

Weekly Summary	5/21/2023	5/28/2023	6/4/2023	6/11/2023
Chi Alpha Wed.	—	—	—	—
AWANA	—	—	—	—
Sunday Bible Studies	167	Business Mtg.	155	134
WOW Bible Study	—	—	—	—
Worship Attendance: 8:30AM	129	112	116	100
11:00AM	60	88	86	65
Worship Totals	189	200	202	165
Offering	\$8,327.12	\$4,303.08	\$16,189.08	\$7,587.70
E-Giving (4/23-6/11)	\$1,145.00	\$5,830.68	\$3,506.22	\$9,267.32

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, July 2
4:00 p.m. By-laws Committee

Monday, July 3
1:30 p.m. History Committee
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:15 p.m. Properties Committee

Tuesday, July 4 - Office/building closed

Wednesday, July 5
9:00 a.m. [FB](#) Bible Plan Discussion
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)
6:00 p.m. Chi Alpha Summers (Rafters)
7:00 p.m. Contemp. Worship Practice
7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee

Thursday, July 6
10:00 a.m. Bob Foster Small Group
1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time

Friday, July 7
10:00 a.m. Prime Time Miniature Museum and Hodak's

Sunday, July 9
5:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
6:00 p.m. Concert Series - Kristine Harris/ Jerry Westenkuehler

Monday, July 10
10:00 a.m. Mobile Market
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, July 11
7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
11:30 a.m. May Clermont WOM (Bramstedt)
2:00 p.m. Prime Time Council
6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Committee

Wednesday, June 14
9:00 a.m. [FB](#) Bible Plan Discussion
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)
7:00 p.m. Contemp. Worship Practice
7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee

Sunday, July 16
6:00 p.m. Concert Series - Harris Trio

Monday, July 17
9:00 a.m. VBS/Day Camp
9:15 a.m. Wagner/Sherer WOM
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, July 18
7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
9:00a.m. VBS/Day Camp
4:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes Ministry
6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Committee

Wednesday, July 19
9:00 a.m. FB Bible Plan Discussion
9:00 a.m. VBS/Day Camp
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)
6:00 p.m. Youth Board Game Night
7:00 p.m. Contemp. Worship Practice

Thursday, July 20
9:00 a.m. VBS/Day Camp
1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time

Friday, July 21
9:00 a.m. VBS/ Day Camp

Sunday, July 23
9:45 a.m. Business Meeting (DR)
6:00 p.m. Concert Series - Doug Mickan

Monday, July 24
11:00 a.m. Prime Time Lunch / Movie (DR)
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, July 25
7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Committee

Wednesday, July 26
9:00 a.m. [FB](#) Bible Plan Discussion
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)
7:00 p.m. Contemp. Worship Practice

Thursday, July 27
11: 00 a.m. Blood Drive (Gym)

Friday, July 28
7:00 p.m. Underground Church/ Youth

Sunday, July 30
6:00 p.m. Concert Series - The Lesters

Monday, July 31
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Blood Drive

It's time again to give life-saving blood. July 27 the Red Cross will be here in our gym and you have an opportunity to give. Get online at <http://feefeebc.org/blooddrive/> to set up an appointment. You can also call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule your donation. On our website you will find helpful info about donating including who can donate and how to donate.

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAYS

8:30 a.m.—Traditional Worship
9:45 a.m.—Bible Studies (All Ages)
11:00 a.m.—Contemporary Worship
11:00 a.m.—KidsZone

No KidsZone on 4th Sundays
Lord's Supper on 4th Sundays

REMEMBER: NO Wednesday night activities during the summer until Sept 13th.

Mobile Market

Our partnership with the St. Louis Area Foodbank will continue into 2023 with more Mobile Markets. Upcoming dates are:

- July 10
- Aug 14

Anyone is welcome to come get groceries on the second Monday of each month, at 10:00 a.m. (until the food runs out). If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, talk to Kathy Webber and she will make sure you have a spot to serve!

International Food Pantry

Foods needed are breakfast foods including cereal, oatmeal, breakfast bars, and shelf stable milk. Contact Cathy Wallace for more information.

