

Weekly Summary	7-29-18	8-5-18
Sunday Bible Study Attendance	225	247
Small Group Attendance	11	
Total Bible Study Attendance	236	247
Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM	192	193
11:00 AM	80	118
Concert Series: 6:00 PM	185	—
Additions	2	-
Offering	\$10,835.85	\$21,790.54
E-Giving (6/26-7/25)	\$18,401.00	

Backpack Ministry

We will resume our third year of Backpack Ministry as school begins this week in Pattonville. In the past two years, you have provided approximately 15,000 meals for kids with food insufficiency. We do have some food left over from this spring but are in need of the following items:

- peanut butter
- tuna
- canned chicken
- snack crackers
- chicken noodle soup
- Rice a Roni



Thank you for your support of this vital ministry.

A Word From Andrew

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5:00 p.m. This class will be exploring the books of 1st and 2nd Samuel.

These are some great Bible studies starting up this fall to help you know Christ better. Which one will you be a part of?

Andrew Yakel  
Interim Associate Pastor

Wednesday Nights

- Wednesday night activities will be starting back on September 5. Activities starting back will include:
- Church Dinner - 5:00pm
  - Bible Study - 6:00pm
  - Youth Small Groups - 6:00pm
  - WOW Bible Study - 6:15pm
  - Awana - 6:15pm

Welcome, New Member

On Sunday, August 5—  
Baptized:

- Alaina Bottini

Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to  
...**Bob & Jean Nowlin** in the death of their great-granddaughter, **Myla Elizabeth Stogner**, on July 28.  
...**Bob (Sharon) House** in the death of his brother, **Joe House**, on August 8.  
...**Janet Wiley** in the death of her cousin, **Mike DiDomenico** of New Orleans, on August 5.

Ministry Opportunities	Church Office Staff
<p><b>Sunday, August 19</b> 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 10:45 a.m. KidsZone 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship</p> <p><b>Monday, August 20</b> 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 9:30 a.m. Sewing Group 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Pick-Up Basketball</p> <p><b>Tuesday, August 21</b> 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 11:30 a.m. May Clermont WOM 2:00 p.m. Prime Time Council 3:00 p.m. Loaves &amp; Fishes Ministry 5:30 p.m. Fitness Walking Class</p> <p><b>Wednesday, August 22</b> 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study Youth Small Groups 7:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Thursday, August 23</b> 11:30 a.m. Prime Time Movie &amp; Lunch 5:30 p.m. Fitness Walking Class 6:30 p.m. Pastor Search Committee</p> <p><b>Friday, August 24</b> 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 8:00 p.m. All-Church Swim Night</p> <p><b>Saturday, August 25</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, August 26</b> 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - The Lord's Supper 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship</p> <p><b>Monday, August 27</b> 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Pick-Up Basketball</p> <p><b>Tuesday, August 28</b> 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels 9:00 a.m. Spirit Lifters 5:30 p.m. Fitness Walking Class 6:30 p.m. Pastor Search Committee</p> <p><b>Wednesday, August 29</b> 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study Youth Small Groups 7:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Thursday, August 30</b> 5:30 p.m. Fitness Walking Class</p> <p><b>Friday, August 31</b> 9:00 a.m. Gym Walking</p> <p><b>Saturday, September 1</b></p>	<p>INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR ..... .....Rev. Andrew Yakel DIRECTOR OF SENIOR ADULT &amp; BIBLE STUDY ..... .....Ms. Gloria Fox DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN &amp; FAMILY MINISTRIES ..... .....Mrs. Kathy Scott DIRECTOR OF MUSIC..... .....Mrs. Ronna Paden PRAISE AND WORSHIP LEADER &amp; INTERIM YOUTH DIRECTOR..... .....Ms. Sarah Turner PASTOR'S/MUSIC SECRETARY ..... .....Janet Wiley FINANCIAL OFFICER..... .....Steve Middendorf RECEPTIONIST/EDUCATION SECRETARY ..... ..... .....Ruth Thoma OFFICE ASSISTANT / IT ADMINISTRATOR ..... ..... .....Vance Stewart</p> <p>OFFICE ♦ (314) 739-1525 FAX ♦ (314) 739-1302 www.feefeebc.org</p> <p>THE FORERUNNER is published Bi-weekly, by <b>FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 11330 St. Charles Rock Road Bridgeton, MO 63044-2792</p> <p>Periodicals Postage rates paid at Hazelwood, MO 63042-9998</p> <p>USPS 016957 POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: <b>THE FORERUNNER</b> Fee Fee Baptist Church 11330 St. Charles Rock Road Bridgeton, MO 63044-2792</p>

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To know Christ and make Him known

A Word From Andrew

Throughout the Bible we see God calling people to move. Sometimes He calls them to move in big ways. Sometimes He calls them to move in difficult ways. Sometimes He calls them to move in simple, everyday ways. The Bible is also full of amazing stories of people saying “yes” to God and moving with Him as they accomplish incredible things for His kingdom. My question for you is, “What is God calling you to say yes to?”

