

| Weekly Summary | 10/20/24 | 10/13/24 | 10/6/24 | 9/29/24 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Chi Alpha Wed. | 6 | 11 | 10 | 9 |
| AWANA | 48 | 51 | - | 43 |
| Sunday Bible Studies | 146 | 170 | 165 | 133 |
| WOW Bible Study | 17 | 24 | 32 | 32 |
| Worship Attendance: 10:30AM | 194 | 217 | 228 | 207 |
| Worship Totals: PreK/Kidszone/Online | 243 | 270 | 287 | 250 |
| Offering | \$8,425.00 | \$14,646.50 | \$14,288.00 | \$7,244.00 |
| E-Giving 9/25/24-10/15/24 | \$16,827.27 | - | - | - |

Ministry Opportunities

Saturday, November 2

9:00 a.m. Men's Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, November 3

Time Change Sunday (Fall back)

2:00 p.m. Angel Practice (B rooms / WC)

2:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal

5:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting (C112)

7:00 p.m. Volleyball (Gym)

Monday, November 4

1:00 p.m. History Committee (Library)

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

7:15 p.m. Properties Committee (CR)

Tuesday, November 5

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

10:00 a.m. Bramstedt Bible Study (B3)

6:00 p.m. Pickleball (Gym)

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

Wednesday, November 6

9:00 a.m. FB Bible Plan Discussion (FB)

10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)

7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee (C112)

8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, November 7

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)

Saturday, November 9

9:00 a.m. Men's Basketball (Gym)

5:00 p.m. Firepit Night (Parking Lot)

Sunday, November 10

O.C.C. Shoeboxes Drop Off Deadline

2:00 p.m. Angel Practice (B rooms / WC)

2:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Volleyball (Gym)

Monday, November 11

9:15 a.m. Wagner/Scherer WOM

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 12

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

10:00 a.m. Bramstedt Bible Study (B3)

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, November 13

9:00 a.m. FB Bible Plan Discussion (FB)

10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)

7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee (CR)

8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, November 14

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

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

Saturday, November 16

8:30 a.m. International Food Pantry (off site)

9:00 a.m. Men's Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, November 17

2:00 p.m. Angel Practice (B rooms / WC)

2:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Volleyball (Gym)

Monday, November 18

10:00 a.m. PT Omnimax & Ragazzi's

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 19

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

10:00 a.m. Bramstedt Bible Study (B3)

4:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes

6:00 p.m. Pickleball (Gym)

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

Wednesday, November 20

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, November 21

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

10:00 a.m. Bob Foster Small Group (Café)

11:00 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive (Gym)

1:00 p.m. PT Game Time (B3)

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

Saturday, November 23

9:00 a.m. Men's Basketball (Gym)

Sunday, November 24

2:00 p.m. Angel Practice (B rooms / WC)

2:00 p.m. Christmas Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Volleyball (Gym)

Monday, November 25

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, November 26

7:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels

10:00 a.m. Bramstedt Bible Study (B3)

6:00 p.m. Pickleball (Gym)

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

Wednesday, November 27

No Wed Night Activities

9:00 a.m. FB Bible Plan Discussion (FB)

10:00 a.m. Pickleball (Gym)

8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball (Gym)

Thursday, November 28

Building Closed For Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 29

Building Closed For Thanksgiving Holiday

Saturday, November 30

9:00 a.m. Men's Basketball (Gym)

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 **Nathan and Rachel Shanley**

on the birth of their son

Samuel Paul Shanley

09/23/2024

Sympathy

To **Regina Pfeiffer** & family

at the passing of her brother

Greg Lundry on 10/06/2024

To the family of **Betty Renner**

at her passing on 10/10/24

To the family of **Lorraine Richardson**

at her passing on 10/20/24

International Food Pantry

Food items needed for Oct/Nov include

Oatmeal

Canned Soup

Canned Stew

Canned Chili

Crackers

Granola Bars

Cereal

Donations are due by Nov 16

Coffee With a Cause

Our Coffee With a Cause this month

will go toward our annual

Angel Tree

HAPPY
Thanksgiving

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BUILD & PURSUE

A Word From Senior Pastor, Britton Carter

Vision Process Update

Our strategic planning committee and our staff remain hard at work to discern our church's vision from God. Both groups have analyzed our community, evaluated our church, dreamed up a "church plant" that would impact our community, and constructed drafts of our mission statement and values. I am so excited to see our progress, and I am looking forward to sharing the final product with you in a few months.

