

WEEKLY SUMMARY	09-04-22	09-11-22
WOW Bible Study	—	—
Chi Alpha Wed.	—	22
AWANA	—	—
Sunday Bible Studies	171	—
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE		
8:30AM	135	—
11:00AM	113	155
WORSHIP TOTALS	248	155
Offering	\$18,894.70	\$—
E-Giving (7/26 - 8/18)	\$26,033.88	

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I think of Mother Teresa, who held people as they breathed their last in Calcutta, allowing them to die with dignity, and I think of my friend Jeff, who uses his gift with words to make people fee less alone. Even the famous ones tried to stay under the radar.

Heroes come in every age and size. Sometimes they're household name, and sometimes they're unknown. But what binds them together is this: they heard about a need in the world, and they figured out how to use whatever they could to alleviate the suffering in other people.

We don't need more degrees or status to change the world. We only need eyes to see a need and a faith that believes in redemption. Jesus wouldn't have said we'd do greater things than Him if He didn't think we could do it. Stop listening to the voices saying you can't make a difference, and start listening to the One telling you He wants you to take your next step. What's your next step?—

Sympathy

Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to ...**Bernice Moore** on the passing of her husband, **Ron Moore**, on **September 7**. ... **Roberta Taulbee** on the passing of her daughter, **Mollie Gershon**, on **September 11**. ... **Diane Wright** on the passing of her sister-in-law, **Madeline Benton**, on **September 14**.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted," —Jesus.

Mobile Market

Our upcoming 2022 dates will be:

- 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).

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, October 2
8:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors Pre-Service Prayer
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
1:15 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting
Monday, October 3
1:30 p.m. History Committee (211)
7:00 p.m. Choir & Trad. Worship Practice
7:15 p.m. Properties Committee
Tuesday, October 4
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, October 5
9:00 a.m. [Facebook](#) Bible Plan Discussion
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)
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
7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee
Thursday, October 6
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)
Friday, October 7
1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time (Café)
Saturday, October 8
Sunday, October 9
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
1:15 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal
Monday, October 10
10:00 a.m. Mobile Market
7:00 p.m. Choir & Trad. Worship Practice
Tuesday, October 11
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, October 12
9:00 a.m. [Facebook](#) Bible Plan Discussion
5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner
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. Personnel Committee
7:00 p.m. Contemp. - Worship Practice
Thursday, October 13
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)
Friday, October 14
Saturday, October 15
2:00 p.m. Youth Trip to Eckert's
5:30 p.m. Prime Time to JCCA for Storytellers

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BUILD & PURSUE

A Word From Pastor Zach

Church Family,

What an incredible week we just experienced as a church! During Impact Week, we were able to give 418 local missions hours to our community! It is always so encouraging to me to see our church being intentionally on mission. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus and both proclaiming and demonstrating the love of God to our city.

Just last week, I had a problem. I grabbed my phone off the charger, but it was nearly dead. I was confused because I had it plugged into the charger all night. Then, as I looked closer, I realized the charger had disconnected with the outlet. My phone didn't receive power because it wasn't connected to the power source. To go out and effectively live as ambassadors for Christ, we need to make sure that we are living our lives empowered by the Spirit. To stay empowered, we need to stay connected to God. We can't do it in our own strength.

Jesus talks in John 15 about how we must remain in Him. He says He is the vine, and we are the branches. If we stay connected to Him, we will bear fruit. However, apart from Him, we can do nothing. Let's make sure we stay connected to Him.

One way to stay connected to Him is by participating in our midweek activities. Every Wednesday night, at 6:00 p.m., we have a few different

Bible Study options for you that will help you stay connected to the vine. Gloria Fox will be leading our Women's Bible Study through Job in the Fellowship Hall. I will be leading a time of prayer and a study through *Praying through the Bible* by Donald Whitney in the Dining Room. I know that my prayer life has been strengthened by this study, and I can't wait to see how it impacts your prayer lives as well! Also, as an added bonus, I have been given a few dozen copies of this book by Crossway Publishing. Everyone who comes to our Prayer and Bible Study time will receive a copy until we run out.

There are also opportunities to serve on Wednesday evenings. We'd love to have you help out in AWANA with our kids or in the Rafters with our youth. Please contact Kathy Scott or Kyle Baldwin about ways to get involved. In addition to those options, we also will be having a meal one Wednesday evening a month before these various midweek options get underway. For September 21, we will be having meatloaf! Make sure to sign up for this meal, which is free (but donations are accepted).

Will you join me in praying that we stay connected to God throughout the week? We want to bear fruit, and to do that, we must remain in Christ!

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 – AWANA for our kids is off to a great start. Families were able to help with THRIVE projects during Impact Week. “THRIVE cares about women in our community. Their goal is to have women walking out of the clinic feeling more encouraged and empowered than they did coming in.” If you would like to be part of this group of great AWANA teachers and helpers, talk to Kathy! We need every parent to help us this year by staying the **first 10 minutes** to work with one 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. . If you cannot come that day, there are many other 2-hour spots throughout that week. 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 hands by packing nutritious meals for hungry children and families around the world. Here is link to help if you are still interested: give.fmssc.org/gateway

Trunk or Treat – Put **Sunday, October 30** from 4:00-6:00 p.m. 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. I’d like everyone to depict a Bible story account with their 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, email Kathy: kathy@feefeebc.org.

Thank you, Church, for your giving and responding to needs! It is a joy to serve with you!

