

WEEKLY SUMMARY	09-18-22	09-25-22
WOW Bible Study	20	21
Chi Alpha Wed.	16	22
AWANA	58	44
Sunday Bible Studies	168	181
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE		
8:30AM	118	113
11:00AM	113	130
WORSHIP TOTALS	231	243
Offering	\$12,075.43	\$9,454.00
E-Giving (7/26 - 8/18)	\$26,518.54	

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Everyone’s debts were different. I bet some were only short fifty dollars and some owed what would be millions. The point of the celebration was to say God’s mercy wipes all our debts clean, whether we’ve blown it in big ways or just failed to show up when it mattered. It’s all the same in God’s economy.

Each of us starts in a different place when we choose to follow Jesus. The debts we owe reflect the different lives we’ve lived. The cost of discipleship looks different from person to person. Some of us have to give up our need to be the center of attention, and some of us need the courage to find our voices. What feels like a sacrifice to you might come naturally to your neighbor. They’re just facing a different kind of battle.

Following Jesus costs each of us something different, but mercy looks the same for all of us. It looks like God letting us off the hook for the ways we’ve fallen short and celebration for all of us because Jesus covered the cost.—

*“I’m so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.”*  
—Anne of Green Gables, L.M. Montgomery

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.

**Sympathy**  
Our love through Christian sympathy is extended to ...**Karen Zarf** on the passing of her husband, **Fred Zarf**, on **September 26**.  
  
*“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 16**  
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. Mission Trip Meeting (DR)  
1:15 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, October 17**  
1:30 p.m. History Committee (211)  
7:00 p.m. Choir & Trad. Worship Practice  
7:15 p.m. Properties Committee

**Tuesday, October 18**  
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  
4:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes  
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)  
7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice (217)  
7:00 p.m. Volleyball - Open Gym

**Wednesday, October 19**  
9:00 a.m. [Facebook](#) Bible Plan Discussion  
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)  
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. Bible Study & Prayer Time (DR)  
7:00 p.m. Contemp. - Worship Practice

**Thursday, October 20**  
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)

**Friday, October 21**  
1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time (Café)  
6:00 p.m. Middle School Nerf Night

**Saturday, October 22**  
**Sunday, October 23**  
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 & The Lord’s Supper  
  
11:00 a.m. Preschool Care  
11:00 a.m. KidsZone  
1:15 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, October 24**  
7:00 p.m. Choir & Trad. Worship Practice

**Tuesday, October 25**  
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 26**  
9:00 a.m. [Facebook](#) Bible Plan Discussion  
6:00 p.m. AWANA  
6:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups  
6:00 p.m. WOW Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer Time (DR)  
7:00 p.m. Contemp. - Worship Practice

**Thursday, October 27**  
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)

**Friday, October 28**  
10:00 a.m. Prime Time to Economy Museum & Crown

Candy

**Saturday, October 29**

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FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH

BUILD & PURSUE

**A Word From Pastor Zach**  
**Church Family,**  
  
This is a hard column to write. As you know by now, God is leading my family in a new direction, and I have accepted a call to a church in Texas. I love this church deeply and I am so thankful for my time here. While I know this is still a surprise to many, I want you to be assured that our Deacon body and our Personnel Committee have already set a great plan in place to ensure a smooth transition and to make sure that our church continues to build and pursue for the glory of God.

As I write in the Forerunner for the last time, I wanted to share parts of the letter that I read at the end of our services on September 25:

This has been an incredibly difficult decision to make. It’s incredibly difficult because I deeply love our church family and the community we have here at Fee Fee. However, even though it is a very difficult decision, I believe that God is opening this door and we want to be faithful and obedient to God’s will for our family.

This is a very bittersweet time for us. I am beyond grateful that God gave me the honor and privilege to serve as the pastor here at Fee Fee. I love this church and I love how you have loved my family. God has given me the blessings of great friendships, a loving church family, and the opportunity to be a part of God doing great things here.

