

Weekly Summary	9/17/2023	9/24/2023	10/01/2023	10/08/2023
Chi Alpha Wed.	7	7	6	4
AWANA	31	38	43	44
Sunday Bible Studies	157	Redemp. Ranch	Bus. Meeting	17
WOW Bible Study	16	16	17	17
Worship Attendance: 8:30AM	106	-	129	118
11:00AM	110	115	101	109
Worship Totals	216	115	230	227
Offering	\$13,455.66	\$2,694.00	\$12,975.00	\$11,459.00
E-Giving	\$3,398.00	\$6,557.94	\$5,874.72	-

Ministry Opportunities

Wednesday, November 1

9:00 a.m. FB Bible Plan Discussion (FB)
10:00 a.m. Pickleball
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Practice
7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee (CR)

Thursday, November 2

10:00 a.m. Bob Foster Small Group (Café)
10:00 a.m. Remnants Sewing Group (217)
1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time (B3)
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)

Saturday, November 4

5:00 p.m. Trivia Night Youth Fundraiser

Sunday, November 5

8:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors Pre-Service Prayer
2:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal
2:00 p.m. Angel Christmas Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal (217)
5:00 p.m. Deacons’ Meeting

Monday, November 6

1:30 p.m. History Committee (211)
6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Committee
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:15 p.m. Properties Committee

Tuesday, November 7

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
10:00 a.m. Bramstedt Bible Study
6:30 a.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)

Wednesday, November 8

9:00 a.m. FB Bible Plan Discussion (FB)
10:00 a.m. Pickleball
11:00 a.m. Prime Time Movie (David)
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Practice
7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee (CR)

Thursday, November 9

10:00 a.m. Remnants Sewing Group (217)
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)

Saturday, November 11

9:00 a.m. Men’s Basketball

Sunday, November 12

2:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal
2:00 p.m. Angel Christmas Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Sunday Night Connection (Gym)

Monday, November 13

10:00 a.m. Mobile Market
6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Committee (CR)
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. Security Team (C-112)

Tuesday, November 14

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
10:00 a.m. Bramstedt Bible Study
10:00 a.m. May Clermont WOM
2:00 p.m. Prime Time Council (D-1)
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)

Wednesday, November 15

9:00 a.m. FB Bible Plan Discussion (FB)
10:00 a.m. Pickleball
5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner (DR)
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Practice

Thursday, November 16

10:00 a.m. Bob Foster Small Group (Café)
10:00 a.m. Remnants Sewing Group (217)
1:00 p.m. Prime Time Game Time (B3)
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)

Saturday, November 18

9:00 a.m. Men’s Basketball

Sunday, November 19

12:15 p.m. Children’s Committee (CR)
2:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal
2:00 p.m. Angel Christmas Rehearsal

Monday, November 20

9:15 a.m. Wagner/Sherer WOM
6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 21

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
10:00 a.m. Bramstedt Bible Study
4:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes Ministry
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)

Wednesday, November 22

9:00 a.m. FB Bible Plan Discussion (FB)
10:00 a.m. Pickleball
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Practice

No Wednesday Night Activities

Thursday, November 23 -

Thanksgiving Day Office & Building Closed
8:00 a.m. Deacons’ Thanksgiving Day Service

Friday, November 24 -

Thanksgiving Friday Office & Building Closed

Saturday, November 25

9:00 a.m. Men’s Basketball

Sunday, November 26

9:45 a.m. Business Meeting/Budget Q&A
2:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal
2:00 p.m. Angel Christmas Rehearsal

Monday, November 27

6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 28

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
10:00 a.m. Bramstedt Bible Study
6:30 p.m. ESL Class (B1, B4)

Wednesday, November 29

8:00 a.m. Prime Time Branson Trip (3 Days)

10:00 a.m. Pickleball
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Practice

Thursday, November 30

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

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

6:00 p.m.
AWANA
Youth Small Group
Women’s Bible Study
Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
Adult Bible Study & Prayer

Mobile Market

Our partnership with the St. Louis Area Foodbank has two more months left this year. Upcoming dates are:

- Nov 13
- Dec 11

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

Food items needed for November include:

Flour
Cooking Oil
Dry Rice
Dry Beans

Please bring items by November 15

If you would like an updated directory please call the office.

