

First Baptist Church Keller Deacon Meeting

March 17th, 2024

Meeting was conducted on-campus at First Baptist Church Keller (FBCK) and via Zoom Meeting.

Staff Members in Attendance on-campus or on Zoom

Keith Sanders, Scott Knox, Lawrence Duhon, Mike Gonzales

Deacons in Attendance

A total of 59 (11 of these candidates) deacons signed in on-campus and on Zoom for the meeting.

Call to Order, Welcome Remarks

1. Chairman Guy Simpson called the meeting to order, offered a welcome/thank you for attending the meeting. We had pushed out the original meeting date of 3/10 to 3/17 due to Spring Break. Went over the agenda of the meeting/shared on the screen/Zoom. Guy then opened the meeting in prayer. The Deacon body then broke into individual rooms to pray for each of the pastors on campus. Deacons attending the meeting via Zoom prayed for pastors not in attendance on campus. Upon returning from praying for staff, Buddy Linder prayed for the recent Choir/Mission Trips.
2. New Deacon Ordination Process: (Guy Simpson comments) Next New Deacon Training is scheduled for March 24th, note the time of 3:30pm. April training is TBD and Matt Porter is setting this up.

Ministry Teams – Dan Trantham:

1. Lord's Supper Ordinance Administration Team – Jim Roberts: Next Lord's Supper is Good Friday, March 29th, pretty much full roster, always need alternates. Prep on March 28th at 1pm.
2. Hospital Visitation Team – Ron Shields: Nothing new to report, staffed and operation. Fortunately, we have not had too many members in the hospital. New reporting system we will hear about later in the meeting.
3. Widows Team – Don Johnston: Since last meeting, assigned 4 more ladies. There is one more lady, waiting on response from one of the Deacon's. Thank you to all the men taking on a widow recently.
4. Baptism Ordinance Team – Kreg Bryant: Pastor Keith will be baptizing his niece, Ruby Hoyer, Sunday after Easter. Kreg also gave an update that for the next 5 months he and Tami will live in Colorado. Joining their son/wife in Boulder. Will be participating on the mission trip later this summer in Colorado. beginning of March. Exciting to see so many volunteers rotating in this Team.
5. New Member Candidate Visitation Team – Dan Trantham for Paul Chastain: Paul didn't have anything but praise the Lord for several new member candidates joining of late. Side note that Paul was not able to attend the Deacon meeting due to piloting a Southwest Airlines flight with his son Josh. It was Josh's first flight as a pilot.
6. Deacon-Led Prayer Team – Chris Norris: Next week Tom for the 830 and Ray Campbell for the 11am. Need a Deacon for the 830am service on Easter Sunday. Anyone that wants to be included in the rotation, reach out to Scott. Appreciate Richard Harris for filling in some of the gaps coming up in June, September, December. Schedule is on-line.

7. Physical Services Team – David McReynolds: a few projects going and thank you for those helping. Everything is going well. Remember to ask your widow occasionally if they need help with any projects.
8. Sunday Prayer Team – Perry Leonard: Team is fully staffed but if you want to join, please do so.

Other comments from Dan Trantham – there will be a new email update process for communicating out the Hospitalizations/Bereavements. It will be a once-a-day email update (when there are updates) with a link to a live Google spreadsheet & a PDF for viewing. No more Sharepoint updates. Email will come primarily from Tonya Trantham. No more duplicate emails either. A few examples shared and explained by Jim Sabey.

Updates from Pastors/Staff in attendance

Senior Pastor Keith Sanders:

- Vision Team to be pulled back together again to focus on the pillars (who we are as a congregation and what's important to us) that was come about from the last Vision Team when the church was nearing debt free a few years back. The last Vision Team is where we came up with the pillars such as Soli Deo Gloria, Stewardship, Outreach to the Community, etc. Also, we came up with the financial principals we have today.
 - 40 to 50 people and an extension of the Long-Range Planning committee
 - Keith will present some ideas to the staff at the annual staff retreat later in March
 - Been several years since the last Vision Team and we need to look at the next ~10 years
- Church wide picnic on Father's Day in June. Lord willing, we will have the certificate of occupancy for the north lot. Dedication ceremony as well. Lawrence leading this effort.
- New Vision Team planned to be announced at the Father's Day church service. Jim Flick to be the Chairman & Kreg Bryan the Vice Chair of the Vision Team.
 - 5 Meetings over the next 10 months starting in September.
 - At the end of these 10 months, the goal is to bring a proposal first to the Deacon's and then the Church body.
- Deacon Candidate Counsel – been conducting interviews the last 3 weeks and finishing up over the next week. The Vietnamese church has 12 men to license in the ministry.
 - 5/19 the Counsel
 - 5/26 the Ordination Service
- Dr. Bart Barber to give an address at the 5/26 Ordination Service. Pastor Keith will also give a charge to the congregation. Dr. Dan Dang will have a part for their congregation. Service will be followed by fellowship and a celebration.