I know that all the changes and growth that we have experienced have all been because of God and in spite of me, but I am humbled that God gave me the opportunity to shepherd and serve here. At the same time, my family and I have given God a blank check with our lives and told him that we will go wherever He leads. We believe He is calling, so we want to be obedient to that call and go where He is sending us.

Know that I will be praying for Fee Fee during this transition, and I ask that you pray for my family as we are relocating and starting a new ministry. I have been praying Philippians 1:3-6 for this great church. In this passage, Paul writes:

*“I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”*

Thank you for the privilege of serving you as your pastor. I love each and every one of you.

In Him,  
  
Pastor Zach Crook

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

HAPPY FALL!

**Trunk or Treat** – Put **Sunday, October 30** from 3:00-5:00 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. Would you consider representing a Bible story and be willing to tell a brief Bible story at your trunk? We will be collecting candy in the Donation Center starting October 1. Thank you!

**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](mailto:kathy@feefeebc.org). Recording will be on **Sunday, October 16** and **23** from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

**International Mission Study – Sunday, December 4** will be our annual International Mission Study with the children during the Bible School hour and KidsZone (9:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.). We will be studying what God is doing in the Philippines! This is something you don’t want your kids to miss!

**Save the Date to Save a Life!** – We will have another Blood Drive on **Friday, December 2**, from 12:00-5:00 p.m. Info will be available on our website closer to that time but save the date now! One pint of blood can save THREE lives!

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

**Youth & Family Trip to Eckert’s Millstadt** – Don’t forget to sign up for the Eckert’s trip on October 15! You can sign up you and your family in the Rafters. The trip is from 3:00-10:00 p.m., and the cost is \$15/person to cover admission and dinner. See you there!

**2023 Mission Trip Parent Info Meeting – CHANGES – Sunday, October 16** we will be meeting to discuss our plans for our summer mission trips. This meeting will include information for both the youth trip AND our international trip. We will meet in the Dining Room immediately after the 11:00 a.m. service.

**A Season of Change** – “Look, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it?” (Isaiah 43:19 CSB).

Change is difficult, even in the life of the church. But we were never promised comfort as Christians. God loves to find ways to challenge us, not because He is unjust and cruel, but because He is strengthening us to continue moving forward. We are going to miss Pastor Zach, Jill, and their kids so much here at Fee Fee, but I know that God has great plans for His church ahead of us! While it is good and healthy to process through the emotions that come with this recent news, I urge you to remain firm in Jesus, because He never changes. Fee Fee will be just fine, in fact, her best days are ahead of her. I can’t wait to see how we as a church body will bond together in this time and continue to build our lives on Jesus, AND pursue the good of our community. We love you church! The work is not done yet, so buckle up!

FFBC Food Pantry

Ron Burns, Food Pantry Volunteer

I wanted to thank everyone who contributed to the food pantry as a part of Impact Week. It will be well stocked for awhile. Special thanks to Kevin, Caitlin, and Colton Knepper for helping get all the food donations upstairs to the pantry.

College & Outreach

Logan Mills, Interim College & Outreach Minister

**Pray for Our Local College Students** – The school year is back in full swing! Each new fall means new college students at our local universities and new opportunities for young adults to come to saving faith in King Jesus. Please pray for our St. Louis area colleges. Missouri Baptist University and Lindenwood University both are seeing the Spirit move through their students; pray that He would continue His work! Be praying for laborers to go out to our colleges, for the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few (Matt. 9:37-38).

**Impact Week Recap** – The final tally for Impact Week is in -- **492.5 hours!** 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.

Finally, I want to encourage you as you may feel weary, turn to your Savior. **Matthew 11:25-30** reminds us that Jesus Christ oversees all things and will give us rest. As you work this week, remember that your work is done primarily to glorify God. Secondly, your work is designed to proclaim who God is and encourage others to seek after God themselves. Provision for your family is not the primary reason we should be working! Our reason for being, our life’s purpose as believers, is to glorify God through our work. If there is breath in your lungs, the Lord asks that you work for Him, and He will provide your rest. So work, brothers, and sisters; work for the Lord and not for men.

