

WEEKLY SUMMARY	08-21-22	08-28-22
WOW Bible Study	204	166
Chi Alpha Wed.	—	—
AWANA	—	—
Sunday Bible Studies	—	—
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE		
8:30AM	155	145
11:00AM	126	142
WORSHIP TOTALS	281	287
Offering	\$9,540.00	\$11,005.60
E-Giving (7/26 - 8/18)	\$26,033.88	

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He demonstrated how faith isn't just about subscribing to a doctrine or a lifestyle. What was going on in the heart was just as important as all the information in the head.

When people questioned why Jesus and His friends weren't sticking to a tradition, He shot back one of His own questions: "Why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?" (Matthew 15:3). Don't hold your faith like an answer sheet; embrace what you don't quite get, let people know what you're wondering about, and you'll find more of God there than in any catchphrase. You'll connect with a lot more people that way too.

No one's going to believe any of our answers if we don't let them know we have a couple of questions too.

What questions are forming in your heart today? —

Mobile Market

Our upcoming 2022 dates will be:

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

One of our favorite things is 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).

Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to ...**Family and friends of Mattie Gibbons**, who passed away on **August 20**.

Backpack Ministry

Our Backpack Ministry is in full-force again wit this new school year. This ministry provides a bag of easy-prep foods for school-aged children in our school district. We don't like seeing kids go hungry, and food security is something a lot of families in our community deal with. We want to make sure kids have something to eat 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:

Fee Fee Baptist Church (Backpacks)
C/O CHURCH OFFICE
11330 St. Charles Rock Road
Bridgeton, MO 63044

Thank you so much for your giving hearts!

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, September 18

- 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
- 12:15 p.m. Children's Committee
- 1:15 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Monday, September 19

- 9:15 a.m. Wagner/Sherer WOM
- 7:00 p.m. Choir & Trad. Worship Practice

Tuesday, September 20

- 7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Bramstedt)(B4)
- 11:45 a.m. May Clermont WOM
- 2:00 p.m. Prime Time Council (B1)
- 6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)
- 7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (217)
- 7:00 p.m. Volleyball - Open Gym

Wednesday, September 21

- 9:00 a.m. [Facebook](#) Bible Plan Discussion
- 10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)
- 5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner
- 5:45 p.m. Missions Committee (FH)
- 6:00 p.m. AWANA
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. WOW Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study & Prayer Time

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

Thursday, September 22

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

Friday, September 23

Saturday, September 24

- 9:00 a.m. Youth Volunteer Training Day
- 9:30 a.m. Feed My Starving Children

Sunday, September 25

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Business Meeting
- 1:15 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Monday, September 26

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

Tuesday, September 27

- 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)
- 7:00 p.m. Volleyball - Open Gym

Wednesday, September 28

- 7:00 a.m. See You At The Pole
- 9:00 a.m. [Facebook](#) Bible Plan Discussion
- 10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)
- 11:00 a.m. Prime Time Movie Day (DR)
- 6:00 p.m. AWANA
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups
- 6:00 p.m. WOW Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study & Prayer Time

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

Thursday, September 29

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

Friday, September 30

Saturday, October 1

- 8:30 a.m. International Pantry

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BUILD & PURSUE

A Word From Pastor Zach

Church Family,

The day that this article is getting We are now one week away from our fourth annual Impact Week! When we launched this local missions-oriented week of service back in 2019, I don't think any of us could have anticipated how God has worked in and through this incredible week. Partnering with great organizations in our city like Loaves and Fishes, Room at the Inn, Thrive, and the St. Louis County Area Foodbank, among many others, has been such a blessing.

For Impact Week this year, we have projects that include each of those non-profit organizations I listed above, along with providing a meal for our police department, coffee for Pattonville's Early Childhood Center, cleaning up local parks, hosting a blood drive, and having our monthly Mobile Market. You can sign up for any of these projects, or you can organize your own with your family or your Bible study class. From baking cookies for firemen to making cards for health care workers, there are a lot of different ways we can stay on mission and be the hands and feet of Jesus!

In Matthew 12, John the Baptist is stuck in prison and is struggling with doubt. He even sends a couple of his disciples to go and ask Jesus if He was actually the Messiah or not. Do you know how Jesus responds to this question? He tells John's disciples to go and share with Him what they have seen and heard.

