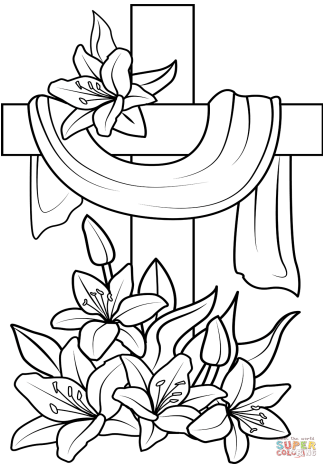


Weekly Summary	02-19-23	02-26-23	03-05-23
Chi Alpha Wednesday	13	20	19
AWANA	58	59	59
Sunday Bible Studies	176	179	164
Worship Attendance: 8:30AM	103	117	124
11:00AM	141	119	119
Worship Totals	244	236	243
Offering	\$7,201.72	\$8,213.00	\$13,290.89
E-Giving (Monthly Total)	\$19,549.94	\$4,714.71	\$12,371.71

Ministry Opportunities

**Monday, April 3**  
6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Committee  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice  
7:15 p.m. Properties Committee  
**Tuesday, April 4**  
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, April 5**  
9:00 a.m. FB Bible Plan Discussion  
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)  
6:00 p.m. AWANA  
6:00 p.m. Bible Studies  
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Practice  
7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee  
**Thursday, April 6**  
10:00 a.m. Bob Foster Small Group  
9:00 a.m. Prime Time Game Time  
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)  
**Friday, April 7 - Good Friday—Office Closed**  
**Sunday, April 8 - EASTER**  
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:45 a.m. Breakfast (Gym)  
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
11:00 a.m. Kids Zone  
**Monday, April 10**  
10:00 a.m. Mobile Market  
6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Committee  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice  
**Tuesday, April 11**  
7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study (B3- Bramstedt)  
11:30 a.m. May Clermont WOM (FH)  
2:00 p.m. Prime Time Council (B1)  
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)  
7:00 p.m. Volleyball - Open Gym  
**Wednesday, April 12**  
9:00 a.m. FB Bible Plan Discussion  
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)  
6:00 p.m. AWANA  
6:00 p.m. Bible Studies  
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Practice  
7:30 p.m. Personnel Committee  
**Thursday, April 13**  
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)  
**Monday, April 17**  
9:15 a.m. Wagner/Sherer WOM (FH)  
6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Committee  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice  
**Tuesday, April 18**  
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, April 19**  
9:00 a.m. FB Bible Plan Discussion  
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)  
5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner (DR)  
6:00 p.m. AWANA  
6:00 p.m. Bible Studies  
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Practice  
**Thursday, April 20**  
10:00 a.m. Bob Foster Small Group  
9:00 a.m. Prime Time Game Time  
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)  
**Saturday, April 22**  
8:30 a.m. International Food Pantry  
3:00 p.m. ChurchNet Celebration (DR)  
**Monday, April 24**  
6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Committee  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice  
**Tuesday, April 25**  
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, April 26**  
9:00 a.m. FB Bible Plan Discussion  
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)  
6:00 p.m. AWANA  
6:00 p.m. Bible Studies  
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Practice  
**Thursday, April 27**  
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)  
**Monday, May 1**  
1:30 p.m. History Committee  
6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Committee  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice  
7:15 p.m. Properties Committee



**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. — Kids Zone  
*(Lord’s Supper - 4th Sunday monthly)*

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

Mobile Market

Fee Fee Baptist Church continues to partner with the St. Louis Area Foodbank to provide Mobile Markets on the second Monday of the month.

Upcoming dates are:

- April 10
- May 8
- June 12

Anyone is welcome to come get groceries on these dates 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!

Help Needed for International Food Pantry

Fee Fee Baptist Church joins with other churches to provide a food pantry for people from other countries who live in the St. Louis area. This primarily reaches people in the local Bosnian community, but people from other ethnic groups are welcome to participate.

We need you to help with this effort either through volunteering or by providing funds and/or food items for the pantry. There is a collection bin in the Connection Center for food items. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office.

Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to  
**Fran, Amy and Chris Portell** on the passing of Dale Portell on March 8.

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

Only in John’s gospel do we meet the risen Jesus at the tomb (John 20:1-18). In the other three gospels, the women meet an angel or two, but in John we hear the voice of Jesus Himself.

On the Sunday after Jesus was killed, Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the Beloved Disciple go to Jesus’ tomb together and find it empty. The men run off to figure things out while Mary sticks around weeping. She is broken and confused. The Powers had already killed her Lord, and now she believes they have stolen His dead body.