New Bible Reading

The plan will begin on July 5th and will cover the books of Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel. Pick up your bookmark in the connection center and join us in reading God's word together.

Thank you

Our church sent a coffee truck to Pattonville Early Childhood on May 26th .
“ Thank you Fee Fee Baptist Church for spoiling us with the LC Coffee Truck! We really enjoyed it and appreciated having it here. The drinks were delicious! Thank you, Pattonville Early Childhood”

If you would like a monthly birthday list or a updated directory please call the office.

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BUILD & PURSUE

A Word from Interim Pastor, Derald Harris

In my daily Bible reading the other day I was reading the story of Gideon in the book of Judges. And I saw something fascinating. Just as a reminder – this story details the suffering that the Midianites were inflicting on Israel as a punishment from God for their unfaithfulness. The occupying army stripped the land of food – they took all the livestock and destroyed the crops. Whenever the Israelites could grow and harvest modest amounts of food, they worked hard to keep their harvest a secret from the Midianites.

In the 6th chapter we find a man named Gideon. He describes himself as the least member of the weakest clan in his tribe. (How is that for a self-image?) Gideon is hiding in the bottom of a winepress, threshing a little wheat so Midianites could not see him.

Here comes the fascinating part. In verses 11-12 an angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon and said, “Mighty Hero, the Lord is with you.” Then in verse 14, the angel tells him to “Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!”

I’m sure Gideon looked around to see who the angel was addressing. When he looked at himself, he just saw a coward – a nobody – who was hiding from the enemy. He is pretty honest about his current situation. He reminds the angel of his status within his family and asks how he can possibly do what God expects of him.

But when God looks at us, He doesn’t see who we ARE. He sees who He can make us to be! God saw Gideon as a mighty warrior he could use to rescue His people.

The thing that transformed Gideon from a coward into that mighty warrior was simple. The Lord said to him, “I will be with you.”

God is saying the same thing to us today – both as individuals and as a church.

Let me ask you, when you look at Fee Fee Baptist Church, what do you see? Do you see a church simply trying to hold on through a time of leadership transition? OR do you see a church empowered by the Spirit of God to do mighty things in this community and region. The difference is realizing that God is with us. This is HIS church, and He promises that He will build HIS church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.

So, let me challenge you to see Fee Fee Baptist Church from God’s perspective and be encouraged. God says, “I am with you!” And that is more than enough.

Blessings,
Pastor Derald

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Families: June 25, is family day in church so your children will be with you in worship. What a great time to be an example to your kids on how to worship. Beforehand, have a discussion with your children on why we worship and how to worship. It would be a great family discussion.

For your calendar: **VBS and Sports camp** is July 17-21, 2023. **STELLAR VBS** is 9am-12noon; Sports Crusaders Basketball Camp is 1-4pm. This is for kids that have completed K-5th grade. There is a preschool VBS for parents who serve in VBS. Information and registration forms are on our website feefebc.org/freevbs. If you would like to serve in VBS, I have crew leader (family group leader) spots open.

For the sports camp I have secured a host home for the 3 coaches—woo hoo! Thank you Middendorfs! We will need meals for these Sport Crusaders for the week. If your Sunday School class could help with gift cards or money to help the students with meals, please get those funds to me. They certainly would welcome a home cooked meal one night as they have been travelling all summer. We have salvations every year we do this...it's an exciting and fun week for our kids and builds God's kingdom! There is something for everyone to do so if you are interested in serving that week, contact me. Thanks for everything you do to support our children's ministries.

We will be setting up for **STELLAR VBS** July 10th -16th at various times. If you have some time to decorate rooms, get supplies together and various other things, just let me know.

At the beginning of August, there are several events for you to note: Friday, August 4th, is **Swim Night 6-8 pm**. It's always a great night for families and it's FREE so invite friends and neighbors to come. Saturday, August 5th, is the **FREE Market and school supply give-away**. We will be asking for backpacks and school supply donations from you in the near future. Then, August 6th, is **promotion Sunday** for our preschoolers through youth.

The summer is already flying by...don't miss any opportunities to serve!!!!

