

Weekly Summary	04/21/2024	04/28/2024	05/05/2024	05/12/2024
Chi Alpha Wed.	7	5	-	-
AWANA	15	19	-	-
Sunday Bible Studies	191	132	172	151
WOW Bible Study	15	19	-	-
Worship Attendance: 10:30AM	172	205	243	173
Worship Totals: PreK/Kidszone/Online	229	232	316	227
Offering	\$6,730.00	\$7,564.25	\$15,403.10	\$11,127.01
E-Giving 3/31/24-5/5/24	\$31,566.03			

Ministry Opportunities

Saturday, June 1

10:00 a.m. Alaska Mission Trip Car Wash (Church Parking Lot)

Sunday, June 2

8:45 a.m. Prayer Warriors (CR)
11:30 a.m. Business Meeting (WC)
3:30 p.m. By-Laws Committee (CR)
5:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (C112)

Monday, June 3

1:00 p.m. History Committee (Library)
6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Committee (CR)
6:30 p.m. Scholarship Committee (B1)
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:15 p.m. Properties Committee (C112)

Tuesday, June 4

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
6:00 p.m. Pickleball (Gym)

Wednesday, June 5

9:00 a.m. FB Bible Plan Discussion (FB)
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)
8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, June 6

10:00 a.m. Bob Foster Small Group (Café)
10:00 a.m. Remnants Sewing Group (217)
1:00 p.m. PT Game Time (B3)

Friday, June 7

10:00 a.m. PT Soda Museum / Lunch At Lewis And Clark's

Sunday, June 9

5:30 p.m. Timothy Noble Concert (WC)

Monday, June 10

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

Tuesday, June 11

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
11:30 a.m. May Clermont WOM (Hackney) (FH)
2:00 p.m. Prime Time Council (B1)
6:00 p.m. Pickleball (Gym)

Wednesday, June 12

9:00 a.m. FB Bible Plan Discussion (FB)
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)
6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee (C112)
7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee (CR)
8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, June 13

10:00 a.m. Remnants Sewing Group (217)

Sunday, June 16

11:45 a.m. Children's Committee (CR)



Monday, June 17

6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Committee (CR)
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, June 18

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
4:00 p.m. Loaves and Fishes Ministry
6:00 p.m. Pickleball (Gym)

Wednesday, June 19

9:00 a.m. FB Bible Plan Discussion (FB)
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)
5:30 p.m. Missions Committee (FH)
6:00 p.m. Chi Alpha Summer (Rafters)
8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, June 20

First Day Of Summer
10:00 a.m. Bob Foster Small Group (Café)
10:00 a.m. Remnants Sewing Group (217)
1:00 p.m. PT Game Time (B3)

Monday, June 24

6:00 p.m. Pastor Search Committee (CR)
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, June 25

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
6:00 p.m. Pickleball (Gym)

Wednesday, June 26

8:00 a.m. PT Lincoln Trail Sites Springfield, IL (overnight)
9:00 a.m. FB Bible Plan Discussion (FB)
10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)
6:00 p.m. Chi Alpha Summer (Rafters)
8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, June 27

8:00 p.m. PT Lincoln Trail Sites Springfield, IL (Returning From Overnight)

Sunday, June 30

11:30 a.m. VBS Training (DR)

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAYS

9:15 a.m.—Bible Studies (All Ages)
10:30 a.m.—Worship Service
10:30 a.m.—KidsZone
No KidsZone on 4th Sundays
Lord's Supper on 4th Sundays

REMINDER

There will be no Wednesday night activities this summer. We will return to our regular Wednesday night schedule on September 11th.

Sympathy

To the family of **Charlotte "Marlene" Yow** at her passing on 4/30/24

International Food Pantry

Food items needed for June/July include:

Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables
Chunky Soup
Chili

Donations are due by July 14.

Coffee With a Cause

Our Coffee With a Cause this month will go toward VBS supplies for our Alaska Mission Trip.

