

WEEKLY SUMMARY	12-25-22	01-01-23
WOW Bible Study	—	20
Chi Alpha Wed.	—	22
AWANA	—	63
Sunday Bible Studies	—	127
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 8:30AM	—	105
11:00AM	93	94
WORSHIP TOTALS	93	199
Offering	\$7,722.51	\$10,415.54
E-Giving (11/24 - 12/23)	\$27,700.00	

Ministry Opportunities

Monday, January 9
10:00 a.m. Mobile Market
1:30 p.m. History Comm.
6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Comm.
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:15 p.m. Properties Comm.
Tuesday, January 10
7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)
7:00 p.m. Volleyball - Open Gym
7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (217)
Wednesday, January 11
9:00 a.m. FB Bible Plan Discussion
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)
7:00 p.m. Cont. - Worship Practice
7:30 p.m. Stewardship Comm.
Thursday, January 12
10:00 a.m. Prime Time OmniMax
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)
Friday-Saturday, January 13-14
9:00 p.m. Big Chill (overnight)
Sunday, January 15
12:15 p.m. Children's Comm.
5:00 p.m. Sunday Night Connect.
Monday, January 16
9:15 a.m. Wagner/Sherer WOM
6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Comm.
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Tuesday, January 17
7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
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 (217)
Wednesday, January 18
9:00 a.m. FB Bible Plan Discussion
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)
5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner
5:45 p.m. Missions Comm.
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Practice
Thursday, January 19
1:00 p.m. PT Game Time (B3)
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)
Friday, January 20
Saturday, January 21

Sunday, January 22
Monday, January 23
6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Comm.
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Tuesday, January 24
7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)
7:00 p.m. Volleyball - Open Gym
7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (217)
Wednesday, January 25
9:00 a.m. FB Bible Plan Discussion
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Practice
Thursday, January 26
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)
Friday, January 27
6:30 p.m. Family Nerf Night
Saturday, January 28
Sunday, January 29
Monday, January 30
11:00 a.m. Prime Time Movie & Lunch
6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Comm.
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Tuesday, January 31
7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)
7:00 p.m. Volleyball - Open Gym
7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (217)
Wednesday, February 1
Thursday, February 2
Friday, February 3
Saturday, February 4
Sunday, February 5
Monday, February 6
10:00 a.m. Mobile Market
1:30 p.m. History Comm.
6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Comm.
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:15 p.m. Properties Comm.

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.

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAYS
8:30 a.m.—Traditional Worship
9:45 a.m.—Bible Studies (All Ages)
11:00 a.m.—Contemporary Worship
11:00 a.m.—KidsZone
(Lord's Supper - 4th Sunday monthly)

WEDNESDAYS
6:00 p.m.
AWANA
Youth Small Groups
Women's Bible Study
Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

Forerunner Frequency

Due to staffing changes, The Forerunner will now be going to just a monthly publication. It will still be available in the Connection Center and online at:
feefeebc.org/the-forerunner/

Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to ...**The family and friends** on the passing of **Carol Spink**, on December 24.

Now Hiring

Fee Fee Baptist Church is hiring for the following positions:

- Custodian

- Full-Time Admin Assistant

If you or someone you know is interested in either of these positions, contact the church office for more info at (314) 739-1525.

Mobile Market

Our partnership with the St. Louis Area Foodbank will continue into 2023 with more Mobile Markets. Upcoming dates are:

- January 9
- February 13
- March 13
- April 10

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!

Church Office Staff

Dr. Matt Easter, *INTERIM PASTOR*

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A Word From Our Prayer Warriors

Do you need

some ideas to direct your prayer time on those snowy and wintery days so typical of January? Find a comfortable chair, grab your favorite hot beverage, slip on a warm sweater, and have a Personal Prayer Retreat!

- Read a short book from the Bible: Mark, Ephesians, Philippians or 1 John. Talk to the Lord about what you are reading as you go. Share with Him what you feel when you read His words. Confess any sins He reveals. Let Him know what encourages, challenges, confuses, or stresses you as you hear His heart through this portion of Scripture.

- Play a worship CD and sing your worship to God.

- Pray some of the great prayers of all time. You might start with the Psalms or John 17. Use Google to look at Great Prayers or Famous Prayers. If you find you can't pray parts of the prayer, sincerely stop, and talk to God about it. Ask Him to search your heart, to show you why it's difficult for you to pray the part in question.

- Ask the Lord to refresh you spiritually and physically. Prayerfully select Scripture from the following: Ps 23:2-3, 62:1-5, 91:1, Prov. 11:25, Is 30:15, Mt 11:28-29, Acts 3:19, Heb 4:1-11. Sit and meditate on the verses, letting each word or phrase soak in. Ask God's Spirit to let you see and experience all He has for you from these Scriptures.

- Bring a specific burden to the Lord and ask Him for wisdom,

comfort, perspective, direction, correction, or help with it. Tell Him exactly how you feel, even if you feel angry, discouraged, confused, or skeptical. Invite Him to speak to you about your concern. Take time with this. Heart-to-heart conversations are not to be hurried.

- Spend time in intercession for those whom you have committed to pray. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to pray for them. He may lead you to intercede for their spiritual, mental, physical, emotional, or relational lives. Linger over the things God shows you to pray about and that seem especially significant.

- Ask God what He would like to talk to you about, and then just listen. Let Him pick the topic for a change. Write down what you believe He is saying so that you can reflect on it and respond to it.

- Make notes or journal about what was most significant or enjoyable about what you and God have shared together. Keep these notes to reflect upon in the future.¹

If you follow all or some of these steps, you will find that the prayer concerns we normally mention here have been included in your prayers.

Have a happy, prayerful, and blessed 2023.

