joseph. In human terms, children are meant to grow from dependance to independence. But in our relationship with God, maturity means moving from independence to dependence on Him. Jesus illustrated our dependent ways when He taught His disciples and all of us who have come to believe in Him – to pray, “Give us today our daily bread” (Matthew 6:11). He was teaching a prayer of dependence. Jesus illustrates our dependence even more clearly in the metaphor of the vine and branches.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing,”

John 15:5

It is impossible to forget that during December so many of our personal and church activities focus upon the birth of our Lord. That is as it should be. Likewise, in this time of transition and beginning of the pastor search process we need to pray for strong

consistency and focus on all the present ministries of the church. Please pray that the Lord will grant great power to our interim pastors, Dr. Matt Easter and Derald Harris, as well as to our staff, leaders, and workers in all of our ministries and worship this month.

Our new Pastor Search Committee must be a continuing major focus for our prayers. As they organize and prepare themselves for the task before them, pray for deep spiritual cleansing and fullness of the Holy Spirit in each team member. Pray this for each member by name:

- Mia Baugher
- Ashley Bowman
- Betsy Brisch
- Don Jack
- Caitlin Knepper
- Brian Land
- David Pfeiffer
- James Wittig

As Jesus said in John 15:5, it is not our *activity* that produces fruit, it is our *relationship* with Him.

Merry Christmas

and God Bless Fee Fee Baptist Church!

Larry Condra
Prayer Warrior

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

It is this **most wonderful time of the year!** But it can be a stressful and busiest time of the year. Take time to reflect on God’s great love for us and celebrate that gift – JESUS!

International Mission Study Recap – Our teachers did a great job teaching our kids the International Missions Study about Philippines and what God is doing there. We look forward to reaching our \$30,000.00 goal for the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**. Encourage your kids to do extra chores to earn money to give. It is important to help them understand that part of worship is giving back God. Consider setting a family goal.

Parent’s Night Out Recap – Thanks to all who helped with our **Parent’s Night Out** on Friday, December 9. It was a fun night! Thank you to those that donated items for the store in which our kids could shop. It was a highlight of the evening for the kids to be able to shop for their families.

2022 Christmas Presentation – Our children will be featured at the Christmas presentation on **December 16-18**. They have done a wonderful job narrating and acting out the Christmas story. Thank you, Justin Flack, for editing the video. Don’t miss this wonderful part of the Christmas presentation *“Hope is Born, Emmanuel.”*

Family Nerf Games – Add January 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. on your calendar for an EXCITING and FUN-FILLED **Family Nerf Games** night for all ages, —it’s right around the corner! Invite friends and neighbors. Bring your own Nerf gun; we will supply the foam bullets. Also bring a snack to share. We will provide water and popcorn.

Thank you for your continued support of our children and family ministries.

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

The Big Chill – The Big Chill is returning on January 13-14, 2023, from 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m!! Our annual all-nighter is a night full of fun, and this year will include a worship concert, a trip to The Edge 618, dodgeball, video games, movies, 9 square, gaga ball, open gym time, and all the junk food and soda a teenager could ever want! So, make sure that your student does not miss out on one of our biggest events of the year! This is a perfect event to invite friends too as well. The Big Chill is \$15 per person, plus students need to bring a snack and drink to share! We hope to see you all there! Sign up in the Rafters!

Holiday Schedule – Just a reminder, there will be no Wednesday Night Small Groups on **December 21 & 28** due to the holidays. Likewise, there will be no Bible Study on **Sunday, December 25** since we will only be having one service at 11:00 a.m. We hope you enjoy your holiday break and we look forward to seeing you back in January!

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

Christmas can be super stressful and busy. Here are 10 ways to focus on Jesus this Christmas:

- 1. Seek out quiet moments for yourself. Take 5 minutes to focus your mind and heart on Jesus.
- 2. Make time for your Bible. Read Luke 2:1-20 or do some research on passages in the Old Testament that point to Jesus.
- 3. Ask for Jesus’ advice. Make your day a constant conversation with Him.
- 4. Volunteer. Serve others in your community.
- 5. Pray. Write down everything that is stressing you out and tell Jesus. Then ask Jesus to help you keep your focus on Him the rest of the day.
- 6. Spend time with your loved ones and be a Mary not a Martha.
- 7. Celebrate Advent. Don’t search the Bible for how to do it. It’s not even in the Bible. Find your own way.
- 8. Give gifts with a purpose, like a new Bible, a journal, or a devotional book.
- 9. Say no.
- 10. Embrace imperfection. No family is perfect. Let Jesus make up the difference.

Make sure you remember Jesus is why we celebrate Christmas.

Heart of Worship

Melissa Eberts, Worship Leader

As we celebrate this season of Advent, I’m reminded of Mary, the mother of Jesus. When the angel Gabriel appeared to her as recorded in Luke chapter 1, he told her that God picked her to give birth to a son. She was to name Him Jesus, and He would be the Savior of the world.

One of my favorite Christmas songs is *Breath of Heaven*. It gives an account of how Mary might have felt during her journey being pregnant with Jesus and bringing forth the Prince of Peace into this world. Here is a portion of the song:

***Do You wonder as You watch my face
If a wiser one should have had my place?
But I offer all I am
For the mercy of Your plan***

When the angel told Mary about God’s plan, she could have said no - but she said yes. She said yes to the unknown. She said yes to something bigger than herself. She said yes, even though there was a potential to be rejected by her fiancé and other people. She took a huge risk because she trusted in God. She exchanged all of herself – for God’s plan for her life.

Let’s look inward for a moment: Do we say yes to God? Do we say yes to His Word? Do we say yes to His plan, even when it’s uncomfortable?

We can definitely reflect on Mary’s story during this Advent season and allow our heart of worship to say YES to God!

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Have a Holly, Jolly Christmas!

***As the song says:
Have a holly, jolly Christmas,
And when you walk down the street
Say "hello" to friends you know
and everyone you meet!***



AND

Invite them to attend our **2022 Fee Fee Christmas Presentation!** They will hear some great music and see a beautiful pageant of the Nativity celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

More importantly the Gospel message will be presented in the music and by our youth pastor, Kyle Baldwin.

Here are dates and times:

**Friday, December 16 - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 17 - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 18 - 3:00 p.m.**

See you there!

The First Noel – *The First Noel*, an English carol first published in 1823 as *The First Nowell*, was written to express excitement and wonder of Christmas. A couple of hundred years ago, the people sang it in the streets to spread hope and joy!

We sing this song still today as a testament to the fact that no matter how much time passes, the encouraging story of Jesus will always connect with our hearts.

Listen to this arrangement that pairs The First Noel with a contemporary companion piece.

Stars Go Dim - *The First Noël* (Official Music Video): <https://bit.ly/3iOX77t>

Angel Tree

Just a reminder that Angel Tree gifts must be returned to the church and placed under the tree by **Sunday, December 18**. Please make sure the gift is wrapped and the ornament gift tag with the listed gift is attached to the gift.

Gifts will be distributed during the week before Christmas. “If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion – how can God’s love be in that person?” (1 John 3:17).