I can imagine what must have been going through her mind, perhaps: “Didn’t He tell us that He was the vine and we were the branches, and if we remained in Him that He’d stick with us? Where is He now? He told us that we can’t bear good fruit apart from Him. What am I supposed to do now?”

Feeling abandoned and confused, she wisely decides to stay in the place she expected to find her Messiah. Then, Mary turns around to find someone standing behind her. She doesn’t recognize Him, but she’s looking into the face of her risen Lord. Jesus lets Mary squirm in this confusion for a time. Thinking that he is the gardener, she asks if he moved the body of Jesus.

Then, the voice of Jesus breaks in and opens Mary’s eyes with one word: “Mary.” There’s no dramatic fanfare: no earthquakes, no spontaneous prophecies, no miracles. There’s only a word: “Mary.” She suddenly sees with new eyes, and giving him a bear hug, she cries out, “Rabboni!” (“Teacher!”)

Perhaps you can relate to Mary’s situation. Most of us have gone through periods in the Christian journey where we feel abandoned, where God hasn’t shown up like we expected: “I lost my job and have bills to pay;” or “I’m in a new place where no one knows me;” or “I raised my son in the faith, but now he hates the church.” Or maybe it’s a spiritual dryness: “I’m lost but I just can’t pray;” or “Scripture means nothing to me anymore;” or “I have no desire to be around Christians – they just make me feel bad.”

In these moments, let’s be like Mary and return to the places where the Lord has worked before: run to Scripture, pray fervently, step vulnerably into Christian fellowship. We may feel like our prayers aren’t working, but we keep praying, hoping to meet the Lord there once again.

Sometimes we live in this period of confusion and distance for a time. But don’t lose hope. Jesus is with you, just as He was with Mary. Jesus is ready to speak that perfect word into your situation in His best timing. Then, when Jesus dramatically breaks into your situation and pours a bucket of icy water onto your parched soul with that perfect personal word, you, like Mary, can go share the good news of what this risen Lord is doing.

Blessings,  
Pastor Matt

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Spring is in the air, that means Easter is right around the corner. I am looking forward to celebrating with you!

These are exciting days in children’s ministry. I am teaching the “I’m a Christian Now” curriculum to five of our children (and their parents). We will get to enjoy more baptisms next month! It’s exciting to know that our children’s workers have had part in children coming to know the Lord. If you want to be part of this tremendous ministry, see me.

For your calendar: **VBS and Sports camp** is July 17-21, 2023. **STELLAR VBS** is 9 a.m. -12 noon; Basketball Camp is 1-4 p.m. 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 and 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! If you have crafty hands, work days are scheduled on the first three Saturdays in May at another church. More details to come. A few things we are collecting for VBS to help with decor: **empty** Cheese Ball and animal cracker containers (the huge empty plastic container – like Costco size); 2-liter soda bottles – empty – prefer the green, but we can use clear as well. Thanks for your donations of time and stuff!

For the sports camp I may need host homes to house the college students leading the basketball camp. We will also need meals for these Sport Crusaders for the week. Talk to me if you could open your home to a student or two. If your Sunday School class could help with gift cards or money to help the students with meals, see me. Thank you for your support!

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!

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

THE PSALMS

As we are currently reading through Psalms in our daily reading plan, it is obvious that the Psalms were meant to be sung.

In reading the texts of many of the Psalms it is clear that many are the basis for hymns and worship songs we regularly sing.

Psalm 95 is very meaningful to me because I conducted Psalm 95, op. 46 (a five movement work) by Felix Mendelssohn as partial requirement for my Masters in Conducting.

Please listen to the first movement from this work as performed by Holy Childhood Holy Cantorum.

[O Come. Let Us Worship \(from Psalm 95\) by Felix Mendelssohn - YouTube](#)

As a contrast listen to the following Psalm setting by Sons of Korah.

[Psalm 95 - Sons of Korah - YouTube](#)

These settings are very different, but very beautiful!

Thanks for listening. @feefeebc.org.

**Remember Easter is on Sunday, April 9th, we will be having a Easter service at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. There will be a breakfast between the services. Also don’t forget the Easter egg hunt is on Sunday, April 16th at 5:00 p.m. Invite your family and friends**



Heart of Worship

Melissa Eberts, Worship Leader

Today, we’re going to look at worshipping the Lord by magnifying Him and His Word.

What does the word “magnify” mean when it comes to the Lord? To magnify the Lord means to recognize and speak of His greatness. Psalm 34:1, 3 says, “I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.” Psalm 69:30 says, “I will praise the name of God with a song. I will magnify Him with thanksgiving.”