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

**Music We Love Based on The Psalms** – This week I am sharing with you a playlist taken from the Psalms. It includes different artists - old and new. The music is beautiful, and I hope you will enjoy it.

1. Psalm 130 - ***I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)*** by Shane & Shane

2. Psalm 34 - ***Psalm 34*** by The Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir

3. Psalm 8 - ***How Majestic is Your Name*** by Sandi Patty

4. Psalm 113 - ***Praise the Lord*** by Russ Taff

5. Psalm 62 - ***My Soul Will Rest (Psalm 62)*** by Matthew Zigenis

6. Psalm 91 - ***Psalm 91 (On Eagle's Wings)*** by Taryn Harbridge

7. Psalm 23 - ***Psalm 23 (I Am Not Alone)*** by People and Songs ft. Josh Sherman

8. Psalm 16:8 - ***Be Thou My Vision*** by BYU Vocal Point
9. Psalm 145:3 - ***Great is the Lord*** by Michael W. Smith

10. Psalm 24:10 - ***Come, thou Almighty King*** by Keith & Kristen Getty, Tommy Bailey

11. Psalm 119:114 – ***My Defender*** by Jeremy Camp

12. Psalm 139 – ***Find You*** by Audrey Assad

13. Psalm 46 – ***Psalm 46 (Lord of Hosts)*** by Capital City Music

14. Psalm 66 – ***Psalm 66 (You Are Great)*** by Robbie Seay Band

15. Psalm 42 – ***Psalm 42*** by Tori Kelly

You can listen to this great music taken from Psalm texts here: <https://bit.ly/3xZhqDB>

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

I love fall! The changing leaves, firepits, s’mores, hot chocolate, long sleeves, and the promise of snow in the near future. *I know, I know.* Some of you are still stuck on the “s” word I said in the last sentence! But I love the God who created each one of us with our unique personalities and passions. There is never a dull moment in God’s world. He likes seasons too, and our church is about to enter a new season. While we are sad to see our pastor and his family move on, we must remember that God has called them to a new place to serve and bless a new body of believers.

At the same time, we know God’s plans for us is also for a hope and a future. If you set your alarm for 9:38 (a.m. or p.m.) as Zach asked us to and you are praying Matthew 9:28, you have already been praying for our new pastor. God already knows who our next shepherd will be, and he is preparing his heart even today. It’s time to get ready for our next season!

In the meantime, we have some exciting events coming up that I hope you will join us at and invite some friends along. On the evening of **Saturday, October 15** we will meet at the JCCA to listen to story tellers in a program by the St. Louis County Library. There will not be a bus or transportation for this trip, but groups are gathering at 6:00 p.m. to eat together at Bandanas on Dorsett beforehand. The storytelling begins at 7:30 p.m. at the J. Mirowitz Performing Arts Center, 2 Millstone Campus. This is a unique opportunity you don’t want to miss.

Then, 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 even have the opportunity to try to lift a 28-pound gold bar. If this doesn’t entice you, we are having lunch at Crown Candy afterward! Enough said!

Enjoy the change of seasons. God is in control!

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 full steam ahead! We have AWANA for our children, small groups for the youth, Prayer and Bible study in the Dining Room, and a women’s Bible study with Gloria in the Fellowship Hall (under the chapel).

Other opportunities available are, Tuesday morning Bible Study with Linda Bramstedt at 10:00 a.m. in B4; Facebook Live Bible Study with Gloria on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. There are also a few small groups meeting at the church and Transformation groups. Contact Gloria if you want to get connected!

Devotional Corner

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

**“Those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples,” (Luke 14:33).**

The Bible tells us about an extraordinary practice in ancient Israel called the Year of Jubilee. This came around once every fifty years, and it was a time when all slaves and prisoners were set free and every debt was forgiven. God set it up for the people of Israel because He wanted to communicate in a human way what His mercy was like, and it looked like freedom for everyone no matter their burden or debt.

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