

Weekly Summary	06-26-22	07-03-22
WOW Bible Study	—	—
Chi Alpha Wed.	—	—
AWANA	—	—
Sunday Bible Studies	176	183
Worship Attendance:		
8:30AM	117	127
11:00AM	142	151
Worship Totals	259	278
Offering	\$8,097.00	\$21,379.18
E-Giving (6/25 - 6/30)	\$3,526.70	

### Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to ... **Bob (Jean) Nowlin** on the passing of his brother, **David Nowlin**, on June 30.

### Thank You

The church has received a *Thank You* note from **Carol Gollaher and family**.

### Mobile Market

We love partnering with the St. Louis Area Food Bank to get free groceries into the hands of families in need in our community. Anyone is welcome to come get groceries on the second Monday of each month, at 10:00 a.m. (until the food runs out).

Our upcoming 2022 dates will be:

- August 8
- September 12
- October 10
- November 14
- December 12

### Come Get Your Game On!

#### Mondays:

##### Kids & Parents Play Date

Every Monday 10:00 a.m. - Noon Gym & Play Area (Parent/Guardian must be present with children.)

#### Tuesdays:

##### Open Gym Volleyball

Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

All ages welcome!

Your kids are welcome to hang out in the Play Area during volleyball!

#### Wednesdays:

##### Pickleball

Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Gym

All ages welcome!

(Bring your own paddle).

### Special-Called Business Meeting

Sunday, July 24 after the 11:00 a.m. united worship service, there will be a Special-Called Business Meeting to vote on Scholarships for the 2022-23 term.

### Ministry Opportunities

#### Sunday, July 24

9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Studies  
10:00 a.m. Youth Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. United Worship Service  
11:00 a.m. Preschool Care  
11:00 a.m. KidsZone  
12:00 p.m. Special-Called Business Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Summer Concert Series: The Punches

#### Monday, July 25

10:00 a.m. Play Date for Kids & Parents  
7:00 p.m. Choir & Trad. Worship Practice

#### Tuesday, July 26

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels  
9:00 a.m. ESL Day Class (B1)  
2:00 p.m. T-Group (In-Person) (FLC)  
6:00 p.m. Middle School Mini Golf Night  
7:00 p.m. Volleyball - Open Gym  
7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (203)

#### Wednesday, July 27

9:00 a.m. [Facebook](#) Bible Plan Discussion  
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)  
6:00 p.m. Chi Alpha Summers  
7:00 p.m. Contemp. - Worship Practice

#### Thursday, July 28

#### Friday, July 29

#### Saturday, July 30

8:30 a.m. International Pantry

#### Sunday, July 31

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship & The Lord's Supper  
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  
6:00 p.m. Summer Concert Series: The Lesters

#### Monday, August 1

10:00 a.m. Play Date for Kids & Parents  
1:15 p.m. History Committee (211)  
7:00 p.m. Choir & Trad. Worship Practice  
7:15 p.m. Properties Committee

#### Tuesday, August 2

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels  
9:00 a.m. ESL Day Class (B1)  
2:00 p.m. T-Group (In-Person) (FLC)  
4:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes Ministry  
7:00 p.m. Volleyball - Open Gym  
7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (203)

#### Wednesday, August 3

9:00 a.m. [Facebook](#) Bible Plan Discussion  
6:00 p.m. Chi Alpha Summers  
7:00 p.m. Contemp. - Worship Practice  
7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee

#### Thursday, August 4

10:00 a.m. Prime Time to OmniMax & Lunch @ Fountain

#### Friday, August 5

1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time (Café)  
6:00 p.m. Family Swim Night

#### Saturday, August 6

9:00 a.m. Free Market

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## FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH

*BUILD & PURSUE*

### A Word From Pastor Zach

## Church Family,

Do you know what time of year it is? It's Vacation Bible School time! July 18 -22, we are going to have a *Monumental* week as we get to celebrate God's greatness through the story of Joseph. Each day, our kids are going to be important truths found in the story of Joseph. Truths like "God loves you no matter what," and "God is with you everywhere."