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

Youth & Family Trip to Eckert’s Millstadt – I am so excited to get to go back to Eckert’s in Millstadt, Ill. On **Saturday, October 15** with our families! This event is always one I look forward to every year, because how could you not love everything the fall season has to offer?! There will be bonfires to roast hot dogs and s’mores, pumpkin picking, corn mazes, pumpkin canons, hayrides (that may or may not be haunted), and pig races! The cost for the event is \$15/person to cover your admission to the farm and your dinner. We will plan on getting to the farm at 3:00 p.m. that afternoon. If your whole family is coming, you can feel free to meet us at the farm, otherwise you can take the bus with us there. We will be leaving the church at 2:15 p.m. Sign up in the Rafters so you don’t miss out on this super fun day!

2023 Mission Trip Parent Info Meeting – Sunday, October 16 join us in the Rafters right after the second service to find out where we will be going on our 2023 Summer Mission Trips! We are so excited to get to go and serve again next summer, so join us that day to get all the info you will need!

School Encouragement – The first month of school has already flown by, and everyone is somehow 10x busier than last year! As we really get in to the nitty gritty of the semester, don’t forget to stay plugged in here at church. We are here for you when you feel tired and weak, and we also want to be able to celebrate with you when things go well. We can’t wait to see all that you accomplish this school year, and we can’t wait to have fun with you along the way. We love you all!

College & Outreach

Logan Mills, Interim College & Outreach Minister

Thank you for serving Bridgeton during Impact Week! 418 volunteer hours were spent by FFBC making an IMPACT in our community!

We continued our partnership with the **St. Louis Area Food Bank** to provide food to families in need through our Mobile Market distribution, and three groups served at the Food Bank itself, boxing food and household essentials to be distributed later. We provided a warm meal for **Loaves and Fishes** to feed the homeless staying at their shelter. FFBC catered lunch to the **Bridgeton Police Department** and sent a coffee truck to the **Pattonville Early Childhood Center**, appreciating those who serve our community. Members also constructed **Blessing Bags** to give to homeless to provide for their most basic needs. Chi Alpha Students constructed Action Packs with **Voice of the Martyrs** to provide aide to those in countries hostile to the Gospel. **THRIVE** held a baby shower, providing necessities to expecting mothers in need. We got out in nature and cleaned up **Matthews and Vago Parks**, helping to keep our community beautiful. Lifesaving blood was supplied to area hospitals through the **Red Cross Blood Drive**. Finally, we hosted a food drive for our own **Food Pantry** to continue serving our neighbors in need.

Thank you again for your service during Impact Week. We are praying in the weeks to come that this service spread seeds of the Gospel throughout the community, that those seeds would take root, and become a bountiful harvest for the kingdom. Continue praying and pursuing the good of your community with the love of Christ.

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Christmas Choir – Christmas Choir rehearsals begin on **Sunday, September 18** from 1:15-2:45 p.m. in the Choir Room. Our Christmas musical is called *Hope is Born – Emmanuel*. This musical celebrates His coming and gives voice to our yearning for His promised return.

Hebrews tells us that the HOPE is a sure and steadfast anchor for our souls.

“We who have run for our very lives to God have every reason to grab the promised hope with both hands and never let go,” (Hebrews 6:18, The Message).

There will be 3 performances this year:

Friday, December 16 – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 17 – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 18 – 3:00 p.m.

You are welcome to join us even if you can’t make it to the first rehearsal!

Impact Week – It was an honor and privilege to sing during Impact Week for many of our dear home bound folks. They loved seeing us and we loved seeing them. There is something about the old classic hymns that brings our hearts together – young and old.



Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

Thanks for all your help pursuing the good of our community during Impact Week. The Bible does not mention retirement so we need to keep on keeping on being the hands and feet of Jesus doing whatever we can until He calls us home. I appreciate all your hard work!

Our next event is an in-house movie. We will have lunch followed by the movie, *The Insanity of God*, on **Wednesday, September 28** at 11:00 a.m. Lunch price is \$7. This movie is the true story of missionaries Nik and Ruth Ripkin. They will tell the story of being taught by persecuted believers how to follow Jesus, how to love Him, and how to walk with Him day by day even when it doesn’t make sense. Prepare to be challenged.

On **Saturday, October 15** we will meet at the JCCA to listen to story tellers in a 5:30 p.m. program by the St. Louis County Library. There will not be a bus or transportation for this trip, but I have heard groups are gathering to eat together at Bandanas on Dorsett beforehand. There will be room at my table for anyone who wants to join me.

Finally, on **Friday, October 28**, we will go to the Economy Museum. Admission is free. We will explore the economy and money in an interactive way. You will learn everything from how people make decisions about money, how the economy affects you, and can even try to lift a 28-pound gold bar. If this doesn’t entice you, we are having lunch at Crown Candy! Enough said! Again, thank you for all you did this week for our community and your continued service to the church!

Bible Study Corner

We are back in full swing and have a place for everyone to study God’s Word with other believers. There are classes for everyone on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. Gloria will help you get connected if you don’t know where to go!

Wednesday nights are also in full swing. We have AWANA for our children, small groups for the Youth, Prayer and Bible Study with Pastor Zach in the Dining Room, and a Women’s Bible Study with Gloria in the Fellowship Hall (under the chapel).

Additionally, we have a Tuesday morning Bible study with Linda Bramstedt at 10:00 a.m. in B4 and a Facebook live Bible Study with Gloria on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. There are also a few small groups and Transformation groups meeting at the church. Contact Gloria (gloria@feefeebc.org) if you want to get connected!

Devotional Corner

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

“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in Me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father,” (John 14:12).

All the great heroes I know have been ordinary people. They didn’t run countries, and they don’t have museums named after them. They’re moms, dads, and teenagers who saw a need in the people around them and did what they could to meet those needs.

When I think of heroes, I think of people like Dorothy Day, who lived among the poor so she could better serve them, and my friend John, who started an organization to train governments in other countries on how to end human trafficking.

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