Throughout the process, the strategic planning committee and the staff have remained separate to allow for open and honest conversations about our church. This separation could have resulted in the disastrous outcome of two very different visions for the future of our church. However, we decided to trust the Lord to give each group his vision for our church.

The Greek Septuagint, an ancient translation of the Old Testament from Hebrew to Greek, derives its name from the story regarding its origin. According to tradition, around 250 BC, a king selected seventy-two Hebrew translators to create a Greek translation of the Old Testament. The seventy-two translators then departed and each independently translated the Old Testament into Greek. When they came back together, they found that all of their translations were exact matches—a miracle that proved God's hand in the translation.

Several details make that account unlikely, so the story is probably an empty myth. However, Fee Fee Baptist Church is experiencing a version of our own Septuagint story that displays God's power and provision for our church. Both the strategic planning committee and the staff— independently — have put together nearly identical visions for the church so far. The elements of the mission statement and the values are identical. The plan for discipleship in our church and the plan to reach our community are identical. In short, God is clearly directing these two groups to his vision for our church. **And if God is the one setting the vision for our church, I'm excited to see how he will empower us to make that vision a reality.**

In Christ,
Britton

Prime Time

Gloria Fox, Director of Senior Adults & Bible Study

Upcoming Activities

We are racing towards the holiday season and family and holiday activities tend to ramp up at this time. To help with this, we will slow down the Prime Time activities for November and December and just have one activity each month.

On Monday, **November 18**, we will go to the **St. Louis Science Center** and watch Train Time: Climb Aboard. They have billed it as the biggest adventure on wheels. We will experience what it is like to be on a giant freight train traveling across America. Tickets are \$9.50 for seniors. Lunch was planned for Zia's but it is closed on Monday so we will go to a St. Louis favorite – **Ragazzi's**. It is under new management and is receiving great reviews. Sorry about no Missouri Bakery and Zia's – maybe next time!

Our last adventure of the year is the Garden Glow at **Missouri Botanical Gardens** on Wednesday, **December 18**. The bus will leave church at 4:15 and we will eat at **Three Kings** before the Glow. Three things to consider: 1. It is the middle of December – dress accordingly. 2. It can be a lot of walking if you want to see the entire exhibit. 3. It is at night. If you don't like to drive at night, ask someone who does if you can ride with them. In spite of these precautions, this may be one of the best Christmas exhibitions in the area and is worth doing some pre-planning.

Bible Study Corner

There is a place for everyone in Bible Study. We have an assortment of classes meeting on **Sunday morning** at 9:15. Not sure which class is for you? See a First Impressions team member for some suggestions. **Wednesday nights** also offer an array of Bible studies. Finally, we have several small groups meeting during the weekdays. See The Forerunner calendar for a complete list of church events and opportunities.

Community Firepit Night

On Saturday evening, **November 9** from 5-8, we will be hosting a firepit night in our parking lot. The community will be invited to roast **hot dogs** and make **smore's**. I know that fire pits are not everyone's thing but engaging with our community is a valuable way to meet and connect with our neighbors. If you cannot attend, you can still help out by bringing supplies for the night. We will need hot dogs, buns, chocolate, marshmallows, graham crackers and sticks. (I have about 75 of the wooden ones already.

I will need some of you to help me make smore's kits (individually wrapped packets of a graham cracker, piece of chocolate and a couple of marshmallows). We will do that on either the Thursday or Friday before. Everyone can participate in this opportunity to connect with our community. Invite your neighbors, bring a lawn chair, and meet people. If you cannot come, donate what is needed to make smore's and hot dogs. And if you can't do that, come and prep the kits! **Let's show our neighbors the goodness of God.**

Media Center

Visit the Media Center to check out the table of free items that are available—books, magazines, puzzles, and a variety of greeting cards! Our four computers are also needing some use, so stop and peruse our shelves and do a little research on your current favorite topic.

Music Musings

Ronna Paden, Director of Music

Christmas Update

Things are looking up for our Christmas choir event. Our angels are off to a very good start. The choir is sounding great and our instrumentalists are all on board.

