

Weekly Summary	07-10-22	07-17-22
WOW Bible Study	—	—
Chi Alpha Wed.	—	20
AWANA	—	—
Sunday Bible Studies	159	176
Worship Attendance:		
8:30AM	107	102
11:00AM	114	135
Worship Totals	221	237
Offering	\$6,473.40	\$7,011.00
E-Giving (6/25 - 6/30)	\$14,543.70	

Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to ... **Joan Agee** on the passing of her daughter, **Mischelle Agee**, on July 11.

Thank You

The church has received *Thank You* cards from ...

- **Charles and Rosanna Murray**

- **Sue Chadwick and family**

- **Bob and Jean Nowlin**

- **Louise Richard**

- **Joan Agee**
(*Thank You cards may always be viewed in the office.*)

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

School Supplies

Once again we are collecting school supplies to give out at Free Market on August 6 to kids in our community. Donations can be left in the bin in across from the Connection Center marked “School Supplies.” Please only donate new supplies.

- Backpack
- #2 Wooden Pencils
- 24-Pack Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Washable Markers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Elmer’s Glue Sticks
- Ink Pens
- Erasers
- Fiskar Scissors
- Spiral Notebooks (Wide-Ruled)
- Wide-Ruled Notebook Paper
- Composition Notebooks
- Pocket Folders (3-holes)
- 3-Ring Binder
- Clorox Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Kleenex
- Highlighters
- Post-It Notes

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, August 7

- 8:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors Pre-Service Prayer (B1)
- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Deacons’ Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Missions Celebration Night

Monday, August 8

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

Tuesday, August 9

- 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
- 2:00 p.m. T-Group (In-Person) (FLC)
- 7:00 p.m. Volleyball - Open Gym
- 7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (203)

Wednesday, August 10

- 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
- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee

Thursday, August 11

Friday, August 12

- 5:00 p.m. Youth Progressive Dinner

Saturday, August 13

Sunday, August 14

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 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

Monday, August 15

- 9:15 a.m. Wagner/Sherer WOM
- 10:00 a.m. Play Date for Kids & Parents
- 7:00 p.m. Choir & Trad. Worship Practice

Tuesday, August 16

- 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
- 11:45 a.m. May Clermont WOM
- 2:00 p.m. T-Group (In-Person) (FLC)
- 2:00 p.m. Prime Time Council
- 4:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. Volleyball - Open Gym
- 7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (203)

Wednesday, August 17

- 9:00 a.m. [Facebook](#) Bible Plan Discussion
- 5:45 p.m. Missions Committee
- 6:00 p.m. Chi Alpha Summers
- 7:00 p.m. Contemp. - Worship Practice

Thursday, August 18

Friday, August 19

- 1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time (Café)

Saturday, August 20

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BUILD & PURSUE

A Word From Pastor Zach

Church Family,

As I’m writing this article, I am still trying to catch up on sleep after our mission trip to the Dominican Republic. It was a blessing to serve there, and it was incredible to see one person accept Christ during one of our prayer walks through neighborhoods close to our church! It makes all the time, energy, and effort that goes into a mission trip worth it when we see the eternal ramifications!

One of our team members, Jonathan McPhillips, compared our traveling to the DR and meeting with this lady, Eva, to the parable of the lost sheep. Just like the shepherd leaves the 99 to find the one, so we left our homes to go to another country and got to see God miraculously save a lost soul! That’s why we do missions!

Speaking of missions, you will get the opportunity to hear about this trip and others in greater detail at our **Missions Celebration Night** on **Sunday, August 7**. Come at 6:00 p.m. to hear reports from our different missions teams and members who spent time serving the Lord nationally and internationally this summer.

In addition to hearing reports of mission work that has already been done that evening, we have the opportunity as a church to do some incredible local mission work the day before. On **Saturday, August 6**, we have our annual **Free Market** for our community. This Free Market is kind

of like a community flea market. However, there is one major difference: everything is free! I want to encourage you to sign up to man a table and give away things to our community.

In addition to giving away things that you might put in a garage sale, we also pass out new backpacks to kids in our community who are getting ready to head back to school. Would you prayerfully consider stuffing a new backpack with brand new school supplies so we can give it away to kids in our neighborhood? We talk all the time about pursuing the good of our community. The Free Market is a great way to do just that!

One final way that we are pursuing the good of our community that weekend is that we are hosting a free **Family Swim Night** at the Bridgeton Recreation Center’s outdoor pool on **Friday, August 5**. We want our community to know that we care and a simple way that we can do this is to invite them to join us in a great time of fellowship that Friday night. Pray about inviting neighbors and friends to this outreach event.

This has been a busy summer, but I have been so thankful for the many ways that I have seen God’s hand at work. Please be in prayer for the **weekend of August 5-7**. From our Family Swim Night to our Free Market to our Missions Celebration, it is a great weekend for our church! Let’s pray for God to continue to move in our church and community!

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

I wish all of you could be experiencing the beauty of God’s amazing creation with me as my family and I travel through the southeast. I cannot believe He spoke such beauty into existence and lets us dwell in His glorious creation.

Don’t forget to sign up for the Science Center OmniMax trip on **Thursday, August 4**. We will watch a film on *Ireland* and then go to lunch at The Fountain on Locust. Who will try dill pickle soup with me? You can wash it down with some ice cream. The bus will leave church at 10:00 a.m.

Again, I want to remind you to take care of yourself during this worldwide record-breaking heat. Drink A LOT of water, stay in air conditioning whenever possible, and come to church on Sunday!!

Bible Study Corner

Keep on hiding God’s word in your heart. It will encourage you, give you answers to hard questions, and challenge you. Even reading a verse or two a day and pondering on it will change you. Instead of thinking about what does this verse say to me, try changing your perspective and think about what it teaches you about God.