I'm so excited to spend a week with kids from our church and community and share the Gospel with them and instill these incredible truths from God's Word! Not only that, but after VBS in the morning, our afternoon soccer camp is completely full! Kids are going to get to learn about the great game of soccer and have a solid camp experience. But, most importantly, they are going to have the truth of God's Word instilled in them throughout this camp experience as well!

As you can see, VBS is an incredibly important week for our church. How important? Just look at these statistics from a study from Lifeway back in 2016. Each year:

- 25 percent of baptisms reported by the SBC come from VBS.
- 10 percent of people enrolled in VBS are unchurched.
- 2.7 million people enroll in VBS each year.
- 72,925 people each year accept Christ as Lord and Savior.

VBS is a great outreach opportunity for our church. Please join me in praying for the kids and volunteers this week. I am believing that God is going to move in the next generation of students!

Also, as a way to emphasize and celebrate VBS, I wanted to share with you about our plans for having one united service on Sunday, July 24. Rather than two different worship services, we will only have one service at 11:00 a.m. We will still have our Bible Study classes at the normal 9:45 a.m. time. However, there will not be an 8:30 a.m. service. Instead, we are gathering together to celebrate what God did at VBS!

Our VBS kids will be helping lead worship and you will get to hear all about what they learned. I'm excited for us to recap the week and for us to be blessed by the next generation of our church. You definitely don't want to miss this opportunity for us to worship together corporately and support our kids!

Please be praying for our Vacation Bible School and the many kids who will be attending. We want the next generation building their lives on Jesus and pursuing the good of our community for the glory of God!

In Him,

Pastor Zach Crook

### 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.

## Prime Time

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

Wow, is it ever hot outside! I'm praying for all of you during this super hot weather. Please take care of yourself by staying inside in the air conditioning and keeping hydrated when you must be outside. It's early July so I don't expect the heat to go away anytime soon.

We already have a change to our first activity in August. We will go to the **OmniMax** theater on **Thursday, August 4** to see the video entitled *Ireland*. The cost of the ticket is approximately \$10. If we have enough sign up to go, we might be able to get a slightly cheaper group rate. The bus will leave church at 10:00 a.m. and we will go to the 11:00 a.m. showing. Lunch will be at the Fountain on Locust.

**Adult VBS** will begin on **Monday, August 22** and run through **Thursday, August 25**. We will be looking at the life and teachings of Jesus through a first century Middle Eastern lens, which will add much richness to our understanding of scripture. Our study will begin each day at 9:00 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. with a break for snacks and fellowship. Hope you can come!

Find a unique way to love God and love others through the month of July!

## Bible Study Corner

What an exciting part of scripture we have come to in our Summer Bible Reading Plan. It has been inspiring to watch Elijah challenge the people to quit wavering between two opinions and to wholeheartedly follow God, who demonstrated his power on Mount Carmel and to see Elisha meet the needs of people through the never-ending supply of God's love to all people. You can talk to others about what you are reading by joining a T-group. T-groups meet in person or on Marco Polo. Contact Gloria if you are interested.

We have a place for everyone in Bible Study so contact Gloria to find the perfect fit!

## Devotional Corner

*From [Billy Graham's Daily Devotion Archive](#)*

**“Lord, grant us peace; for all we have and are has come from you,” (Isaiah 26:12 TLB).**

We who once marveled at the telegraph now take for granted the far greater miracle of television. Not so long ago many of the physical diseases were termed hopeless and incurable. Today we have drugs so effective that age-old diseases are becoming rare. We have accomplished much, of that there is no doubt. But with all this progress, we have not solved the basic problem of the human race. We can build the highest buildings, the fastest ships, the longest bridges—but we still can't govern ourselves, or live together peacefully and with equality.

### Prayer for the day:

In loving and being loved by You, there is all I have longed for, my Savior, Jesus Christ.

## Music Musings

*Ronna Paden, Director of Music*

### Summer Concert Series Updates:

**July 17 - Doug Mickan** – On July 17 we will welcome Doug Mickan to our concert stage for our Sunday Concert Series. Doug is a very talented and entertaining ventriloquist. He will be bringing some of his buddies with him to provide us with a very delightful event! Don't miss this concert as Doug introduces us to some of his friends who he works with trying to keep them in line. Bring friends, neighbors, and anyone you happen to meet!

