

Weekly Summary	7/28/2024	8/4/2024	8/11/2024	8/18/2024
Chi Alpha Wed.	-	-	-	-
AWANA	-	-	-	-
Sunday Bible Studies	162	165	168	154
WOW Bible Study	-	-	-	-
Worship Attendance: 10:30AM	244	215	230	183
Worship Totals: PreK/Kidszone/Online	289	276	292	253
Offering	\$6,516.00	\$13,315.00	\$12,186.00	\$5,416.10
E-Giving 7/26/24-8/13/24	\$21,629.42	-	-	-

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday, September 1

8:45 a.m. Prayer Warriors (CR)
 3:30 p.m. Bylaws Committee (CR)
 7:00 p.m. Volleyball (Gym)

Monday, September 2

Labor Day
 Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 3

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
 6:00 p.m. Pickleball (Gym)
 6:30 p.m. ESL class (B1, B4)

Wednesday, September 4

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

Thursday, September 5

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

IMPACT WEEK SEPTEMBER 8-14

Sunday, September 8

8:00 a.m. Redemption Ranch
 7:00 p.m. Volleyball (Gym)

Monday, September 9

9:15 a.m. Wagner/Sherer WOM (FH)
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
 7:15 p.m. Properties Committee (CR)

Tuesday, September 10

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
 11:30 a.m. May Clermont WOM (FH)
 2:00 p.m. Prime Time Council (B1)
 6:00 p.m. Pickleball (Gym)
 6:30 p.m. ESL class (B1, B4)

Wednesday, September 11

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RESUME

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

Thursday, September 12

10:00 a.m. Remnants Sewing Group (217)
 11:00 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive (Gym)
 6:30 p.m. ESL class (B1, B4)

Friday, September 13

10:00 a.m. PT Pere Marquette Fried Chicken Lunch, Games & Hiking
 6:30 p.m. Pickleball Tournament (Gym)

Saturday, September 14

10:00 a.m. Free Car Wash & Hot Dogs (parking lot)
 6:30 p.m. Pickleball Tournament (Gym)

Sunday, September 15

11:35 a.m. Special Called Business Meeting (WC)
 11:45 a.m. Children's Committee (CR)
 2:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Volleyball (Gym)

Monday, September 16

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, September 17

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
 4:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes
 6:00 p.m. Pickleball (Gym)
 6:30 p.m. ESL class (B1, B4)

Wednesday, September 18

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

Thursday, September 19

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

Sunday, September 22

2:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Volleyball (Gym)

Monday, September 23

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, September 24

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels
 6:00 p.m. Pickleball (Gym)
 6:30 p.m. ESL class (B1, B4)

Wednesday, September 25

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

Thursday, September 26

10:00 a.m. PT Rainbow Ranch & Fletcher's Kitchen
 6:30 p.m. ESL class (B1, B4)

Saturday, September 28

9:30 a.m. Livewires to Eckert's

Sunday, September 29

2:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Volleyball (Gym)

Monday, September 30

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

6:00 p.m.
 AWANA (Pre-K –2nd grade)
 RA's / GA's (grades 3-5)
 Chi Alpha Youth Small Group
 W.O.W. Women's Bible Study
 Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

Congratulations

To **Tyler and Anna Kiefer**
 on their **marriage**
 8/3/24

International Food Pantry

Food items needed for Aug/Sept include:

Peanut Butter
 Canned Beans
 Tuna
 Macaroni

Donations are due by Sept. 21.

Coffee With a Cause

Our Coffee With a Cause this month will go toward assisting with Pattonville schools student lunches

There is a **Thank You** card from **Sports Crusaders (Volleyball Camp)** available for viewing in the church office during the month of September.

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A Word From Senior Pastor, Britton Carter

Overcomplicating Evangelism

“I want to share with you the story that changed my life.” A teenager from the Maasai tribe in Kenya stared intently at his friend, hoping his friend would accept the invitation. He repeated, “I have a story I want to share with you.”

For the next ten minutes, this Maasai teenager shared the gospel with his friend, after which his friend also proclaimed faith in Jesus. I stood next to the two, celebrating the moment with them. I went to Kenya to share the gospel, but in that moment, I found myself watching life transformation take place in a language I do not speak among people I'd never met—and I just stood back and praised God for the encounter.

