

WEEKLY SUMMARY	10-02-22	10-09-22
WOW Bible Study	—	15
Chi Alpha Wed.	20	22
AWANA	39	49
Sunday Bible Studies	197	188
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE		
8:30AM	136	123
11:00AM	123	118
WORSHIP TOTALS	259	241
Offering	\$20,513.16	\$8,882.45
E-Giving (7/26 - 8/18)	\$8,055.00	

Office Schedule Change

Starting **Friday, October 21**, the church office will be **open by appointment only** on **Fridays**. There will be a minister on-call and the office phones will be answered remotely by a staff member. **New office hours** will be **Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** If you need to make an appointment with a minister on Friday, outside of regular office hours, please call the church office at (314) 739-1525, and a minister will be in touch with you to arrange a meeting.

Mobile Market

Our upcoming 2022 dates will be:

- November 21 (***note: this is a date change***)
- 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 ...**Lyle Downs** on the passing of his wife, **Shirley Downs**, on **October 1**.

...**Family and friends** on the passing of **Edna Townsend** on **October 5**.

...**Family and friends** on the passing of **Rozella Payne** on **October 8**.

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

Wednesday Night Dinner

Don't forget to sign up in the Connection Center for the next Wednesday Night Dinner on **November 16** from **5:00-6:00 p.m.** This will be a **Thanksgiving dinner** to share with your church family made up of a yummy spread filled with all of your favorite holiday fixings. You don't want to miss it! The **deadline** to sign up is **November 6**.

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, October 30

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
3:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 31

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

Tuesday, November 1

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, November 2

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. Bible Study & Prayer Time (DR)
7:00 p.m. Contemp. - Worship Practice
7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee

Thursday, November 3

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

Friday, November 4

Saturday, November 5

5:00 p.m. Youth Trivia Night Fundraiser

Sunday, November 6

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. Sunday Night Connection
5:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

Monday, November 7

1:30 p.m. History Committee
7:00 p.m. Choir & Trad. Worship Practice
7:15 p.m. Properties Committee

Tuesday, November 8

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, November 9

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. Bible Study & Prayer Time (DR)
7:00 p.m. Contemp. - Worship Practice
7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee

Thursday, November 10

11:00 a.m. Senior Planning + Lunch (DR)
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)

Friday, November 11

Saturday, November 12

Church Office Staff

Dr. Matt Easter, *INTERIM PASTOR*

Derald Harris, *INTERIM PASTOR*

Gloria Fox, *DIRECTOR OF SENIOR ADULTS & BIBLE STUDY*

Kathy Scott, *DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN
& FAMILY MINISTRIES*

Ronna Paden, *DIRECTOR OF MUSIC*

Kyle Baldwin, *DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES*

Logan Mills, *INTERIM COLLEGE & OUTREACH MINISTER*

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BUILD & PURSUE

A Word From our Prayer Warriors

When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths.

1 Corinthians 2:13

Insight

Everyone wants to be wise. Yet Paul taught the Corinthians that true wisdom or discernment requires the believer to be guided by the Holy Spirit. Because Satan's greatest impact on us occurs when he deceives us, we need the Holy Spirit's help.

Spiritual discernment enables us to draw conclusions based on God's perspective, make wise decisions in difficult circumstances, recognize the activities of God's Spirit, distinguish the correct and incorrect use of Scripture, and identify and expose false teachers.¹

Challenge

- Ask God to give you and Fee Fee Baptist Church discernment as we serve Him.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will give wisdom and discernment to our Deacons, the Personnel Committee, our Staff, and those who will be on our Search Committee during our pastor search process.
- Pray for Pastor Zach and his family as they follow the Lord's direction to a new ministry.
- Pray that the Lord will begin preparing our next pastor even now.

God Bless Fee Fee Church.

Larry Condra
Prayer Warrior

¹ Tyndale Life Application Daily Devotion

“Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.”