**July 24 - The Punches** – The Punches family is a Bluegrass group singing the good news of Christ, our Savior. This family travels full time all over the United States and are often featured at Silver Dollar City. All play instruments and sing. They have a love for the Lord and a desire to see souls saved and encouraged. They are fun and uplifting. You are sure to love The Punches. Don't miss this energetic concert!

See you Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. Oh, and don't forget - we serve ice cream after each concert!

## Chi Alpha News

*Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries*

**Underground Church** – I am so excited to bring back one of my favorite events this summer, Underground Church. Not only is this night a fun, intense game to play, but it is also an immersive experience for our students to see what it is like to be a Christian in a country that is closed to spreading the Gospel. There are more than 50 countries all over the world that are closed off to the Gospel, so it is important to not only understand the freedoms that we have, to worship, but also to realize that it is our job as Christians to spread the Gospel to all ends of the earth. Underground Church will take place Friday, July 22 from 8:00-11:00 p.m. here at the church. There is no cost to this event, but we will be taking donations to fill Action Packs to send to missionaries in these closed-off locations through Voice of the Martyrs. Here is a list of some items we will be collecting:

- Blankets
- Jackets (adult or child size)
- Light sweaters (adult or child)
- Gloves or mittens
- Knit hats
- Socks (adult or child)
- Solid color t-shirts (adult or child)
- Twin size bed sheets
- New tarps
- Packs of zip ties
- Towels
- Bars of soap
- Sponge or foam balls (for children)

## Family Front

*Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries*

**VBS and Soccer Camp** – Please pray for our VBS during the week of July 18-22. Pray that kids will hear who God is and accept him as Savior. For all of the leadership, pray for energy and love for the kids. Thank God that we were able to find leadership for Soccer Camp. Pray that God will lead them that team to show God's love to the kids through sports. Here is one of the verses kids will be learning in VBS: Here is one of the verses kids will be learning in VBS: *“Come and see what our God has done, what awesome miracles he performs for people!”* (Psalm 66:5). Rejoice with us for what God will do!

**VBS Setup** – We will be decorating the church for VBS on July 15, 16, and 17. If you can give a little time to help with this, please join us. See Kathy for times.

### Upcoming events:

**Family Swim Night** – Cool off with your family on Friday, August 5, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Bridgeton Pool.

**Free Market** – Our annual Free Market will be the next morning at 9:00 a.m. on our parking lot. Bring your stuff to give away to the community. Tables will be provided by the church. Sign up now in the Connection Center! You must be present that day to give away items. No drop-offs will be accepted.

**School Supplies for Free Market** – Once again we will be giving out new backpacks loaded with school supplies to the kids in our community. NEW school supplies and backpacks can be donated in the appropriate box across from the Connection Center.

## College & Outreach

*Logan Mills, Interim College & Outreach Minister*

As we are now in mid-July, I have been with you at Fee Fee for 2 ½ months. First, I want to say what a blessed time this has been thus far! This church I am beginning to call home has been welcoming to me from the first steps I took in the door. We have moved from a rainy spring to the inferno of a Missouri summer. You have heard me preach, a message that I still must remind myself of almost daily; to persevere in prayer and never give up. I joined our Chi Alpha students on a mission trip to Washington, D.C. There, I saw the love our students have for the Lord and the hearts they have for both worship and service. As you read this and Lord willing, I am with our team in the Dominican Republic. Pray for open hearts to the Gospel, ready hands to serve, and endurance for our team to continue the work that began a few years ago. The Lord has certainly been good to this church.

The Lord has also been good to me through this season! Serving Fee Fee Baptist Church is one of the biggest blessings in my life and a responsibility I do not take lightly. This ministry position has stretched me in ways I needed stretching and comforted me in areas I needed comforting. Candidly, this also has been a difficult season in my personal life and relationships. But God is good, all the time. I am thankful for the staff I serve alongside, who have welcomed me and loved me well in this season. As we gear up for *Monumental* VBS and look forward to the fall, I humbly ask that you pray for your staff. Pray that we would hear the Lord's voice clearly and not move without his lead. Pray that God would be honored through our efforts to build our lives on Jesus and pursue the good of our community. Pray that servants would join us in the various ministries in need of helping hands. And trust that God is gracious to provide all that we need and more.