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BUILD & PURSUE

A Word From Senior Pastor, Britton Carter

A Thriving Church Is a Praying Church

I was desperate. Over a year into my ministry at Freedom Fellowship, we were dealing with several conflicts that threatened to harm the church. Growth stalled. The energy and excitement that characterized the early months had worn off. We had gone weeks without a visitor. It felt as though the church was stuck in mud, unable to find traction no matter how hard we tried. In that moment of desperation, left with no other options, I prayed.

I'm ashamed to say that my prayer life stalled in the months leading up to that moment. As a church, we were clarifying our strategies, streamlining our ministries, mobilizing our members for evangelism—the organizational aspects of the church were the strongest they had ever been. But we weren't praying.

We prayed all the time as a church. We prayed in our small groups. We prayed on Sunday mornings. We prayed for sick dogs and hurt knees and bedridden relatives. We prayed for safe travels and mourning friends. Our prayer lists remained filled. But our prayers remained strictly personal. We sought God's providence at the doctor's office, but we operated the church as if our methods and strategies alone could reach the lost and make the church healthier.

Throughout the book of Acts, we see people of faith operating through prayer. They gathered together for prayer while awaiting the Holy Spirit (Acts 1). They devoted themselves to prayer shortly after Pentecost (Acts 2). They prayed for boldness to continue sharing the gospel in the face of persecution (Acts 4). And that's just the first few pages of the book!

If we, like them, truly believe our Creator has decided to move through our prayers, then we should view prayer as more than an add-on to a small group or a smooth way to transition on Sunday mornings. We should fall to our knees and seek the supernatural power of God in our church, in our community, and in our world.

So there I was, in desperation, doing the thing I should have been doing all along. A few days later, the Lord sent us a new couple who happened to become invaluable leaders in the church. They have grown immensely, the church has benefited immeasurably, and I hope we can learn the lesson that a thriving church is, first and foremost, a praying church.

In Christ,
Britton

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

June is another very busy month for Fee Fee. We have a trip to the Soda Museum in St. Charles with lunch at Lewis and Clark's. The cost for the museum is \$10. The bus will leave at 10 am on Friday, June 7. The museum is the private collection of a local resident, Tom Smith, who has been a soda enthusiast since he was 10 years old. You'll see everything from vintage soda dispensers to your favorite soda that got taken off the market!

On Wednesday, June 26 we will board our busses and head to Springfield, IL. We will leave at 9 am and return on Thursday early in the evening. We will stay at a local hotel. Prices range from \$110 to \$154. If you want to share a room, your hotel will cost you half of that amount. Breakfast is included. We will spend Wednesday afternoon at the New Salem village and visit other historic sites during the day on Thursday. This trip will require a lot of walking and will require a deposit. Please sign up by June 15 so I can plan accordingly.

The council has also planned the next quarter so put these dates on your calendar:

Wednesday, July 10 – World's fair exhibit at the history museum with lunch at Joey B's.

Monday, July 29 – Tour at Excel Bottling Company in Breese, IL. Lunch at PJ's Diner

Wednesday, August 14 – Moses, Sight and Sound Production movie in the Fee Fee Dining Room at 11 with lunch. Lunch cost is \$7.

Adult VBS – August 26-29 from 9:30-noon.

Friday, September 13 - Pere Marquette State park for the fried chicken family style lunch and then go out to the patio to play some card or board games or go for walk.

Thursday, September 26 – Rainbow Ranch in Nashville, IL with lunch at Fletcher's Kitchen.

Bible Study Corner

There is a place for everyone in Bible study on Sunday morning at 9:15. Our First Impressions team can help you find a great class when you meet them in the welcome center.

If anyone is interested in starting up or joining a small group or Transformation group, please let Gloria know. I would love to see some small groups getting started again. We do have a small group that meets at church every other Thursday morning at 10 am, a Bible study that meets on Tuesday at 10 am and some T-groups that could use another participant or 2. Let Gloria know if you are interested.

Alaska Mission Trip Fundraiser

The Alaska mission team would like to invite you to a car wash on Saturday, June 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is your donation. The team is still working to raise funds for the mission trip coming up later this June.

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Summer concerts - SAVE THE DATES!

Our summer concerts are fast approaching. This summer we have scheduled 5 concerts of some of our favorite artists.