—The Great Gatsby, F. Scott Fitzgerald

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

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. We still have spots open for trunks, to lead a game in courtyard, help set-up and clean up, put on sticker tattoos, and greeters! We will be collecting a TON of candy in the Donation Center. We are looking forward to inviting our community for a fun afternoon. Signups are in the Connection Center.

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!

Parent's Night Out – It's that time of year again! Parent's Night Out will be on Friday, December 9 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Watch for signup sheets in November. We will also need gifts donated for kids to shop for in our Christmas Store that night. We are requesting **new items** (or **very gently** used items). Items should be things that kids would want to pick out for their siblings and parents to gift to them for Christmas. **Volunteers:** We will also need adults and students to help with various areas that evening, such as being personal shoppers, assist with games, dinner, setup, and clean up! So mark your calendars and come talk to Kathy to sign up to help!

Chi Alpha News

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

Trivia Night Fundraiser – Our annual Youth Trivia Night Fundraiser is on Saturday, November 5! All proceeds for this event will benefit students who will go on our summer mission trips in 2023. Trivia will be played from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Tables of 8 people are \$80 and you can sign up in the Connection Center. Childcare is available by reservation only, so shoot Kyle an email to sign up. We will also be having a Silent Auction, so if you have items to donate, deliver those to Kyle, or drop them off at the church office.

2023 Summer Mission Trips – In case you missed the informational meeting on October 16, we announced plans for our 2023 summer mission trips! I am so excited to announce that our youth students will be going to **MFuge Camp** at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY! MFuge is the perfect blend of a camp and mission trip experience, and students will have the opportunity to have fun, worship, play games, and grow with other students from around the country, while working on a service project during the day. These projects range from construction, painting, yardwork, children's ministry, or homeless ministry. This trip will be **July 10-14**, and will cost \$200. **Deposits of \$50 and release forms are due on Sunday, November 13.**

Our international trip, which is open for 11th Grade students and older, is heading to **Poland** with **Praying Pelican Missions** to work with Ukrainian refugees who have been displaced by the war. Our church has done a great job of supporting Ukraine and our various partners there, and this is just the next step in our journey. What an exciting opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus, with a cause that is very near and dear to the heart of our church. This trip will be **June 10-19**, and will cost \$1200. **Deposits of \$150, applications, and release forms are due on Sunday, November 13.**

Church, please pray about your involvement in these trips. Whether you sign up to go, attend a fundraiser, donate supplies, financially support the participants, or just pray for our teams, these trips are all hands on deck for our church. I am so thankful that we are a church who supports our people going on mission for the Gospel!

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Christmas Production Needs – We still would like more angels in our "Heavenly Host" for our Christmas production. Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons at 1:15 p.m. in Room B3. Angel participants do not to be regular attendees of Fee Fee. We welcome those from other churches and any from our community. Also we would like a few participants who will not have spoken lines, but would appear briefly near the end of the pageant. Sign up in the Connection Center if interested.

Prayer... A Subject for Many Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs – A lot of music (Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs) for Christian use has been written as actual prayers. The following is a playlist of examples from each category.

Psalms

- *Psalms 5* by Maranatha Singers (inspired by Psalm 5)
- *Psalms 4 (When I Call)* by Melissa Breems (inspired by Psalm 4:1)
- *Psalms 139:23-24 Song "Lead Me in the Way Everlasting"* by Esther Mui

Hymns

- *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* by Fountainview Academy - This hymn was written by Adelaide Pollard in response to having been unsuccessful in raising funds to make a trip to Africa for missionary service.
- *I Must Tell Jesus* by Mom Winans (Gaither Music) - This hymn was written by Elisha Hoffman, a preacher who used these simple words to encourage a distraught lady.

Spiritual Songs

- *Battle Belongs* by Paul Wickham - This song was inspired by 2 Chronicles 20. The people of God stood firm and sent men singing worship songs at the head of their army. As they gave thanks to the Lord for His enduring love, their enemies began fighting each other.
- *God So Loved* - by We the Kingdom - The music highlights different countries and cultures united by the love of Christ. The text simply expands on the familiar verse, John 3:16.
- *Lord, I Need You* - Matt Maher - Jesus desires to meet you everyday. He is ready to meet you whenever and wherever you can step back and say "Lord, I need You."