Larry Condra
Prayer Warrior

¹Cynthia Bezek, "Ideas for Your Personal Prayer Retreat", *Pray!*, Jan/Feb 2007, p. 32.

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

We are off and running in the new year! What a great bunch of kids and families this church has allowed me to serve. Looking forward to this new year of endless possibilities!

Family Nerf Games – A fun night for ALL AGES, **January 27** at **6:30 p.m.** is right around the corner! Invite friends and neighbors. Bring your Nerf gun; we will supply foam bullets. Also bring a snack to share. We will provide water and popcorn.

Parents Night Out – Friday, February 17, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Only \$5 per child for the night! Pizza dinner will be provided. Watch for sign-ups in early February. Use this night to plan a date with your sweetheart!

VBS & Sports Camp is **July 17-21**. Put it on your calendar and look for registration info in the near future.

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

Big Chill – The Big Chill is returning on **January 13-14** from 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.!! Our annual all-nighter is full of fun, which includes 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 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/person** plus students need to bring a snack and drink to share! We hope to see you all there!

Family Nerf Games – We are so excited to bring back Family Nerf Games on **Friday, January 27** from **6:30-8:30 p.m.** This event is totally FREE, but you will need to bring your own Nerf equipment (we will supply the ammo). No need to sign up either, just bring your family, and invite some friends too! We hope to see you there!

Sunday Night Connection

This month’s connection is **Sunday, January 15** at **5:00 p.m.** We will have a **taco bar** and play board games and card games. The children can either join us in games or watch the movie *Encanto*. All of this will take place in the Dining Room. The church will supply the meat and tortillas and you will supply the toppings and dessert. You can sign up in the Connection Center and mark down what you’re bringing. Wear your best sombrero and come join in the fun and make some new connections!

Lottie Moon

Our Lottie Moon goal for 2022 was \$30,000. As of January 6, 2023, our giving amount total was \$26,815, bringing us up a little short of our goal for the year.

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Hymn of the Month – O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing - *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* was written by Charles Wesley in 1739 to commemorate the first anniversary of his conversion. The hymn was inspired by a remark from his friend, Peter Bohler: "If I had a thousand tongues, I would praise Christ with them all." Listen to the following arrangement of this beautiful hymn: <https://youtu.be/4umCYumsB0g>

Place Choir in Your Future!

- 1. Choir will give you an opportunity to serve.
- 2. You will help produce good congregational singing.
- 3. You will share the joy of the music.
- 4. Be part of diversity. We need all kinds of voices. It is God honoring for multi-cultural fellowship. The choir needs to reflect ALL ages working together.

Our choir needs laborers. Come and sing in our 8:30 a.m. service. When the choir exits - go have breakfast and return for Bible study and 11:00 a.m. worship. You will be blessed and more importantly you will be a blessing! Rehearsals are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings. Also, it would be possible to get score copies and rehearsal recordings. There is "a place in the choir" for you. Listen to the following:

2016 Tour Live - A Place in the Choir - Celtic Thunder - <https://youtu.be/FMulhmW4Y7Q>

Heart of Worship

Melissa Eberts, Worship Leader

I love the beginning of a new year! It brings with it a grace to renew promises to ourselves or even start new ones. At the kick off to any new year, there seems to be an abundance of new dreams, new opportunities, and the hope to accomplish something you never have before. Unfortunately, life gets busy. It’s hard to keep up with everything, and sometimes our new goals for ourselves somehow get lost or forgotten. If you have ever experienced this, like I do, I want to encourage you today!

Galatians chapter 6 talks about reaping what we sow. Looking a little deeper, Galatians 6:9 says, “Let us not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don’t give up.” James 1:2-4 says, “Consider it a great joy whenever you experience various trials, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance, and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.”

Friends, God wants us to persevere! He designed us to rely on Him and push through, even when it’s hard. I challenge you this year to go after the dreams God has given you. The ones that lay dormant. The ones you haven’t visited in a while. The life changing ideas you’ve been sitting on. And after a few weeks or months in when it gets challenging, push into God and lean on the Faithful One who gave you that idea in the first place. Remember, He is the author and finisher of our faith. I am praying and believing with you that the gifts He’s given you to bring forth His glory - WILL happen through you this year!

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

It’s a new year and a new beginning. I hope you have made a commitment to be “all in” serving the Lord this year. As always, the seniors have some fun activities planned for this year, plus a service project for the quarter. January will be filled with movies!

First, we are going to the Science Center OmniMax on **Thursday, January 12** at 10:00 a.m. We will watch the movie, ***Born to be Wild***. This is the true story of two individuals who have dedicated their lives to helping orphaned animals return to the wild. **Cost for seniors is \$9**. We will have lunch afterwards at Zia’s on the Hill with an opportunity to visit the Missouri Bakery. Remember, the bakery only takes cash so be prepared. Don’t forget to sign up in the Connection Center.

On **Monday, January 30**, we will be watching a movie in our Dining Room. Join us at 11:00 a.m. and have a lunch of sandwiches, chips and dessert for **\$7**. If it is available, we will watch the movie *I Heard the Bells*. The film tells the story of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and the tragic and inspirational events that led him to write the poem, “Christmas Bells,” which would later become the Christmas carol, *“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day.”* Sign up so that we can plan for lunch.

I pray that your New Year is off to a great start and that this will be a year of great spiritual growth for you and your family.

Bible Study Corner

Bible studies are back in full swing, and something is available for everyone. We have Bible Study for all ages on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. we have AWANA for our children; plus youth small groups, adult Bible Study in the Dining Room, and Women’s Bible study in the Fellowship Hall under the chapel. Let Gloria know if you need help finding a place to plug in.

Fee Fee Mailboxes

Don’t forget to pick up your Christmas cards from the Fee Fee Mailboxes!