June 9 - TIMOTHY AND HOSANNA NOBLE - (Singing Pianist and Violinist)

This young couple will present a themed concert , Jesus Changed Everything. The concert will feature Timothy , his wife Hosanna, and his sister Amanda.. Timothy has also invited our choir to join with him in singing some numbers .

July 7 -THE LESTERS - (Southern Gospel)

This family started their gospel ministry in 1925 and it has now in2024 endured to the third, fourth and fifth generations.

July 14 - DOUG MICKAN

Doug is a comic ventriloquist with a cast of lovable and unique characters. Doug has a heart for ministry and is also an accomplished songwriter and musician.

July 21 - DR. KRISTINE HARRIS

Trumpet player extraordinaire of international fame. We welcome Kristine back to our concert series. She has always been very well received in her past appearances in our series.

Aug. 6 - CHARLES GRAHAM - (Music Minister and Gospel Singer)

Charles is from Dermott, Arkansas where as a child he worked with his family in the cotton fields. Before returning to Dermott, Charles traveled world wide singing concerts and ministering in Europe, Africa and the Americas. His life has been a testimony to his strong faith as he shares fellowship with his community.

Please plan to attend these concerts which feature a variety of musical and entertainment genres.

Concerts begin at 6:00 p.m. and run about an hour. We have a time of refreshment (ice cream! - no less) and fellowship following each concert.

There is no charge for these concerts, but you will have an opportunity to share a love offering for each ministry.

Chi Alpha

Tyler Kiefer, Interim Youth Director

Chi Alpha wants you! We are looking for one male leader and at least one female leader to go to camp with us. We will be attending MFUGE at Cedarville University July 15th-19th. All expenses will be paid and you will have an awesome week discipling youth.

The school year is coming to a close! We are kicking off the summer with a barbecue on Wednesday, May 29th at 6pm. There will be food, drinks, and lots of time to fellowship and have fun. Be there and invite friends!

Join us for Chi Alpha Summer, Wednesday nights starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Rafters. Dates are as follows: 6/19, 6/26, 7/3, 7/10, 7/24 & 8/14. Hope to see you there.

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Please welcome Joey Stewart as our summer intern working primarily in our children's ministries. I am excited that he is here to serve this summer!

VBS – SCUBA, Diving Into Friendship with God, is July 22-26, 2024. If you plan to teach or help or just volunteer in whatever area is needed, please let me know. We also plan to have a volleyball camp in the afternoon of that week. Pray that God will send the Sports Crusaders to lead this. Put this week on your calendar and plan to be involved! Pray for God to send leadership to let our kids know they can have a true friendship and eternal life with God.

Our Children's Ministry is still in need of some volunteers to lead KidsZone on the first Sunday of each month and when we have a 5th Sunday. I can provide materials. All you have to do is prepare to lead our kids. I can help with that! We also need help to hostess in preschool during worship. That entails getting snacks for the 2 groups, helping out if a worker is out. Let me know if you are interested in leading with our preschoolers or children.

We are offering "I'm a Christian Now" class for kids who are awaiting baptism and their parents . We will begin in June. It is a 4 week class we will present during the Bible study hour. If you are interested in your child attending this class, please see me and I will confirm dates and times with you.

Thank you, church!

Attention Veterans

Just a reminder. If you are a veteran of the U.S. armed forces, please contact the church office with your name, years of service and the branch in which you served. Thank you for your service.

RightNow Media

Now, every person in our church can access over 25,000 Biblically-based videos for small groups, families, students, leadership development, and much more. For access to RightNow Media please email vance@feefeebc.org.

Bus Drivers Needed

If you would be interested in driving a church bus for Sunday morning worship or Prime Time events, please contact Vance in the church office.

National Safety Month

Did you know June is National Safety Month? You can view Fee Fee's safety videos on our website at feefeebc.org/safety so you will be prepared in case of emergency situations in our church.

Mark Your Calendars

Coming Soon: We will be collecting school supplies and backpacks for our annual back to school giveaway on August 10. This is also our annual FREE MARKET so start stockpiling some household treasures and clothing for giveaway to our community. You may also donate items such as paper towels or other useful everyday household articles.