You can listen to all of these prayers, plus a BONUS prayer song called *Cleanse Me*, using this link: <https://bit.ly/3Ti22uh>

Heart of Worship

Melissa Eberts, Worship Leader

Hi Church! My name is Melissa Eberts, and I'm the worship leader in the 11:00 a.m. service on Sundays. In this new column called, "Heart of Worship," I will talk about how we can grow our relationship with God through worship. An act of worship can mean many things, and for this issue let's look at our posture toward God. Psalm 139:1-3 says, "Lord, you have examined me and know all about me. You know when I sit down and when I get up. You know my thoughts before I think them. You know where I go and where I lie down. You know everything I do." Our Creator, the One who made us, knows everything about us! He not only knows us, but He loves us and wants a relationship with us!

I challenge you to think about this question today: **In light of knowing how He feels about me, how do I respond to Him?** What is my posture towards Him? In our heart of worship towards our Father, is our posture towards Him? Are we willing to be vulnerable to the One who already knows everything about us already? Are we willing to give of our time, money, praise and ultimately our lives? Let's go where He wants us to go, give what He wants us to give, and be who He's called us to be!

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

On **Friday, October 28**, we will be visiting the Economy Museum at the Federal Reserve Bank with lunch following at Crown Candy! The Economy Museum takes you on a hands-on journey through interactive exhibits, games and videos. You will learn about everything about inflation to the global economy. You even get to go home with a bag full of shredded money. You can try to use this to pay for your lunch at Crown Candy. Good luck!

On **Thursday, November 10** at 11:00 a.m., you are invited to a FREE McAllister's boxed lunch and a presentation on Senior Planning. You will be given information on everything from setting up power of attorney, deciding on advanced health directives, and estate planning. There will be a presentation, a time for questions, and some planning documents distributed. This is never a topic that we enjoy but it only makes sense to prepare in advance for our future. I hope you will plan to attend.

Mark down these dates for our two Christmas events: **Thursday, December 1** at Big Joel's safari (bring your grandkids); and a trip to see the lighted display at Our Lady of the Snows on **Monday, December 19**. Get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

Bible Study Corner

There is a place for everyone in Bible Study. If you want to get connected and involved, contact Gloria and she will walk you through everything that is available. There is something most days of the week for all ages.

Coming Soon

Sunday Night Connection! Stay Tuned for more information.

College & Outreach

Logan Mills, Interim College & Outreach Minister

From New Morning Mercies by Paul David Tripp – "All God's children have been called to the same position. We've all been called to be his ambassadors. Remember, the only thing an ambassador does is represent. God's plan is to make his invisible presence and his invisible grace visible through his people, who incarnate his presence and carry that grace to others. That's God's call to every one of his children. There are to be no self-satisfied recipients, no consumers. The body of Christ is designed by God to be an organic, constantly ministering community.

"If the church is ever going to be this, then God's people need three things. First, we need *vision*. We need to be reminded again and again of our place in the work of the Redeemer. Next, we need *commitment*. We need to be encouraged to make specific and concrete decisions to better position ourselves for the work to which God has called us. Last, we need *training*. We need to understand what it really looks like to represent the grace of the Redeemer in the lives of the people whom he puts in our paths. We need to be trained not to see those relationships as belonging to us for our happiness, but rather as workrooms in which the Lord can do his transforming work of grace."

Brothers and sisters, we are Christ's ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20). Have no fear, the Lord is providing vision for this church. Your staff have received *vision* from the Lord for this church in the days ahead and the men leading in this interim time will care for this body. So be encouraged and *commit* to this church in this time. Keep your eyes out in the months ahead as we fellowship together and get *training* as a church body. We will continue to work together to build this church and pursue the good of our community.