

Weekly Summary	08-07-22	08-14-22
WOW Bible Study	—	—
Chi Alpha Wed.	17	15
AWANA	—	—
Sunday Bible Studies	181	177
<b>Worship Attendance:</b>		
8:30AM	122	129
11:00AM	132	147
<b>Worship Totals</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>276</b>
Offering	\$23,821.00	\$9,431.40
E-Giving (7/26 - 8/8)	\$13,112.88	

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Are you in a difficult time? Love will show you the way through it. Do you feel like you’re up against seemingly unbeatable forces? Remember love will win in the end. Our hope isn’t in *our* ability to overcome but in God’s ability to redeem it.

Don’t let the circumstances you’re facing do all the talking. Listen to the God who already won it all with His love. As you listen to God speak into your difficult time, what do you hear Him saying?

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:

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

Backpack Ministry

It’s back-to-school time! One of the more rewarding ministries at Fee Fee Baptist Church is our Backpack Ministry. This ministry provides a bag of easy-prep foods for school-aged children in our school district. We want to make it as easy as possible for these kids to eat a nutritious and filling meal when they aren’t at school. But we can’t do this without you, Church! We need donations of **granola bars, snack crackers, macaroni & cheese, fruit cups, applesauce cups, canned pasta, rice cups, single-serve snacks or meals,** and **other easy-prep meals.** You may leave these items in the Donation Center in the section marked “Backpack Ministry.” Alternatively, you can have these items shipped from any big box store to the church:

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C/O CHURCH OFFICE  
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Thank you so much for your giving hearts!

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, September 4

- 8:00 p.m. Prayer Warriors Pre-Service Prayer (Conf. Room)
- 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, September 5 — LABOR DAY  
Office & Building Closed

- 7:00 p.m. Choir & Trad. Worship Practice

Tuesday, September 6

- 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Bramstedt)(B4)
- 6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)
- 7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (217)

Wednesday, September 7

- 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Contemp. - Worship Practice

Thursday, September 8

- 6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)

Friday, September 9

Saturday, September 10

- 6:00 p.m. High School Board Game Night

Sunday, September 11—IMPACT WEEK

- 11:00 a.m. Worship, Lunch, & Fellowship at Redemption Ranch (Impact Week Kickoff)
- 5:00 p.m. Deacons’ Meeting

Monday, September 12—IMPACT WEEK

- 10:00 a.m. Prime Time Historic Church Tour in Cahokia
- 10:00 a.m. Mobile Market
- 7:00 p.m. Choir & Trad. Worship Practice
- 7:15 p.m. Properties Committee

Tuesday, September 13—IMPACT WEEK

- 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Bramstedt)(B4)
- 6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)
- 7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (217)

Wednesday, September 14—IMPACT WEEK

- 9:00 a.m. [Facebook](#) Bible Plan Discussion
- 10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)
- 6:00 p.m. AWANA
- 6:00 p.m. WOW Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Contemp. - Worship Practice

Thursday, September 15—IMPACT WEEK

- 6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)

Friday, September 16—IMPACT WEEK

- 12:00 p.m. Blood Drive (Gym)
- 1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time (Café)

Saturday, September 17—IMPACT WEEK

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*BUILD & PURSUE*

A Word From Pastor Zach

Church  
Family,

The day that this article is getting published, August 22, is a big day in our community. It is the day that Pattonville ISD starts for the fall semester! When it comes to Bridgeton, our schools are some of our biggest mission fields. Please join me in praying for our schools and that God will capture the hearts of the next generation.

Additionally, we had Promotion Sunday yesterday here at Fee Fee. This the is Sunday that our kids and students move up to their next class and get to meet their new teachers. In addition to this being a Sunday that marks the beginning of a new semester for our students, it is also the beginning of a brand new series and emphasis that we are going to walk through as a church.

This new series is called “Love Where You Live.” Over the next few weeks, we are going to unpack Matthew 9:35 -38 and examine how we can truly demonstrate to our community that we really do love where we live. As part of the vision of our church, we talk about how we want to pursue the good of our community for the glory of God. This series is going to give us practical ways to love our community.

We are going to look at the importance of changing our perspective, changing our prayers, and changing our purpose as we seek the empowerment of the Holy Spirit to be God’s ambassadors and live out

the calling of the Great Commission.