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FEE FEE BAPTIST CHURCH

BUILD & PURSUE

A Word from Interim Pastor, Derald Harris

We are entering the season of the year that is usually the busiest for churches and individuals. Thanksgiving will be here in just a few short weeks and the Christmas season follows immediately after that. There will be numerous family gatherings, huge meals to cook, travel to plan and carry out, parties to plan and attend and shopping to do.

There will also be Thanksgiving and Christmas activities at church – music to prepare, individuals and families to care for and special opportunities for worship. This is the time of year that more people come to church and think about Jesus Christ.

These are all good things. They can be exciting. They can be productive. And they can sometimes become almost overwhelming.

Over the next few weeks, we will be completing the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child; buying gifts for individuals from the Angel Tree and helping to provide for missionaries all around the world through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Please don’t let all these projects stress you. God calls us to experience joy through helping others and not feel burdened by the process.

The seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas are meant to be seasons of great joy. They should fill us with gratitude to God for all the many blessings of life – the greatest of which was the incarnation that we celebrate at Christmas. This time of year reminds us that God loves us more than life itself. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of Thanksgiving and Christmas, remind yourself that God promises us all of the strength and energy we need to serve Him. So, let’s look for ways to let God fill us with His strength.

As always, I urge you to encourage each other. Look for ways to help each other. Look for the good that God is doing at Fee Fee and not the bad that Satan is trying to do. Pray for your church leaders – your deacons, Sunday school teachers, missions and ministry leaders, support staff, worship teams and others.

I want to encourage you to find ways to show God’s love to the people in your life. There may be people in our church who will not be able to celebrate with family (for a variety of reasons). Please look for ways to include those wonderful people in your celebrations – invite someone to Thanksgiving Dinner or a Christmas gathering. No one should be alone during those times. Find ways to let God use you to breathe new life and energy into Fee Fee Baptist Church.

Blessings,
Pastor Derald

Family Front Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

October has been a great month – not only because we finally have fall weather but we are celebrating several of our children receiving Christ and following Him in baptism. God is always at work!

Parent’s Night Out is Friday, December 8, 5-9pm. We plan to have a store again this year for kids to ‘shop’ for their family for Christmas. There will games, crafts, pizza and lots of fun. This is for children ages 2 and up. There will be signups in the Connection Center through December 3. We will need youth and adult volunteers to help with the childcare. We will also need donations of all kinds of items to put in the store for the kids to pick out and wrap. This is a highlight for our children! Sign up and be part of this fun event for kids and a night out for parents! A donation of \$5 per child is welcome.

Heart of Worship Melissa Eberts, Worship Leader

There’s a song I’d like to share with you that’s been on my heart for a little while now. It’s called Trust in God and it’s by Elevation Worship. Here are the words:

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine.
He's been my fourth man in the fire time after time.
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood
And what He did for me on calvary is more than enough.

I trust in God, My Savior
The one who will never fail, He will never fail.

Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps.
So this is my story, and this is my song.
I'm praising my risen King and Savior all the day long.

I trust in God, My Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail.
He didn't fail you then, He won't fail you now.

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered.
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered.
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered.
That's why I trust Him, that's why I trust Him.

No matter what you’re going through, you can remember that God is faithful! Seek the Lord. As you seek Him, believe that He will speak to you through His Word and His Holy Spirit. As the song says, *“He didn’t fail you then, and He won't fail you now.”* I encourage you to listen to this song and let the words wash over you and strengthen your spirit.

Psalm 34:4, “I sought the Lord and He answered me. And delivered me from all my fears.”

Thanksgiving Schedule

Wednesday, November 22

No Wednesday Night Activities.

Thursday, November 23:

THANKSGIVING DAY!
Church office and building closed.
However, Chapel service will be led by Deacons at 8:00 a.m.

Friday, November 24

Church office and building closed.

Music Musings Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Our Christmas production will be here before you know it. We will have a dress rehearsal and three performances.

Rehearsal - Dec. 13, 6:00 - 8:00
Performances - Dec. 15, 7:00 p.m.; Dec. 16, 3:00 p.m. and Dec. 17, 3:00 p.m.

Many volunteers are needed for this event. There will be a need for actors, mom rustlers, technicians (both sound and lighting), greeters, ushers and parking attendants to list some of the jobs required.