We are at a critical point of needing people to serve in our preschool, children and youth ministry. God has called us to love and teach our young ones. Afterall, they are the future of our church. God has gifted people to meet the needs of our congregation. Is He speaking to you? Answer God's call on your life and seek to serve! God asks not only for our tithes, but also our time and our talents in service. It's so rewarding to see these kids know, love and serve Jesus. Don't you want to be part of that?

Heart of Worship

Melissa Eberts, Worship Leader

Calling all worshippers! We will be having a special **night of worship and prayer on Sunday, August 13th**, starting at 6pm. It will be combined with **Sunday Night Connections**, so be sure to bring your entire family to worship with us and enjoy some food and fellowship afterwards. Along with worship, there will be prayer throughout the service, and the focus will be "Back to School". We will also be praying specifically for teachers, students, schools and the entire school year.

We had a worship night last year, and we thought a great time to have another one would be right before the new school year starts again to set our focus on God. Let's show our families that God is our top priority and how important it is to have Him be first in all we do. Let's also encourage our teachers and students to be a light wherever they go – including school!

The Bible says in Matthew 5:14-16, "You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

People are supposed to see our good works, the Bible says, so that they may glorify our God in Heaven. Our job is to do good works for others to observe them and glorify God!

We can be a model of Christ's love to those around us. (John 13:34-35) We can be ready to give an account of the hope that is within us. (1 Peter 3:15) We can be ready to pray with anyone who asks. (1 Timothy 2:1) We can also be willing to give sacrificially when we see people in need. (1 John 3:16-18) These are some examples of being the hands and feet of Jesus. He physically doesn't step down from Heaven to do it – so He uses people like us, His Jesus followers, to do it for Him. Isn't it exciting that we can be used by God to carry out His will?

Please join us for worship and prayer on Sunday, August 13th! The band and I are really looking forward to worshipping with you – we'll see you there!

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

JULY 9th - 6:00 p.m. KRISTINE HARRIS/ JERRY WESTENKUEHLER

TRUMPET/ ORGAN PERFORMANCE

Dr. Harris is a trumpet player extraordinaire who has been active in ensemble settings and as a soloist. She has performed in magnificent cathedrals and venues all over the world. Her teaching has been a passion for her and she has taught and directed in colleges as well as New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Harris will be joined by her friend, Jerry Westenkuehler. Dr. Westenkuehler is an organist who studied at William Jewell and Southwestern Baptist theological Seminary where he received his Doctorate of Musical Arts in organ performance. In addition to performing, he has composed numerous pieces for organ and handbells.

JULY 16th - 6:00 p.m. THE HARRIS TRIO GOSPEL TRIO

Fee Fee considers the Harris Trio family. John and Lee are members of Fee Fee and they along with their friend Kathy are well known by our congregation. The trio has been singing together since their teen-age years. They sing with an amazing tight signature blend. The harmonies they render are stunning

JULY 23rd - 6:00 p.m. DOUG MICKAN VENTRILOQUIST

Ventriloquist Doug Mickan is a favorite entertainer for audiences of ALL ages. In his upcoming concert he will entertain us with his many lovable and unique friends. Doug is a worship pastor and will likely mix music along with his ventriloquism. Doug was a favorite among our Summer Concert Artists last year and we are delighted to invite him back.

JULY 30th - 6:00 p.m. THE LESTERS SINGING GOSPEL MUSIC SINCE 1925

This singing family has been serving God through Gospel music since 1925. This ministry began with grandparents Harvey and Opal Lester and continues now to the 3rd, 4th and 5th generations. This family has been identified as St. Louis' First Family of Gospel Music. Singing gospel music is their heart's desire and purpose. They intend to "keep on singing" the gospel message and have no plans to stop. Please invite friends and neighbors to join you at these concerts. We will have a time of refreshments (ice cream!) and fellowship after each concert. Starting time for each concert is 6:00 and each concert is expected to last for about one hour. There is no charge for these concerts. However, a love offering will be received each evening.

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

Hope you are enjoying your summer so far. I wish I could take you to the beach but ... how about these activities instead.

On **Friday, July 7 at 10 a.m.**, we will go to the **Miniature Museum**. This museum has an extensive display of tiny objects. There is everything from room boxes, to dollhouses and all sorts of displays. There are 2 floors of exhibits that range from 1:6 to micro-scale. The museum costs \$5.50. After the museum, we will eat at Hodak's!