Now we need to think about other **important jobs**. We are looking for greeters, ushers and parent volunteers, as well as decoration and wardrobe personnel. We also need assistance with PowerPoint, lighting and other technical roles.

It takes the expertise of many to contribute to the success of our production.

Please contact Ronna@feefeebc.org to let us know how you can help.

Make a Joyful Noise

There is always a need for more **singers** and **instrumentalists** in our music department. Don't let your musical gifts lie dormant.

We would love to have more singers in our choir and it would be a blessing to have more guitarists, keyboardists or players of other instruments - strings, brass or winds. Whatever you play - we can find scores for you.

Don't hesitate to come forward and identify yourself. **Multigenerational** singers and players are welcome.

Contact Ronna if interested.
Thanks, everyone.

Chi Alpha

Tyler Kiefer, Interim Youth Director

Hey Church Family,

The month of October was a blast! We had a great time playing games like toilet brush hockey and fellowshiping at a Wednesday night bonfire. We learned from the book of **Philippians** and **Genesis**. We are looking forward to events this holiday season. Some include:

11/20: Friendsgiving

12/07: Silent Disco!

12/22: Christmas Party

12/27-29: Xtreme Winter Conference

Lost & Found

Are you missing your reading glasses? Or perhaps you have misplaced your jacket or sweater? Pop into the Lost & Found across from the church office to see if your missing items have been waiting for you to reclaim them.

November Schedule Reminders

Sunday, **November 3** is time change Sunday. Set your clocks back one hour. Also, the church offices will be closed Thursday, **November 28** and Friday, **November 29** for the Thanksgiving holiday. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!!

Family Front

Kathy Scott, Director of Children & Family Ministries

October 27 was a big day for our church! Thanks to everyone who took part from providing the candy to participating by decorating a trunk, to greeting people to leading a game. God used us to meet our community in a great way. **THANK YOU** for praying and for your participation!

December 6 is our **Parent's Night Out** for parents of kids age birth through 5th grade. Cost is \$5 per child. Drop off is 5pm and pick up is no later than 9pm. We will serve pizza supper for workers and kids but if you want to send something else for your child, please feel free. We need **volunteers** to care for kids, serving pizza, helping kids to 'shop' in the Christmas store for their family. If you cannot volunteer for that night, maybe you can donate items for the store? You will find a donation box in the Welcome Center to put your donated items. Please provide new items for men, women and children for kids to shop for their parents and siblings. **Sign up** is a MUST and you will find those sign up sheets in the **Connection Center** mid November. Thanks so much for your support of this event.

Most of you know it takes many hands to have a God-honoring Children's Ministry. We have some openings that need adults to help make these ministries to our families successful and safe. None of these are hard and some are just **once a month**. It just takes willing individuals to be used by God to love our kids. 1 more adult each Sunday for preschool worship care (1/month) KidsZone helpers (1 adult to assist the leader each Sun. 1/month) Games leader from 7:00-7:25 on Wed. Nights (1/month) 1 teacher for toddler Sunday School class (every Sun.) 1 more adult to help a child on Wed. nights to learn their scripture (each week) If you can serve, please talk to me. God can use you in a wonderful way!

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.

International Food Pantry

You can help those who need our assistance breaking free from food insufficiency. Our church has been helping provide food for our neighbors in south county who are struggling to make ends meet. We need **canned meals** like ravioli, chili and hearty soups. We also need pancake mixes that only require water, syrup, pop tarts, breakfast/protein bars, **dried goods** like rice and beans, canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, powdered milk, and all kinds of **non-perishable items**. If you want to donate a little money, we can get milk and eggs to hand out. Our church helps many people in many ways so be encouraged to pray about where God wants you to help.

Inclement Weather Season Has Arrived

Fee Fee Baptist Church will cancel services, Bible studies and activities when it is deemed necessary for the safety of church members driving to and from church as well as walking and moving around the church properties itself.

We will consider many criteria when formulating a decision on cancellations.

On days Fee Fee is not cancelled, but inclement weather is happening, it is the sole discretion of the bus drivers if they feel comfortable picking up church goers. All cancellations will be conveyed through TV stations Channels 2, 4, and 5. It will be posted on our website, social media and notifications will be sent out through our church app.