

Weekly Summary	01-08-23	01-15-23	01-22-23	01-29-23
Chi Alpha Wed.	30	23	18	26
AWANA	51	50	51	—
Sunday Bible Studies	172	161	156	157
<b>Worship Attendance:</b> 8:30AM	113	100	98	102
11:00AM	112	112	91	132
<b>Worship Totals</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>234</b>
Offering	\$6,560.00	\$9,052.70	410,238.00	\$5,462.50
E-Giving (12/24 - 1/25)	\$31,436.80			

Ministry Opportunities

**Wednesday, February 1**  
9:00 a.m. [FB](#) Bible Plan Discussion  
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)  
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Practice  
7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee  
**Thursday, February 2**  
10:00 a.m. Bob Foster’s Small Group (Café)  
1:00 p.m. PT Game Time (B3)  
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)  
**Friday, February 3**  
**Saturday, February 4**  
**Sunday, February 5**  
8:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors Pre-Service Prayer  
3:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (217)  
5:00 p.m. Deacons’ Meeting  
**Monday, February 6**  
6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Comm.  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice  
7:15 p.m. Properties Comm.  
**Tuesday, February 7**  
7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study (B3 - Bramstedt)  
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)  
7:00 p.m. Volleyball - Open Gym  
**Wednesday, February 8**  
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, February 9**  
10:00 a.m. Prime Time Mission Proj. & Chili (DR)  
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)  
**Friday, February 10**  
5:00 p.m. Super Start (Kids’ Overnight Event)  
**Saturday, February 11**  
12:00 a.m. Super Start (Kids’ Overnight Event)  
8:30 a.m. International Pantry  
**Sunday, February 12**  
3:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (217)  
5:00 p.m. Sunday Night Connection  
**Monday, February 13**  
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  
**Tuesday, February 14**  
7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study (B3 - Bramstedt)  
11:45 a.m. May Clermont WOM  
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)  
7:00 p.m. Volleyball - Open Gym  
**Wednesday, February 15**  
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 Committee  
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Practice  
7:30 p.m. Strategic Planning Comm  
**Thursday, February 16**  
10:00 a.m. Bob Foster’s Small Group (Café)

1:00 p.m. PT Game Time (B3)  
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)  
**Friday, February 17**  
5:00 p.m. Parents’ Night Out  
**Saturday, February 18**  
**Sunday, February 19**  
12:15 p.m. Children’s Committee  
3:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (217)  
**Monday, February 20**  
9:15 a.m. Wagner/Sherer WOM  
6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Comm.  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice  
**Tuesday, February 21**  
7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study (B3 - Bramstedt)  
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  
**Wednesday, February 22**  
9:00 a.m. [FB](#) Bible Plan Discussion  
10:00 a.m. Prime Time Holocaust Museum & Lunch  
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)  
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Practice  
**Thursday, February 23**  
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)  
**Friday, February 24**  
**Saturday, February 25**  
**Sunday, February 26 - Tom & Lela Warner Memorial Short-Term Missions Fund Offering**  
3:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (217)  
**Monday, February 27**  
6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Comm.  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice  
**Tuesday, February 28**  
7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study (B3 - Bramstedt)  
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)  
7:00 p.m. Volleyball - Open Gym  
**Wednesday, March 1**  
9:00 a.m. [FB](#) Bible Plan Discussion  
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)  
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Practice  
7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee  
**Thursday, March 2**  
10:00 a.m. Bob Foster’s Small Group (Café)  
1:00 p.m. PT Game Time (B3)  
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)  
**Friday, March 3**  
**Saturday, March 4**  
**Sunday, March 5**  
8:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors Pre-Service Prayer  
3:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (217)  
5:00 p.m. Deacons’ Meeting  
**Monday, March 6**  
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.

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 is going to a monthly publication beginning in March. It will be printed at the end of each month and will contain the next full month’s calendar and ministry opportunities. It will still be available in the Connection Center and online.

Offering Envelopes

Due to supply chain issues, you will not receive your offering envelopes in the mail for February. Delivery will resume in March.

Mobile Market

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

- February 13
- March 13
- April 10
- May 8

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.

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*BUILD & PURSUE*

A Word From Interim Pastor, Matt Easter

I grew up in St. Louis, so baseball has been part of the rhythm of my life for as long as I can remember. (Pitchers and catchers report in a week; spring training is nearly upon us!) When I played army men as a child, the bad guys weren’t the late Cold War Russians, but the Pond Scum Mets. I know the same is true for many of you.

I’ve tried explaining this to people outside St. Louis, but they don’t quite understand how we find a piece of our identity in every Gibson strikeout, Ozzie diving play, Brock stolen base, or Yadi put out. This is why when we St. Louisans talk baseball, we use first person plural pronouns: “we” need to win this one; I can’t believe Goldschmidt plays for “us”; Waino is pitching for “us” tonight; “we” just signed Willson Contreras. We would never say “they,” because the Cardinals aren’t “they.” I have never played for the Cardinals, but in a strange yet very real way, the Cardinals are “us.”