On **Monday, July 24**, we are going to stay at church in the air conditioning. We will gather at 11 for lunch which will consist of sandwiches, chips and dessert. The cost of lunch is \$7.00. Then we will watch the **Sight and Sound production of Joseph**. This production was filmed in 2010 in front of a live audience and tells the story of dreams and the power of forgiveness.

A final reminder to join me in an in-depth Bible study August 21-24 from 9:30-noon at **Adult VBS**.

Bible Study Corner

We are on our summer schedule for Bible Study. You can be a part of a class each Sunday from 9:45-10:45am. It is so important to talk about you are learning from studying and what God is doing in your life. If you don't know where you would fit in, contact Gloria and she will help you find some good options.

We are still doing Transformation Groups, a few small groups and a facebook live Bible study every Wednesday morning at 9:00am. Watch it live or you can watch it later on our website at any time.

School Supplies and Free Market

It is time to start collecting school supplies for our community backpack giveaway at the **Free Market on Saturday, August 5**. Last year we collected enough supplies and backpacks to provide 116 for our community. This really blesses the children in our area when they have a brand new backpack and the supplies they need to start school.

We need crayons, pencils, ink pens, markers, highlighters, wide-ruled notebook paper, spiral notebooks, composition books, pencil sharpeners, pencil cases, Kleenex, pocket folders, 3 ring binders, school glue, glue sticks, sharpies, erasures, and post it notes. We also need some cute backpacks for the younger kids. We have had a donation of 50 plain black backpacks that the older kids prefer.

Don't forget, also, to start gathering your items to give away at the free market. In the past, we have given away everything from baby items, furniture, toys, books, clothing and anything else in really good shape that you are willing to part with. This is not a garage sale. Everything is free.

If you have not participated before, you will find this to be a day that you will receive more of a blessing than those you give items to. Mark your calendar for August 5 at 9 am and bring your trunk full of items to share.

A Bittersweet Goodbye

Kyle Baldwin, Director of Student Ministries

I've never really been good at goodbyes. No matter the circumstance, it's something I never really look forward to, because that means something is ending. Whether it's high school graduation, moving to a new state, or even your favorite movie or tv franchise ending...goodbyes never get easier. But this goodbye is especially tough. As it was announced on June 18th, I have accepted a call to a new position, and my last Sunday here will be July 2nd. While my family and I are very excited about these new possibilities, and we know that God has prepared this path for us, it doesn't make this transition any easier.

I came to Fee Fee when I was 6 months old, and it truly is the only church I have ever known. Apart from a few semesters away for college, I sat in these pews every Sunday with you. I've grown up with you from my days in the nursery (where many of you remind me how you held me...thank you all for that), to my days in the Children's Department enjoying the days of VBS and Children's Church, and to my transition into the Youth Group here, where my life was forever changed. Chi Alpha, and every leader, student, or volunteer who has ever been involved there, has truly changed my life. This is the space where I grew into the man that I am today, and everyone there has been with me through all of life's highs and lows.

My transition from student to staff was one that I wasn't expecting when I came on board as the Summer Intern, but I saw God's hand through that whole transition. As we worked through a pastoral transition and then a global pandemic, to say my first couple years in ministry was hectic is an understatement. But there was always one constant...the students. Their genuine joy, willingness, care, curiosity, and kindness is what made coming to work in difficult conditions worth it. I am so proud of each of them. The impact they have made on the youth group culture, each other, our church, our community, across the country while on mission, and on me and my family is out of this world. Students, I love you all, and I can't wait to watch you succeed. You truly will change the world.

These last almost 5 years are one I would not change for the world. Serving as your Youth Pastor has been one of the best joys of my life, and I truly am sad to see this time pass. While this may seem like goodbye, please know that I am still here, cheering you on, and rooting for Fee Fee. Invest in each other, BUILD great community here, and continue to PURSUE our community. Be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Thank you Fee Fee, we truly will miss you.

Kyle & Alaina Baldwin

Chi Alpha Youth activities this month:

July 6th: Chi Alpha Summers

July 10th —14th: MFUGE Camp

July 19th: Board Game Night

Jul 28: Underground Church