In the midst of this series, we are going to have our fourth annual “Impact Week.” This is a week that we take part in multiple mission projects in our community to tangibly demonstrate the love of Christ. To kick of this special week of local missions, we are going to have an off-campus worship service and fellowship (and Potluck lunch with BBQ!) at Redemption Ranch on Sunday, September 11 at 11:00 a.m.

Mark your calendars for this incredible week and make sure you come out to Redemption Ranch on September 11! We won’t have anything on campus that Sunday. Instead, we are going to have a great time of food, fellowship, and worship out at the Ranch. Just like last year, we will also get to celebrate new life through baptism at Redemption Ranch’s lake!

Will you join me in praying for our church as we journey through this initiative of being the hands and feet of Jesus and demonstrating clearly to our community that we love where we live?

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*

**How to Respond to Panhandlers** – We are currently seeing more panhandlers come to our parking lot after our services on Sunday morning. The church has a protocol for handling benevolence cases. Please do not give a person money. Instead tell them that we have emergency bags of food in the Welcome Center if they are hungry and point them to the door. The deacon of the week will be in the coffee café to assist them. You can also tell them that they can come back on Monday to the church and a minister will talk to them and see how we can help with their needs.

**Historic Church Tour** – On Monday, September 12 we will leave Fee Fee at 10:00 a.m. go to Holy Family Catholic Church in Cahokia for a tour. This is the oldest Catholic Church west of the Alleghenies. It was established in 1699 and has served that community since then, continuing to celebrate mass on a regular basis. This log cabin church will provide us a great tour. Then we will have lunch at Chava’s Mexican Restaurant by Soulard in honor of former pastor, Randy Fullerton. This is he and Mary Louise’s favorite St. Louis restaurant.

**Movie and Lunch** –On Wednesday, September 28 we will end the month with lunch and a movie in the church’s dining room. We will watch *The Insanity of God* movie which is the true story of missionaries Nik and Ruth Ripken. They journey into the depths of the persecuted church to ask the question, “Is Jesus worth it?” Lunch will include a sandwich, drink, and dessert for \$7.

Don’t forget to sign up in the Connection Center for all Prime Time events!

The summer is winding down quickly, and most kids are returning to school. Are you still building your life on Jesus and pursuing the good of the community? It is our mission!

## Bible Study Corner

As we near the end of the summer, pray about committing to a Bible Study opportunity on Wednesday night from 6:00–7:30 p.m. There is AWANA for the kids, and youth small groups, and Bible Studies for men and women. Get connected to others by joining a group.

Contact Gloria and she will help you find the perfect fit!

## Music Musings

*Ronna Paden, Director of Music*

**Looking for Baby Jesus** – As you know in our Christmas presentation of the Nativity we always want a live baby for the part of baby Jesus. We like to have a tiny baby about 3 months or a little younger. We would not necessarily need the same baby for each performance. The presentation dates are Friday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, December 17 at 3:00 p.m., and again on Sunday, December 18, at 3:00 p.m. Please let me know if you might know of a baby who would be in an age range to represent baby Jesus. Please contact [tara@feefeebc.org](mailto:tara@feefeebc.org).

**Seeking and Praying for Laborers: In This Case – SINGERS** – Please come forward and join us in singing. We always need singers committed to the main choir. However, there may be some who want to "test the waters" and do a short stint to see what it's all about. Choose a four-week window to participate and sing in worship when you feel comfortable. We welcome you on your terms. Just show up on any Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. Still others may wish to participate in special events such as the Christmas choir. Please consider being a "laborer" in the harvest. Singing will give you an opportunity to share His love.

## Family Front

*Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries*

We are off to a great start in the new church year for our preschoolers and children. Thanks to the Lord for teachers who have answered God’s call to teach our kids His Word. If you are looking for the place to serve, talk to Kathy! There is always a place to serve for people who love kids.

**Promotion Weekend** – Saturday, we had a going away party for our 5th graders who moved up to youth and have started middle school. We will miss them and wish them the very best on their next step. We have also welcomed new Kindergartners from preschool into our children’s department and have great teachers that are ready to pour God’s Word into them.

**AWANA is Back! – September 14** begins AWANA for our kids. AWANA is another way for kids to learn scripture and have fun with friends. If you would like to be part of this group of great teachers and helpers, talk to Kathy! We meet from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights through the school year. Our first night of AWANA will be during Impact Week so the AWANA families will host a baby shower for THRIVE, who supports young moms and their babies. There will be many more projects to sign up for during Impact Week so stay tuned!