Jesus then alludes to prophecies in Isaiah when he shares about all the things that he is doing. He was telling the disciples that the proof was in the way He both proclaimed and demonstrated the Gospel. For Jesus, He proclaimed that the Kingdom of God was at hand. Then, He backed up that proclamation through His many miracles. He both shared the Gospel with His lips and demonstrated it with His life.

In the same way, we have the opportunity during Impact Week to share the Gospel through proclamation and demonstration. We need to be ready to turn everyday conversations into Gospel conversations. Further, by going out and serving the community and meeting needs, we are going to demonstrate to our community the reality of God's love for them.

It is my prayer that we can show our community through Impact Week that we really do **love where we live**. I believe that our demonstration of the Gospel through our local mission work is going to allow us open doors to proclaim the truth of the Gospel to our neighbors.

Will you join me in praying for our church during Impact Week? Let's pray that we can be living proof of who Jesus is and what He has done for us!

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.

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

AWANA is Back! – September 14 begins AWANA for our kids. AWANA is another way for kids to learn scripture and have fun with friends. 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 on September 14, 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! Families can still register their child for AWANA on September 14 – so bring the form filled out that evening. The following week, on September 21, we will actually start AWANA Club! If you would like to be part of this group of great teachers and helpers, talk to Kathy! We need every parent to help us this year by staying the first 10 minutes to work with 1 child on their memory verses, just listening to them say the verses they are learning each week. This will help us tremendously in guiding children in learning God’s Word.

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. (meet there at 9:00 a.m.). Reservations are required. Signup sheets are in the Welcome Center, 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. You can turn hunger into hope with your own two hands by packing nutritious meals for hungry children around the world.

Trunk or Treat – Put Sunday, October 30 on your calendar for our annual Trunk or Treat event right here in the church parking lot. Be thinking how you want to decorate your trunk. We will be collecting candy starting October 1.

Drama Opportunity for Kids – This fall we will be producing another kid’s Christmas story video to use in the Christmas production in December. If your child would like to be part of the that, talk to Kathy.

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

Impact Week & Redemption Ranch Kick-Off Celebration – Impact Week is quickly approaching, and this is one of my absolute favorite times of the year, so I am beaming with excitement right now! Don’t forget that on **September 11**, we will be out at **Redemption Ranch** for one worship service at **11:00 a.m.** as we kick off this amazing week. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on for service, and be sure to bring a hat or umbrella, sunscreen, swimsuit, yard game, and a friend to this super fun event. There will be lunch too!

Also, be sure to sign up for an Impact Week project during that week. There are sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center for you to check out, but you can also create your own service project with your family or friends! Chi Alpha will be kicking off our fall schedule that Wednesday, September 14, and we will be taking part in our own service projects that night, including filling our Action Packs with the donation items you all brought for the Underground Church event this summer. So, make sure that you join us that night from 6:00-7:30 pm for the project, where we will also have worship and fun games as well. I can’t wait to see how you all will serve during Impact Week!

Media Center

Come visit our newly remodeled Media Center! We are open—come in anytime to look around—choose from a variety of media options! Books (simply read and return—no check-out required!), DVDs, and puzzles! We also have some used Bibles for anyone needing one. Additionally, we have a few FREE greeting cards if anyone can use them. We are so excited to share our new space with you and can’t wait to see your smiling faces again!

College & Outreach

Logan Mills, Interim College & Outreach Minister

“If anyone thinks he is religious without controlling his tongue, his religion is useless, and he deceives himself,” (James 1:26).

An uncontrolled tongue is often the source of conflict between people. A mother’s critique of her daughter’s clothing choice causes bitterness to brew between them. A coworker’s harsh evaluation of your performance stirs division among your department. When an outfielder drops the third pop fly that game, a coach’s unbridled tongue can destroy the player’s confidence and love for the game.

Later in this letter, James instructs the church to “consider ships: Though very large and driven by fierce winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So too, though the tongue is a small part of the body, it boasts great things” (James 3:4-5a). Like a spark that sets the forest ablaze, an uncontrolled tongue will reap havoc on your life.