One of the most incredible parts of that story is what took place twenty minutes before it. I was walking on a trail with my translator, when I ran into a Maasai teenager. He was sitting on a boulder, eating fruit, his schedule apparently open for the afternoon, so I stopped to share the gospel with him. He placed his faith in Jesus and became so excited that he asked us to follow him to his friend's house. Twenty minutes later, I was standing by a mud hut, watching this new believer lead his friend to Christ.

The kid had no seminary training. He had never done Evangelism Explosion. If you would've asked him to weigh in on the debate between Calvinism and Arminianism, he would've provided no meaningful insights. By all accounts, he was hopelessly ill-equipped for evangelism. Yet there we stood, celebrating with the angels in heaven as a new believer led his friend to the Lord.

Here's the moral of the story: God can use you to lead people to Christ. If you've been saved by the gospel, then you can share the gospel. We should all grow in our understanding of the faith and in our ability to share it, but if you know enough of the gospel to believe it, then you know enough of the gospel to share it.

What would our community look like if we all decided to follow the lead of my teenage Maasai friend? How different would our neighborhoods look if we stepped out in boldness and shared the story that changed our lives? How would our schools and jobs be affected if we spread the hope of the gospel with the people around us? I hope we find out.

In Christ,
 Britton

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

Wow. Summer is almost over. Kids are back in school. But the seniors still get to have adventures. Fall is a time for outdoor fun and our next four activities involve some time outside.

On **Friday, September 13**, we will head up the River road to **Pere Marquette** for a fabulous fried chicken family style lunch at 10 am. Everyone will get 2 pieces of chicken, and family style mashed potatoes, gravy, cole slaw and corn. Your lunch price will include a drink of tea or coffee and dessert. The price will include tax and tip and should be around \$20. After lunch, you can go for a walk, sit outside and play games or cards, or just sit and watch the river roll by. Sign-up in the connection center.

On **Thursday, September 26**, we will go to **Rainbow Ranch** at 10 am. Rainbow Ranch is a 170 year old farm in Nashville, IL. They have llama, alpacas, donkeys, sheep, goats, deer, potbelly pigs, peacocks, ducks, horses, a zebra, a zedonk and even camels and kangaroos. You know you want to pet them! I have contacted them and we will either have lunch first or the tour first. If you're an animal lover, this trip is for you. The cost of the farm is \$15/person plus your lunch.

The Senior Council has planned the following activities for the last quarter of the year. Mark your calendars.

Monday, October 14, **Grants Farm**

Monday, October 28, **Summit Farm Market** in Kirkwood and **Billy G's**.

Monday, November 18, the **Omnimax** and **Zia's**

Wednesday, December 18, dinner and **Garden Glow** (nighttime event)

Hope you can make these fun filled activities.

Bible Study Corner

We have a Bible Study class for everyone on Sunday mornings at 9:15. If you are not currently attending, contact Gloria and she will help you find the perfect fit.

In addition to Sunday mornings, we have Bible studies and activities for everyone on Wednesday nights. **Beginning on Wednesday, September 11 at 6 pm**, you will find a place for everyone:

Kindergarten through 2nd graders will continue in Awana Sparks. Third through 5th graders will now be RA's (Royal Ambassadors for boys) or GA's (Girls in Action for girls).

Youth Small groups (grades 6-12)

The **women's** group will study Ephesians with Jackie Hill Perry, Jasmine Holmes, and Melissa Kruger

All others can meet with **Pastor Britton** for a time of prayer, **Bible study** (starting in Genesis) and the last Wednesday of the month a Q & A on your Bible questions.

Also, beginning **Tuesday, September 3**, Linda Bramstedt will begin teaching the **Gospel of Luke** followed by **Acts**.

Join us in Bible Study!

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Christmas Choir Rehearsals

As you know we are nearing the time to start our weekly **Christmas choir** rehearsals. Our first rehearsal will be the afternoon of September 15 from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. At our first rehearsal you will be assigned your Christmas music score and we will listen and read through the music.