Our city’s identification with the Cardinals illustrates how we are to view the body of Christ. Other Christians are not “they” and “them,” but “we” and “us.” This reaches infinitely deeper than baseball, but perhaps our baseball fandom can show us a way out of the individualism that plagues our western culture.

The books of the New Testament were usually written to groups, not individuals. Still, many of us read the Bible individualistically. I’ll give one example.

A Christian song proclaims, “Greater

is He that is in me, than He that is in the world!” While it is true the Holy Spirit is greater than any force outside of us, this song is reading 1 John 4:4 incorrectly. First John 4:4 reads, “*You are from God, little children, and you have conquered them, because greater is the one who is in you than the one who is in the world.*”

The “you” here is a plural pronoun. “You” is “y’all”: “greater is the one who is in y’all.” Throughout 1 John, the author depicts his community as one within which truth is proclaimed. His community is light; darkness is outside the community.

Carrying that idea through to 1 John 4:4, we see that the one (God) who is in the community of light (y’all) is greater than those outside who are in the darkness. We are dealing with two radically different communities, not an individual person wading through the dark world. Greater is the one who is in the community of light than the one who is in the dark world.

“I,” “me,” and “my” are transformed by the power of the Gospel into “we,” “us,” and “ours.” In Christ, we are no longer disconnected individuals. We are a family! Other Christians are not “they.” Other Christians are “us.” If we can call the Cardinals “us,” how much more should I call my sisters and brothers in Christ “us”?! Thanks be to God for the family he’s making us into. And let’s go Cardinals.

Matt Easter  
Interim Pastor

## Family Front

*Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries*

Family Nerf Games night was a blast! You will certainly want to join us next time! It's a great event to invite unchurch family members and friends.

**Parents Night Out, Friday, Feb. 17, 5-9pm.** \$5 per child for the night. Pizza supper will be available. If your child cannot eat pizza, please send something else with them. After supper the K-5th graders and workers will go swimming at the Bridgeton Community Center. Be sure to send swim attire and a towel with your child. If you would like your preschooler to swim, a parent will need to attend. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, Feb. 12. Signup sheets are out. Plan a date with your sweetheart!

For your calendar: **VBS and Sports camp is July 17-21, 2023.** STELLAR VBS is 9am -12noon; Basketball Camp is 1-4pm. Put it on your calendar and look for registration forms online at a later date. I'm looking for VBS leadership for opening and closing sessions, station leaders, crew leaders. There will be a few volunteers needed for sports camp as well. If you want to serve, see me. There is something for everyone to do!

Would you be willing to care for our sweet preschoolers during early service? We need you! Please see me if you could care for these sweet little ones just one Sunday morning a month. Thank you!

## Chi Alpha News

*Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries*

### D-NOW IS HERE!!!

Sign ups for D-NOW 2023 have officially begun! We are so excited to announce that our annual D-NOW weekend is coming back the weekend of **March 10-12**. This year, our theme is "Community", and our students will be encourages to move through life together as believers, all while enjoying amazing worship, a guest speaker, playing fun games, and forming friendships that last a lifetime.

The total cost for this weekend is \$40. To sign up, you need to fill out you registration form and turn in a \$10 deposit. Forms can be found in the Rafters, the Connection Center or online at [dnow.feefeebc.org](http://dnow.feefeebc.org). The best part about this weekend is that guests are completely FREE! So invite your friends to this weekend, and lets see how God moves in the lives of our students!

## Sunday Night Connection

If you haven't joined us yet for a Sunday night connection, consider coming on **February 12**. We do our connections on the second Sunday of the month. We didn't realize it at first but that just happens to be Super Bowl. What a great opportunity to join with your friends to watch the game on the big screen in the dining room. Not interested in the game? Bring some games and play with some new friends. We will have a pancake bar. You can bring your favorite topping. You can also bring a 2 liter bottle of your favorite soda or a snack to share and we will provide popcorn for the game. A sign up sheet is in the connection center.

## Lottie Moon

Our Lottie Moon goal for 2022 was \$30,000. As of January 31, 2023, our giving amount total was \$27,519.65, bringing us a little short of our goal for the year.

## 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.

## Music Musings

*Ronna Paden, Director of Music*

**Hymn of the Month – *For the Beauty of the Earth*** - This hymn was written by hymn-writer, poet and teacher Folliet Sandford Pierpont when he was 29 years old. He was inspired to write this well-known hymn while looking out on the beautiful countryside that surrounded his home.

The hymn was published in a book of hymns to be used for observing Communion. That is why the chorus repeats the lyric "sacrifice of praise" as it is a remembrance of Christ's sacrifice for us on the cross.

May we continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise by openly profession His name. This is a sacrifice of praise to Christ who sacrificed Himself for us all.