What hope is there for the believer? “If my tongue is an uncontrolled fire, then what can I do?” First, pray to the God of all language to bridle your tongue and direct you in what to say. As you think and say things that tear others down, confess to the God who forgives and endeavor to only speak words that raise up others. Second, listen far more than you speak. Common sense tells us that the body has two ears and one mouth, so we listen twice as much as we speak. If your tongue is running wild, keep it contained within your mouth and use your ears instead.

I wish to echo the author, that “with the tongue we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in God’s likeness. Blessing and cursing come out of the same mouth. My brothers and sisters, these things should not be this way” (James 3:9-10-). As we honor God with our tongues, we will be quick to see people around us as his image-bearers. How can I bless God and yet curse man made in his likeness? May it not be so among his people.

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Christmas Choir Rehearsals – Christmas Choir rehearsals will begin on **September 18** from **1:15-2:45 p.m.** in the Choir Room. You will be assigned music scores at our first rehearsal. Rehearsal recordings that highlight individual parts will be available. Recordings without highlighted parts will also be offered. If you haven’t sung for a while - no worries. Your vocal muscles just need a little exercise. It will come back to you - kind of like riding a bike - you never forget!

Impact Week Hymn Caroling – You may still sign up in the Welcome Center to participate in our "Friendship Choir" that will be hymn caroling on **Wednesday, September 14** and **Thursday, September 15**, from **12:00-5:30 p.m.** You may choose to participate one or both days as we go hymn caroling for some of our homebound folks. We will meet at the church at noon both days and take our bus to each home so we can all stay together. We will simply sing a few favorite old hymns and invite them to sing along.

In the past it has been a delight to see the expressions of joy on the faces of those who have missed singing these old familiar favorites. Trust me! You will be blessed!

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

By the time you read this, you will have already celebrated Labor Day with picnics, swim parties, and BBQ. While I am looking forward to a day off and celebrating with my friends, I realized I had no idea why and what I was celebrating so I googled it!

I found out that it was an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of the American workers. The holiday began in the late 1800s when labor activists pushed for a holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America’s strength, prosperity, and well-being.

So let me just take a minute to thank all of you for your contributions whether it be inside the home or outside in the many occupations represented by this body of believers. Thanks for all you have done to make this country a land of opportunity.

Speaking of opportunities, (nice segue right?), don’t forget our trip to tour Holy Family Catholic Church on **September 12**, and our movie day here on **September 28**. The sign-up sheets are in the Connection Center.

Hope you had a great 3-day weekend with lots of rest and relaxation so we can serve our community during **Impact Week September 11-18**.

Bible Study Corner

We have something for everyone during the Bible Study hour on **Sundays at 9:45 a.m.** Ask Gloria to help you find the perfect place.

September 14, all Wednesday night activities will resume but, on that night, each group will be doing an Impact Week project. Actual Bible Studies will begin on **September 21 at 6:00 p.m.**, following dinner at 5:00 p.m. in the Dining Room! Don’t forget to sign up for dinner in the Connection Center!

All groups meet from 6:00-7:30 p.m. AWANA meets in their respective area, and Youth Small Groups meet in The Rafters. Adult opportunities include Bible Study and Prayer time with Pastor Zach in the Dining Room, and Women’s Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall with Gloria. Pastor will be teaching the book entitled *Praying the Bible*. The women will be studying *Job* by Lisa Harper, with video lessons and discussion.

Start the fall off right with the various Midweek Activities!

Devotional Corner

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

“What do you think?” (Matthew 21:28).

There are plenty of voices in the world who present their opinions like they’re solid fact. People tell us which food are healthiest, which companies are ethical, and the best way to raise our kids. These same people are also prone to tell us what to believe in our faith. I think that’s why so many people hesitate to go to church or start exploring what it means to follow Jesus. The faithful seem to have developed a fear of admitting to having any questions marks in their faith. This always seemed strange to me for a religion that says faith is all about finding answers. We should all have a long list of questions. Jesus passed right by the people who acted like they had all the answers and found some fishermen who didn’t have any. These are the people He uses to change the world.

Jesus showed us how comfortable He was with questions. He asked more than three hundred of them. He used them when people asked Him things, and it made the religious types squirm.

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