Music Touches Our Lives

Music is important to God. Music was created and designed as a language to communicate with God and express our heartfelt emotions and praises to Him. Music is meant to draw our hearts and attention to His glory, His power and His love. Music is ultimately from God and when we sing or play our music for His glory, we are offering our gifts and talents as a dedication and offering to Him.

Chi Alpha Scott Knepper, Youth Leader

Exciting News! **Please join me in welcoming Tyler Kiefer as our Interim Youth Director.** God’s timing is always perfect and this is a great example of His wisdom. Tyler is a student at Missouri Baptist University and comes with high praises from Matt Easter who has had Tyler in some of his classes. Tyler has served as a Youth Ministry Intern and is currently an RA at Missouri Baptist University. Paul Baugher and I along with the staff are looking forward to making this a smooth onboarding for Tyler.

Do not forget the youth are hosting a **Trivia Night on November 4th** at 6pm. Doors open at 5:30. We are still looking for you to provide some tasty deserts for auction. The proceeds from this event will help with the cost of summer camp for 2024.

In our Sunday morning Bible study, we have been covering 1st and 2nd Peter and will wrap up that study in early November, just in time for Tyler to lead our youth into the next study. God is good all the time and so is His timing.

Backpack Ministry

One of the more rewarding ministries at Fee Fee Baptist Church is our Backpack Ministry. This ministry provides a bag of easy-prep foods for school-aged children in our school district. We want to make it as easy as possible for these kids to eat a nutritious and filling meal 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:
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Thank you so much for your giving hearts!

Prime Time Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

Can you believe how fast this year is going? While watching a TV program last night, a character commented that the days are long but the years go fast. I personally find both speeding by but I know that this is true for some of you. So, if your days are long, here are a few fun things you can do with Prime Time.

On Wednesday, November 8, we will have a movie and lunch in the dining room at 11:00. We will eat lunch first (sandwiches, chips and dessert). After that, we will watch the Sight and Sound production of David. This production was recorded on the Lancaster stage on September 2, 2022, so this is a new addition. The story of David is one of the most legendary Bible stories of all time. Hope you will join us for lunch and the movie. The cost for lunch is \$7. Sign up in the connection center.

I trust that those of you who wanted to go on the Branson trip, November 29-December 1 have already contacted me and paid your deposit. We might go to a light display in December if I can find a good one and work out the details.

Finally, I would like to talk about the deacon recommendation that we go to one service beginning the first of the year. The reasoning behind this is two-fold. Candidates for a pastor have pointed out that Fee Fee has 2 separate services which feels like 2 separate churches. This lack of unity in the church is a division that they were unwilling to address as a new pastor. Because of this, the deacons recommended that we be proactive and go to one unified service with blended music. Also, since our total attendance is about 225 per week, this will encourage us to see a more full church and will naturally build a connection between those who attend.

We recognize that this will require compromises from all. There is a committee of staff and deacons that is working on decisions about when to have worship service and when to have Bible study. These decisions have not yet been made but whatever the decision is, it will require compromises and flexibility by all for the good of and the unity of the church. Please pray for us to come together for the glory of God. While there are a multitude of verses on unity in the church, I’m going to just remind you of Romans 15:5-6 (NLT): *“May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our LORD Jesus Christ.”*

Bible Study

There is a place for you in Bible Study most days of the week. The majority of the church comes together to study on Sunday morning at 9:45 but if this does not work for you, there are also Bible studies on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Talk to Gloria or email her at gloria@feefeebc.org and she will help you get connected.

Also, we are in our last quarter of reading through the Bible as a church. I know many of you have joined with me to accomplish this over the last 3 years. Starting the first of the year, we will begin again in the New Testament and read one chapter a day until we have read through the entire Bible again. It’s going to take a while!

Sunday Night Connection

Our next connection is Sunday, November 12, from 5-7 in the gym. It is the Great Chili Cookoff. Bring your best chili or, if your best chili is not the best, bring a topping like Fritos, oyster crackers, cheese or sour cream. The chili will be judged by three connoisseurs of fine chili and a fabulous prize will be awarded. The kids can play in the gym or the play area. Come enjoy getting to know someone who you have never had a real conversation with before. Can’t wait to see you there. There is a signup sheet in the Connection Center.