Fee Fee, I believe God is calling us to say yes to something. Our trip to the Dominican Republic was amazing! God did incredible things and opened our hearts to fall in love with the people of the Dominican. It was an encouraging trip but also a heartbreaking trip. It was heart breaking because of the great needs in that community. I asked their pastor, Andres, what is their community’s greatest need. He quickly answered, “clean water”. They do not have plumbing or a sewer system. To get water they either have to buy bottles, which most of the community cannot afford, or they have to dig a well and get water from the ground. But because they do not have a sewer system the water from the ground can make them sick. Many people in the town are sick because of drinking the water. In order to fix this problem they would need a pump with filtration equipment. Fee Fee, I believe we can provide this need. We can raise the funds to get them the needed equipment. We could forever change this

village by providing them access to clean water. We are in the process of researching what it would take for this to be accomplished. As we get more info, we will pass it along to you. But church, I believe this is an opportunity that God is calling us to and I want us to step up and say, “Yes!”

Our final swim night is Friday, August 24, from 8:00-10:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person with a \$20 max per family. All guests are free so invite your friends and neighbors to come and have fun swimming under the stars.

Summer is coming to a close which means our fall activities will be starting back! We have great Bible studies for all ages to help you grow in your faith. On September 5 our Wednesday night activities return. The schedule for Wednesday nights is:

- 5:00 p.m. – Dinner (make reservations to the church office by Tuesday at noon)
- 6:00 p.m. – Adult Bible study and Youth Small Groups
- 6:15 p.m. – AWANAs for kids, Men’s and Women’s Bible studies

On Tuesday, September 4, our English as a Second Language (ESL) classes start for the year. For anyone whose primary language isn’t English but they would like to learn it, they may attend our free ESL classes every Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Then on Sunday nights starting September 9 all are welcome to attend our in-depth Precepts Bible Study at

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## Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study  
Don't forget to sign up for lunch and a movie on August 23. We will have sub sandwiches at 11:30 a.m., followed by the movie, *I Can Only* Imagine, in the Rafters. This is the 3rd floor and an elevator is available by the handicap door. Cost is \$5 for lunch.

Fall is creeping up on us and we have some exciting things planned. Our first outing will be on September 6 to Jefferson Barracks Old Ordnance Room for the second half of our tour of the WWI Exhibit. The first part was entitled *Over Here*, as we looked at how the United States became involved. The second part is *Over There* and centers on our actual involvement in WWI. Our tour guide is very charismatic and makes this history come alive. Lunch will follow at Café Telegraph. The bus will leave church at 9:30 a.m.

In September we will travel to Mastodon State Park and The Blue Owl Restaurant. Also, mark your calendars for a two-hour bus/walking tour of historic Bellefontaine Cemetery with two guides on October 11, and a trip on the Golden Eagle Ferry with lunch at Pere Marquette later in the month. You won't want to miss these trips. Be sure to invite some friends!

## Bible Study Corner

We have a place for everyone in Bible Study. Have you found yours? Traditional classes are offered on Sunday morning at 9:45, including age grouped and topical studies.

New topical studies are in the process of being determined, but I am happy to announce that we will be offering **The Daniel Plan: 40 Days to a Healthier Life**, on Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. starting September 9. You won't want to miss this opportunity to learn how abundance, not deprivation, is both transformational and sustainable.

Both Women's and Men's Bible Studies will resume on Wednesday, September 5, at 6:15 p.m. The men will be studying *Winning at Work and Home* and the women's study will be announced soon.

Precepts will resume on Sunday nights from 5:00-6:30 p.m. We will be studying the books of 1 and 2 Samuel. This class is for all adults – ages 18+ and is for both men and women.

I would personally like to challenge every person to get involved in a T- group (Transformation Group). Why be satisfied with a tweak in your spiritual relationship when you can be transformed? Find a couple of friends or approach someone you don't know very well but respect greatly, and ask them to join you. I will get you the materials to start your group. You will never regret it.

## Pastor Search Committee Report

As reported in the services on Sunday, August 12, the Pastor Search Committee has continued to meet regularly to select a candidate for our Senior Pastor. We began with 127 resumes and have examined a great deal of information to reduce the number of candidates to a few. We feel that God has not led us to a specific person yet. We are at a critical point, and ask for your prayers as we seek to identify the person God wants us to select. We will be talking to the candidates and hearing them preach. Ask God to give us wisdom and guidance in making a final selection.

## Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

### Benefit of Music Lessons for Kids

As the beginning of school is upon us, many of your kids may be presented an opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument. You may have heard that playing an instrument is thought to boost grades and develop other skills.

Here are some things to consider:

#### Building Confidence:

With this benefit comes learning to accept criticism and overcoming challenges. These are building blocks for building self-confidence in all areas of life.

#### Bolstering Brain Power:

Studying music stimulates parts of the brain linked to math and cognitive skills.

#### Boosting Social Skills:

Playing an instrument or singing creates opportunity to become involved in orchestra, band or choir, where common goals with peers are met.

#### Cultivating Patience and Discipline:

Learning an instrument can teach the value of patience and perseverance. Discipline of practice and focused attention are required.

#### Encouraging Creative Self-expression:

Creative expression is a good stress reliever and beneficial to mental health.

#### Improving Memory:

Research has shown that listening to and playing music can stimulate brain development and improve memory. Learning musical symbols and reading music increases short and long term memory.

You may have noticed that from time to time some of our kids who have been studying music are given opportunities to play for worship. We want to extend opportunities to our kids who choose to praise and serve with their gifts of music.

Ephesians 5:19 - *Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart.*

In this verse Paul is telling us to actually talk to each other by saying things found in psalms and music. He is also saying we should be singing and making melody to the Lord constantly in our hearts. Can you imagine a wonderful and peaceful world if everyone would do this!

## Chi Alpha News

Sarah Turner, Praise & Worship Leader & Interim Youth Director

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

Our Sunday morning study, continues with, a multi book series called “The Discipleship Path”. All 7th-12th graders are welcome to join us at 9:45 a.m. in the Rafters for Bible Study! Our current book is called “TRUTH, Engaging the Foundations of the Faith”

### New Time on Wednesday Nights!

The previous time for Youth Small Groups on Wednesday nights was 6:15 -7:30 p.m. That will change effective August 22 for our first official night back for Youth Small Groups. The new time will be **6:00-7:30 p.m.**

## The Amazing Race

That's right, you heard correct! The Amazing Race is happening yet again! Join us after church on September 9 for a free lunch, after which we will set out in groups on a city-wide scavenger hunt! There will be tasks to complete, obstacles to solve, and puzzles to puzzle! Sounds like fun, right?! We don't want you to miss out, so make sure to sign up in the Rafters or email/text me by September 2. The whole event is free, so invite your friends!

### Upcoming Events

August 22 – Youth Small Groups Return 6-7:30 p.m.

August 24 – Church Wide Swim Night 8-10 p.m. \$5 (guests are free)

September 9 – AMAZING RACE 12-5 p.m. (FREE)

September 26 – See You at the Pole

## Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Sadly, summer is coming to an end. I think I'm as sad to see it go as the kids going back to school! But we have some great things coming up:

**All Church Bowling**, Saturday, August 18, 10:00 a.m.-noon at Tropicana Bowl on Clayton Road. Call the church office immediately if you plan to attend and haven't signed up so we can secure appropriate lanes. Cost is \$2 per game per person plus \$3.75 for shoes.

Our last **Swimming Under The Stars** is August 24, 8:00-10:00 p.m. at Bridgeton Pool. \$5 per person; \$20 max per family. Bring a friend or two or three—if they are new to our church, they swim free!

**Wednesday night activities** will resume September 5 with supper, Awana, Women's and Men's Bible studies and youth small groups. Registration forms are available on the parlor table for Awana.

Also we will be starting **Girls in Action (GA)** again soon. This is a missions group for girls 1st through 6th grade. If your daughter is interested in being a part of this group, let me know so we can get the time and place information to you.

**Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)** - Kids and adults of all ages hand-pack nutritious MannaPack™ meals specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition. One site is at Gateway Christian Church on September 15. Put this on your family calendar and I will have more info when registration opens.

October 12-13 is **Super Start** for preteens right here in St. Louis. We look forward to taking our 5th and 6th graders to that area-wide event.

December 18 kids and their parents are encouraged to plan a meal and serve to the needy in Bridgeton at **Loaves and Fishes**. We will have info coming later about getting the meals and serving them. This will be from about 4:00-7:00 p.m.

See me if you are interested in serving in Bible study or kids' worship (KIDZONE) on Sundays, or Awana Club (on Wednesday nights) because... Jesus said, *Let the little children come to me...People who are like these little children belong to the kingdom of God.* Mark 9:14