There are many Psalms that speak of magnifying the Lord and His greatness! Let’s also take a look in the New Testament in the book of Luke, where Mary, the mother of Jesus, magnifies the Lord through her prayer. You can read the entire prayer yourself in Luke 1:46-55, but I wanted to highlight a portion here:

Mary says, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” She goes on to speak of His greatness and how the Mighty One has done great things for her.

Friends, that’s how we are instructed to speak about our God! He is so great and so mighty! He is SO deserving of our praise! When we choose to speak of His magnitude, our problems here on earth seem to fade in comparison. This makes me think of a song called, “Be Magnified”. Here are a few of the lyrics:

I have made You too small in my eyes  
Oh Lord, forgive me;  
I have believed in a lie  
That You were unable to help me  
But now, oh Lord, I see my wrong  
Heal my heart and show Yourself strong  
And in my eyes and with my song  
Oh, Lord, be magnified!

**Church, be encouraged today! Let’s put into practice what we’ve learned. I think it’s fitting to close with Psalm 34 and say, “Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.”**

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

There are an estimated 281 million lost people in the United States, Canada and the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa. The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has more than 2,400 missionaries who work to advance the Gospel in these areas.

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is the primary way Southern Baptists fund these mission efforts. The offering is named for Annie Armstrong, a bold missions advocate and the Women’s Missionary Union’s first national executive leader. One hundred percent of gifts to this offering is used to train and resource missionaries in church planting, compassion ministries and creating evangelism resources.

We will be receiving this offering every Sunday through Easter, but there will be a special “in-gathering” on Sunday, April 2. This is an opportunity to display a unified commitment to this offering. Our goal is \$16,000.

Bible Study Corner

We have Bible studies for all ages on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am. If you don’t know where you should go, ask Gloria and she will hook you up.

There are also Wednesday night Bible studies at 6 pm, small groups and T-groups. Please contact Gloria or our website for more information @feefeebc.org.

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

The Senior Adult Council has planned an exciting Spring for you. Mark these dates on your calendar and join us.

Wednesday, April 12 at 10:00 a.m., we will go to the City Foundry. You can try your hand at mini golf at the Putt Shack (\$14) or just explore. There are lots of restaurants to choose from and shopping too! Rather than trying to keep you together, we will have a start and end time on that day. Hope you will join us for St. Louis’s newest indoor place to be!

On Thursday, April 27, we will travel to the DeMoulin Museum in Greenville, Ill with lunch at the Blue Springs Café, home of mile high pie! The museum is famous for its large and rare collection of DeMoulin lodge initiation devices. Visitors can enjoy a hands-on experience with the electric branding iron, a bucking goat and a spanking machine. This museum also features a variety of band uniforms, lodge regalia and other outfits crafted by the DeMoulin embroidery department.

Other events this quarter include:

Saturday, May 13, 6:00pm	Prime Time Banquet (food and fun!)
Wed-Sat, May24-26, 8:00am	Creation Museum and Noah’s Ark
Wednesday, June 7, 10:00am	Holocaust Museum/ Grassi’s for lunch
Thursday, June 22, 10:00am	Historic homes in St Genevieve and Brickhouse Restaurant for lunch

Coming this year in July – December:

Augusta Sightseeing Boat Tour  
Lincoln Library in Springfield, IL  
Grant’s Farm  
Branson/Silver Dollar City Christmas

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

THANK YOU CHURCH!

DNOW has officially wrapped up for this year, and I could not be more pleased with how the event went. This year, we hosted 35 students from 2 churches, along with a good number of friends who joined, some for the very first time. We enjoyed great worship from some of my closest friends from my days at MBU, and Pastor Matt did a phenomenal job in bringing the messages all weekend long.

Our Small Group Leaders dove right in with the students and connected quickly with them. Our tech team went above and beyond to make our worship look and sound great. Our volunteers selflessly gave up their busy time to be here, serve and help keep me sane. So, all I can say is thank you.

There are probably too many names to type out in this short little article, but I specifically want to say “thank you to you church.” Thank you for your prayers, financial support, and general support throughout the last month as we planned and executed what is probably my all-time favorite, DNOW weekend. Without you, events like these are not possible. I am so looking forward to building off this weekend with these students, and seeing how the Lord will work in their lives.

Let us continue to pray for a unified student ministry and church body!

Sunday Night Connection

Since our normal Sunday night is Easter, we are moving the date to the Sunday night after Easter, April 16 at 5 pm. We will be having an Easter Egg hunt for the kids and firepits and hot dogs. Invite your friends and neighbors to this fun night of fellowship. Don’t forget your lawn chair!