Devotional Corner

From Bob Goff’s “Live In Grace, Walk In Love: A 365-Day Journey”

“As God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,” (Colossians 3:12).

Most people don’t know this about me, but I carry a slingshot and a compass with me everywhere I go. They remind me of fun and adventure and also teach a couple of lessons.

When I travel to conferences to speak to a new group of friends, I’ve got my slingshot. We shoot salt water taffy at each other there. When I go to Iraq to check up on our school and find ways to support refugees in the region, I take the compass with me and we guess where north is. I get a couple of leaders together and instead of talking policy, we knock over a few cans together. I’ve learned it’s heard not to become friends with someone you have some fun with. Try it sometime.

When I first set out to learn how to love people more, I wouldn’t have thought just to play with them more. But that’s how love works. We set our hearts on building relationships with people, and then we find a way to live into it. We won’t figure it out through reading a book. There’s no way to chart it out. With a compass in hand, we figure out where true north is and keep heading for that. God doesn’t give us a blueprint. He just tells us to be humble and connect with people who might not have been our first choice.

No map will take us where God wants to lead us, because He created each of us for a different purpose. He made you the way you are so you could bring your flavor of love and creativity to the world, and your expression of love will look a little different than mine. That’s not a bad thing. It’s a great thing.

Put on kindness and humility and let love lead the way. You won’t be disappointed with where it takes you. And wherever you go, bring a slingshot and a compass.

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Final Concert of 2022 Summer Series – First of all, let me thank you for your support of the concerts we have had this summer. Your attendance and appreciative comments have been so encouraging. It has been interesting to see the varied talents of these gifted artists, from excellent playing and singing, to ventriloquism and blue grass and Southern gospel. And of course, we don’t want to forget the amazing contribution of our handbells and choir as they presented the Patriotic concert.

Our final concert on **July 31** will be presented by **The Lesters**. This family group of gospel singers is very familiar to our community. The family organized their gospel ministry over 90 years ago and the descending generations have kept it going! While the family lineup has changed through the years, the present group is made up of Brian Lester, his son Jonathan and wife Bailee (along with their children who make an appearance now and then). This family singing group has endured through five generations. Don’t miss this concert. It will be a blessing! Invite friends and neighbors. This is a free concert, but a love offering will be taken.

Thanks, too, to our Socials Committee who has provided yummy ice cream treats following each concert!

God Sings Over Us

Here is a favorite verse of mine:

*"The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;
He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love;
He will exult over you with loud singing," (Zephaniah 3:17 ESV).*

God’s love for us is unending. He sings over us to take delight in us. He sings over us to calm our fears. Think about this: When we sing to God, we are reflecting the image of our Creator, the God who sings over us.

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

Progressive Dinner – Make sure your youth sign up for our Progressive Dinner on **Friday, August 12**, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We will be heading out for dinner that night at various homes, and it will include an appetizer, salad, entrée, and dessert course...how fancy! So, grab your finest dinner attire, invite your friends, and bring an empty belly for this super fun evening!

Final Chi Alpha Summers – The last night for our Chi Alpha Summers for the year is coming up on **August 17!** You don’t want to miss it! Then we will be taking a break for a couple weeks, and our regular Wednesday Night Activities at church will resume in September.

Youth & Family BBQ – Our annual Youth & Family BBQ will be on Sunday, **August 21** right after the second service! Sign your family up in the Rafters for this event! This will also be our official “Welcome!” and first week for our incoming 6th graders and their families. So make sure that you are there to give them a warm welcome!

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

VBS/Sports Camp 2022 Recap – Another year of VBS/Sports Camp has come to an end! Thank you for praying for God to speak to the children and keep our leadership energized. Thank you for people that helped decorate, take down, serve where needed, act as ‘gofer’, and many other duties. It takes many hands for a successful week to happen! A BIG THANKS TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED! God’s promises are reliable. I asked you to think on this verse: *“Come and see what our God has done, what awesome miracles he performs for people!”* (Psalm 66:5). God is good to see us through another big, fun week for the kids and families of our community.

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

Free Market – Our annual Free Market will be the next morning, **Saturday, August 6** 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, so we are taking donations to make this happen. NEW school supplies and backpacks can be donated in the appropriate box across from the Connection Center. We will be blessing the first 100 kids to come to Free Market with backpacks full of school supplies to start the year off fresh!

Promotion Sunday – August 21 is Promotion Sunday for the new church year for pre-K, children, and youth. That morning parents of preschool and K-5 kids are invited to their children’s rooms for donuts. As we amp up for this new year, we are looking for a few good teachers to help our children learn more about the Bible and God’s plan for them. If you are looking for the place to serve, talk to Kathy!

College & Outreach

Logan Mills, Interim College & Outreach Minister

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid,” (John 14:26-27 NIV).

The disciples couldn’t see the upcoming events but would learn that there would be much to fear. One of their own betrayed them and sells their teacher to the Romans. Peter denied his savior three times out of fear of capture. The disciples saw their beloved rabbi hang on a cross for crimes he didn’t commit, giving his life for the sake of others. Jesus laid in a tomb for three days as the disciples’ world seemed to end. They would have been reminded of this encouragement, thinking it was impossible to control their fear.

What about your life? When bills are overdue and the money is nowhere to be found; or a loved one is in an accident and you rush to the hospital, unsure if you will make it in time. In our darkest hour, we often find it a struggle to “not let your heart be troubled.”

We don’t face these dark times alone. The Holy Spirit, our Advocate, “will remind you of everything [Jesus] has said to you.” God is a god of order, not chaos. When circumstances lead us to fear and worry, we’re reminded that “God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” Take your fears to the God of peace, be comforted by our Advocate! May the God of peace guide and protect you, both now and forevermore.