We are hoping for many singers to join us. As always singers do not need to be regular members of our choir or even members of Fee Fee church. We welcome singers of **ALL ages**.

In planning for our Christmas production we need many **volunteers**. Among these we need **greeters, ushers, actors**, managers of children, **sound and light technicians** as well as **decorators** and **costumers**.

Additionally if you are unable to fulfill any volunteer roles we would gladly accept **monetary donations**. The cost of this production includes music products such as scores, orchestrations and part specific rehearsal recordings. There are costs to hire musicians, a choreographer and a transcriber. So many expenses do not meet the eye. You may contribute with a check to Fee Fee designated for Christmas production.

Here is a reminder of the dates and times.

Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 18 - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Performances

Friday, December 20 - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 21 - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 22 - 3:00 p.m.

The music that has been selected centers on the JOY of the season which gives us something wonderful to celebrate!

See you in rehearsal!

Chi Alpha

Tyler Kiefer, Interim Youth Director

Hey Church!

In August we wrapped up our Chi Alpha Summers events with some awesome Mini Golf. The summer was a blast between our **mission trips to Alaska and Ohio** and Wednesday night activities. It was great time to fellowship and to grow more together as a group.

This fall will bring more events! As well as new events, we will be starting a new series on Creation and the book of **Philippians**.

We are still looking for more leaders! Please prayerfully consider discipling our youth. It is a challenge to facilitate large events and activities without adequate support. We would love to have you. Please see me if interested.

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

Wednesday Night Activities for kids begin September 11 at 6pm. We are doing something new! Third through 5th graders will now be RA (**Royal Ambassadors** for boys) or GA (**Girls in Action** for girls). We will still be learning Bible verses, studying God's word, playing games, the focus being on missionaries and what God is doing around the world. We will meet from 6:00-7:30pm each Wed. night of the school year. I am so thankful for the men and women who have stepped forward to lead these classes. Kindergarten through 2nd graders will continue in **Awana Sparks** just as before. Thanks for sending your kids to this weekday disciple group. We love seeing our kids grow in their faith and have fun with their friends.

I'm A Christian Now class will begin October 6. This is for kids who have made a profession of faith in Jesus recently (and their parents). We discover what a Christian is, what the Lord's Supper and Baptism is and is not, the Church, and how to grow as a Christian. If you know of a child who has not had this class and has received Christ already, I would love to talk with them and include their family in this class.

I'm putting out another plea for **help** on Sunday mornings during **KidsZone** (children's church) and **preschool** worship care. Would you consider volunteering for 1 Sunday / month so we can continue these ministries. We could especially use **men** for KidsZone. Thank you for praying, Church, about how you can help.

Eph.3:20-21 Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us—to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generation, forever and ever. Amen.

Redemption Ranch and IMPACT week

While our goal is to always be serving in our community, we have set aside a week in September for special emphasis that we call **Impact Week**. The week kicks off on **Sunday, September 8** with a service, lunch and fun for all at **Redemption Ranch**. You will be hearing more about this in our weekly announcements.

The rest of the week is spent doing things to impact our community. This year's projects include a **free car wash 9/14** from 10-2 including free hot dogs, topping off windshield washer fluid and checking tire pressure. There will be open doubles **pickleball tournaments 9/13 & 9/14** at 6:30 each night. Registration is available at **FeeFeebc.org/pickleball**. So grab your partner and your paddle and join us for some fast-paced fun. We will also have community teams, serving at **Loaves and Fishes** food pantry and numerous other activities. Sign-up sheets for this year's activities & projects are in the Welcome Center. Please prayerfully consider how God can use **YOU** to make the greatest **IMPACT** on your community. Don't forget to sign up and remember to email your hours to **Gloria@feefeebc.org** after serving for Impact Week. If you have any other suggestions for service projects or to volunteer please contact Gloria.

Fee Fee Weekly Activities

Did you know Fee Fee offers weekly activities that are open to all members? We play **Volleyball** Sunday evenings at 7. **Pickleball** takes place Tuesday night at 6 and Wednesday morning at 10. Or, come hoop it up with **Men's Basketball** Wednesday night at 8. We also offer **boardgames** for **Prime Timers** on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 1. Come have some fun and invite a friend.