Associate Pastor – Administration Scott Knox:

- Things continue to go well on the North lot. West lot, still working on all sorts of things. Irrigation, landscaping, etc. Lot will be open for Easter Sunday service.
- Budget & Giving updates - ~\$6.1m is the budget for the current fiscal year and if current trends continue, we should end up around \$5.6m or \$5.7m giving for the fiscal year. Finance committee aware and we do have a very aggressive budget.
- Ministry Plan – staff working incredibly hard, have put their plan together and provided that to the Ministry Plan committee who are working on the overall plan.

Associate Pastor – Missions & Evangelism Lawrence Duhon:

- Next Saturday, 9am, going out to invite people to attend our events for Holy Week.
- We have an opening at the Carlisle nursing home where Kreg Bryant has been preaching for many years each Sunday at 10am
- Another opening at Whitley Place nursing home as well on Saturday mornings
- International Friends ministry adding people nearly every week to our English and second language program. This ministry meets on Thursday mornings.
- Over 50 people gathering from our community learning American Sign Language on Thursday evenings.
- 5 mission trips went out last month. 133 people were out on mission last month. Every team back except for the Vigoren's who are coming back soon
- Great to see some new people that have never been on a mission trip signing up

Minister – Senior Adults Mike Gonzales:

- GAP ministry doing well. Currently having sessions on Alzheimer's/Dementia. Last Thursday the scheduled speaker (Michelle Kimzey, professor at TCU that specializes in Dementia) never made it due to traffic/accident but has been rescheduled. Group that was there was great and able to talk about some other topics.
- GAP game day this Thursday (March 21st)
- Lunch & Learn's starting up with the first one to discuss how to proof safe your home for kids/grandkids
- GAP breakfast on the 4th of April. Guest speaker, Stephen Collins from Cross City Church Eules giving a talk about leaving a legacy.
- Fellowship in the park on April 19th 5 – 7pm at Bear Creek Park.
- Day trip on Thursday, May 30th to the ICR Discovery Center in Dallas. Cost is \$35 which includes the bus transport & lunch.

Deacon Chairman's Discussion – Guy Simpson:

- The February 2024 Deacon Meeting minutes were approved by the Deacon body with no Deacons opposed.

Benevolence Fund Balances:

Widow Benevolence: \$7,734

Deacon Benevolence: \$1,315

- Reminder that Widow Benevolence is there to assist where needed to help our widows pay for unexpected medical bills, expenses, etc. Please contact Guy, the Pastors, etc. Deacon's do not need to take on financial responsibility for our widows.
- Lord's Supper on Friday, March 29th.
- Next Deacon meeting: April 14th at 3:30pm.
- No Sunday meeting in May, but the Deacon retreat on May 3rd/4th dinner in the Loft on the Friday night (bring your wife, kids, grandkids) and meeting on Saturday morning the

4th. Be thinking about the Ministry Teams prior and think about if the church body has a need for other committees.

Prayer Requests – Jim Sabey:

A few quick items first:

- There is a need to provide transportation for a lady, Sylvia Wagnon who is deaf, to church on Sunday mornings to attend the 830am service where FBCK provides ASL. Let Jim know if there are any questions.
- Tom Pessing wanted to pass along to the Deacon body that he is feeling much better. He also wanted to thank the Deacon's for their prayers.

Prayer requests:

- Buddy Linder – Harold & Ann Lewis (Casey Lewis' parents). Continue to pray for Ann and her back pain procedures & Harold for extreme shoulder pain.
- Jim Flick – Roy Burson, taking antibiotics for a shoulder infection.
- Lou Srencik – Scotty Mullins update that he is doing better and in rehab from his recent quadruple bypass at end of January.
- Don Johnston – Laquita scheduled for eye surgery (right eye pressure) on April 11th.
- Kreg Bryant – Billy Huber has responded to and his body has tolerated well the chemo treatments over the past few weeks at MD Anderson. Pray for upcoming decisions related to treatments
- Kreg Bryant – Pray for Randy & Janet Richardson. Janet is continuing her treatments associated with diabetes and that a clot under her arm will dissolve on its own and that pain can be managed.
- Kreg Bryant – Diana McGee – she is out of the hospital and back home. Bone Marrow transplant scheduled for April 2nd. Long road ahead.
- Melissa Thomas' cancer has returned, multiple locations. Bone Marrow study to be done.
- Jim Sabey – for Juan Su (colleague who had a tumor removed back in February from his right ear acoustic nerve area). Praise the Lord he is doing much better and in rehab.

Closing Prayer by Jim Sabey

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Sabey, Vice-Chair Records