**Feed My Starving Children Event** – We have another opportunity to serve as a church at Feed My Starving Children, **September 24** at Gateway Christian Church, 9:30-11:45 a.m. Sign up sheets will be out soon, or you can email me to let me know of your interest. This is a great organization that packs mobile food to send to starving nations. Your efforts in that 2-hour time frame will make a big difference in children’s lives.

**Giving Back to Our Community** – Congrats to Phyllis Hackney for her 5-year milestone of tutoring with Oasis tutoring program with Pattonville students. Thank you, Phyllis, for your service in our community!

Thank you, Church, for your giving and responding to needs! It is a joy to serve with you! **"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed,"** (Proverbs 11:25).

## Chi Alpha News

*Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries*

**Starting Off the New Year Right** – The beginning of every school year often brings a lot of different emotions. For students, teachers, and parents alike, it brings the feelings of excitement for what is ahead, anticipation for new adventures, nerves of the unexpected curveballs that you are bound to face, fear of failure, stress about the deadlines and amount of work, and confidence that it will be the best year yet. All these emotions – both positive and negative – are natural, normal, and to be expected, and are healthy to experience. They keep you sharp, alert, and ready for whatever life throws at you. The best part of all of this, is we know and serve a God who brings these moments and emotions to us. So, this year, be thankful to God when life is going great, and you are achieving at a high level, but also, remember that God is with you when life gets hard, you become overwhelmed, and you feel like giving up. One of my favorite verses during school was 1 Corinthians 10:13 from the GNT version, which says: “Every test that you have experienced is the kind that normally comes to people. But God keeps his promise, and he will now allow you to be tested beyond your power to remain firm; at the time you are put to the test, he will give you the strength to endure it, and so provide you with a way out.” So, stay firm, stay connected to your faith, and stay connected to our community! We are here for you and cheering you on this year!

**Fall Calendar** – Fall calendars are out and published on our social media. Make sure you grab a copy today and mark your calendars for all of our super fun events coming up!

## College & Outreach

*Logan Mills, Interim College & Outreach Minister*

***“Lord, there is no one like you among the gods, and there are no works like yours. All the nations you have made will come and bow down before you, Lord, and will honor your name. For you are great and perform wonders; you alone are God,” (Psalm 86:8-10).***

**No other gods can match the works of our God. Only our God has made all the nations.** Whether they acknowledge him as God or govern themselves denying God’s existence, he is still God. Whenever we see heinous acts of violence by governments against their citizens, those governments will answer to God. When we see nations pass laws that are contrary to God’s laws, those governments will answer to God.

**Every nation he has made will one day bow to their knees and confess that he is Lord.** Some nations will bow willingly, rejoicing in the return of the true king, shouting his praises from the mountaintops. Some nations will bow cowering in fear, shuddering in the presence of the Lord of Lords, announcing what they knew all along; that God is who he says he is.

**For the Church.** We as God’s people must remember that our God is the King of Kings. When nations honor God through their actions, the praise belongs to our God. However, we must remember that we live in a fallen world. My heart aches when believers are distraught at the state of the world. World governments make their foundation in the world, not in the spirit; we should not expect them to act as “Christian nations.” Do not despair my friends, our God will be glorified! At the end of days, every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord. For every day that passes from now until then, the peace of God is available to his people through the Holy Spirit. When a news headline disturbs you, pray to the God of peace for serenity only he can provide. Nations are formed, and nations are destroyed; Our God is in control of it all.

## Devotional Corner

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

**“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 14:27).**

When I was a boy, comic books came onto the scene and started to get big. Characters like Spiderman, Batman, and Wonder Woman lived in a world where evil popped up just in time for another episode. No matter which sinister villain seemed to be giving evil an edge, the hero was always more powerful than the obstacles in front of them. Evil has a way of looking like it’s going to win—right up until it doesn’t.

While these comics were fantastical, every enduring story reminds us of a truth: even when it seems like hope has lost the lead, redemption is where the story is headed. Just before Jesus went away for a while, He told us we would face trouble in this world. He said there would be times we’d want to give up and seek comfort somewhere else.

But Jesus also told us He would be with us and not even death could separate us from Him. He’s living proof that the God of the universe is more powerful than any of the obstacles we face. The obstacles look different for each of us, but we live in a world where fear shows up unannounced and tries to steal our hope. Those are the times we have to remember the power accessible to us.

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