This hymn looks at God's creation along with all the joys He has given us. It thanks God for the gift of Himself sending Jesus from Heaven to earth

### Psalms

We are reminded through our daily readings that many wonderful musical arrangements have been taken from the Psalms.

In our reading plan we recently read Psalm 51. In this Psalm, beginning with verse 10 and continuing through verse 13, many settings of these verses have been written and sung.

Here is a special arrangement by Priscilla Findley. Enjoy and be inspired. *Donnie McClurkin: Create in Me a Clean Heart (Cover by Priscilla Findlay)* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qwDd-VtIY8>

## Heart of Worship

*Melissa Eberts, Worship Leader*

Today I would like to talk about having a heart of worship towards God by doing what He asks us to do. It's the concept of being a "doer" of the Bible and not just a "hearer".

1 Peter 1:22-25 says, *"Be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only, deceiving yourselves. Because if anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like someone looking at his own face in a mirror. For he looks at himself, goes away, and immediately forges what kind of person he was. But the one who looks intently into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer who works – this person will be blessed in what he does."*

It's important that we do what God asks us to do. I know that sounds basic, but it truly is a heart issue and can be a difficult choice sometimes. Are we surrendering ourselves to His plan or wanting to do things our own way? Ultimately, we can show by our actions that we either believe God knows better – or we do.

In Luke 6, Jesus is talking and He says, *"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord', and don't do the things I say?"*. He continues to explain what that is like – Jesus was always great at telling parables! He said it's like a man who built his house without a foundation. When the river crashed against it, it collapsed. *"And the destruction of that house was great."*

Why is it so important that we do what the Word says? Because God knows if we build our lives on Him – when hard times come, our faith in Him will bring us through! We can remember His words and appropriate them to our situations. If we build our lives on the foundation of Christ – the world around us might shake, but we will not be shaken because our hope is in Him.

I want to encourage us to read the Word and make it a practice of doing what it says. Let's not pick and choose the things we want to believe and do, but take God – the Faithful One – at His Word. Our God never disappoints! Allow your heart of worship to serve Him through your actions today!

## Prime Time

*Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study*

It's February and we are heading for spring. I'm sure that makes most of you happy. Personally, I'm still waiting for the big snow they ALWAYS promise but never deliver. When I retire from Fee Fee, I think I will try weather forecasting in STL. Doesn't seem that hard!

**February 9th is our mission project for this quarter.** We will be making valentine cards for the residents of a local nursing home and for our homebound. I hope you will join us for chili and dessert at 11 and a fun time of crafting. Cost of lunch is \$7. If you want to bring some candy or little gifts to go with the cards, that would be great. I hope you will plan to attend.

**On Wednesday, February 22 at 10:00 am,** we will go to the newly expanded Holocaust Museum. The cost of admission is \$10 and we will have lunch at Grazzi's after. This restaurant has pizza, pasta, sandwiches and fabulous salad. It's off of Lindbergh, hidden behind the Shack. I think you will love it.

The Holocaust Museum has recently been renovated. It was a 2 year, \$19.8 million dollar project. Before the renovation, the museum would completely change and shake you. Now, not only will you explore the history of the holocaust, but you can also do a 15 minute lab where you will work through a spiral of hate to explain how stereotyping leads to prejudice, then discrimination, then violence and, ultimately, genocide.

So that wraps up February for us. Great things are planned for March and just as a heads up, mark your calendars for our **Prime Time Banquet on Saturday, May 13**. Our 50's, 60's and 70's singers are already practicing.

## Bible Study Corner

We have classes for everyone on Sunday mornings at 9:45 and on Wednesday nights at 6. Hope you will get plugged in.

Bible study fulfills a part of our mission statement that says we will build our lives on Jesus. It also needs to fulfill the second part that says we will pursue the good of our community. **Every Bible study group should be on mission too.** Hopefully your group finds a service they can do for the community but if you don't, each class will be given the opportunity to serve a meal at Loaves and Fishes starting in April.

## Inclement Weather Cancellation Policy

Fee Fee Baptist Church will cancel services, Bible studies and activities when it is deemed necessary for the safety of church members driving to and from church as well as walking and moving around the church properties itself. The church will no longer mirror Pattonville School District's cancellation policy as they have changed their procedures in calling for cancellations and Virtual Learning Days.

We will take many criteria into formulating a decision on cancellations. The following may be some but not all the criteria involved in making the decision to cancel church activities.

- Condition of our parking lot and sidewalks (Will we need to have the lot plowed and salted, and can it be done in time for events?)
- Road conditions in Bridgeton and other areas where Members and Staff live.
- Is weather moving in or will it be clear during the times of events?
- Has Pattonville closed or moved to virtual learning days?

On days Fee Fee is not cancelled, but inclement weather is happening, it is the sole discretion of the bus drivers if they feel comfortable picking up church goers. All cancellations will be conveyed through TV stations Channels 2, 4, and 5. It will be posted on our website, social media and notifications will be sent out through our app.