

## **First Baptist Church Keller Deacon Meeting July 16, 2023**

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

### **Staff Members in Attendance on-campus**

Keith Sanders, Scott Knox, Lawrence Duhon, Matt Perkinson, Landry Bennett, Tony Richmond and Gregory Baines.

### **Deacons in Attendance**

A total of 49 deacons signed in on-campus and on Zoom for the meeting.

### **Call to Order, Welcome Remarks**

1. Chairman Matt Porter called the meeting to order, welcomed the deacons and staff, and thanked them for attending the meeting. Matt also opened the meeting in prayer. Deacons prayed for the FBCK Pastors and staff in breakout classrooms.
2. Matt led the Deacon body in voting for including Troy King as a member of the Deacon body after completing all elements required of Deacon transfers from other churches. Troy attended at least 6 meetings, and was vetted by Pastor Keith, Deacon Chair, and Vice-Chairs. The Deacon body voted unanimously to accept Troy into the body.
3. Over 70 men were nominated for Deacons during the nomination period. Of the 70 nominated, 42 will be moving forward, 5 are Deacon transfers from other churches and will follow the transfer process, 16 declined and 7 were found to be ineligible (previous divorce).

### **Ministry Teams – GH Cain:**

1. Hospital Visitation Team – GH Cain: In need of additional Deacon volunteers to join the team, especially in Keller and local hospitals.
2. Deacon-Led Prayer Team – GH Cain: Chris Norris is in Romania. The schedule is up to date on the website.
3. Baptism Ordinance Team – GH Cain: 2 baptisms last week and 1 today. Everything going well on the team.
4. Physical Services Team – GH Cain: No issues presently. Please continue to seek the needs of widows.
5. Widows Team – Don Johnston: There is 1 widow that is currently being contact regarding assigning a Deacon. All others have been assigned.
6. Lord's Supper Ordinance Administration Team – Dennis Lang: Completed Lord's Supper last Sunday. All went very well. Next Lord's Supper will be observed on Oct 18<sup>th</sup>.
7. Sunday Prayer Team – Perry Leonard: Both services are going well and covered at this time.
8. New Member Candidate Visitation Team – Jim Sabey: There is a new list going out with new availability to sign up. If you are currently on the list, you will remain on the list unless you notify Jim.

### **Associate Pastor – Missions & Evangelism Lawrence Duhon:**

Team in Romania right now. Team came back from Kenya yesterday and have 21 college team in Cincinnati OH to work with Rescue Life Church to work Jul 21-29<sup>th</sup>. August 23<sup>rd</sup> is Wednesday Night

Kick-Off night for 1-hour weekly class titled “Who is your one – next steps”. Reiterate next steps to reach the ones we are praying for in our lives to know Christ. Widows Garden and Nursing home ministries continue to go very well.

**Associate Pastor – Music Ministry Matt Perkinson:** Worship and Creative Arts had a busy June with VBS. Excellent work by teachers and lead by Stacy Porter. Choir tour included 81 students to Shawnee, OK for music ministry and mission work helping to clean up after a devastating tornado. One of the bus drivers gave a testimony about the Christ-like behavior of the FBCK kids and the other driver said based on the behavior and service of our kids was led to get back in the church and get serious about his relationship with Christ. Seeing amazing fruit from the work done at FBCK and at home in the lives of our kids. Arts camp had 68 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students participate in morning and afternoon lessons to teach that art reflects our creator. July is planning for Advent, Christmas and Spring. Summer music camp expecting close to 100 students to learn a children’s choir musical and learn to play musical instruments. There is also a Bible class where they hear the gospel. Fine Arts Academy offering lessons through August. Working with Mike Gonzales on the Senior Adult conference on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Worship Arts Intern - Landry Bennett:** Was able to attend youth choir tour and write the devotionals. Started directing the sanctuary choir. Directing and teaching the 20-30s Adult class. Assistant Directing the summer camp musical and youth band in the fall.

**Associate Pastor – Family Ministry Tony Richmond:**

1. **New Member process:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Member Matters breakfast – prospective members are able to attend and see what church membership involves. New Member orientation is done alternate months. In August, the New Member Orientation will be on August 6<sup>th</sup> instead of 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. Looking and brainstorming on potential changes in membership. Potentially making changes that include making sure every member matters.
2. **Adult Bible study:** Continuing to write our curriculum and the fall and winter will include 1<sup>st</sup> Kings starting in September and through the winter. Promotion Sunday on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Planning out Pillar of Truth classes. Gregory Baines will be helping out with adult Sunday school logistics.

**Minister - Adults Gregory Baines:** Taking some of the responsibilities from Jack Gatewood associated with adult Sunday School. Planning for a pipeline for adult teachers.

**Senior Pastor Keith Sanders:**

1. **Attendance:** Year-to-year up 6% in Sunday school and increased the budget by about 4.5% increase in the budget. The budget is now over \$6M. We did meet last year’s budget and start this year debt free. We will start the North Lot building project and will need giving to keep up to stay out of debt. We current need about \$500k to remain debt free from the project. The building is in great shape due to the hard work of our staff and Scott Knox in leading the update efforts. Special thanks to LeAnn Hale for overseeing the landscaping team and efforts.
2. **Pastoral:** Developing a 7-year preaching project. Only 2 books remain that have not been preached verse by verse from our pulpit in Pastor’s 18 years tenure and will preach from 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians in the fall. Planning to preach a series of every book from the Bible over the next 7 years.

3. Health: Surgery planned for tomorrow that will hopefully repair issues stemming from bad outcomes of a gallbladder surgery 7 years ago. The Deacons and staff prayed over Pastor Keith for a successful surgery and complete healing.

**Associate Pastor - Administration Scott Knox:**

1. North Lot update: Committees and Finance team working together to initiate the project. Plans to start soon. Plan to finish in late spring. North lot renderings will be posted on the screens and website.
2. Finances: Pray for not exceeding cost estimates and raising additional funds necessary to complete the project. The church remains faithful in giving and allowed us to meet the budget needs for 2022-2023.
3. Personnel: Paula Leonard is the new Director of Finance. Gwen Johnigan is stepping down and Jerry Hall will take over her responsibilities.

**Deacon Chairman's Discussion – Matt Porter:**

**May 2023 Deacon Meeting Minutes** - The May 2023 Deacon Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

**Benevolence Fund Balances:**

Deacon Benevolence = \$3,364

Deacon Widows Benevolence = \$9,918

Next meeting – August 13 at 4:00pm

GH Cain will be moving in July and will be vacating his Vice Chair – Ministry Teams position.

**Prayer Requests – GH Cain:**

Ken Gardner family on the passing of his daughter Jojuan Chapman  
Mike Gonzales family on the passing of his brother Steven Gonzales  
Linda Huffstutler – knee surgery  
Janie Gatewood – release from hospital on Friday

**Closing Prayer by GH Cain**

Respectfully submitted,  
Guy Simpson, Vice-Chair Records