

## **First Baptist Church Keller Deacon Meeting August 13, 2023**

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

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

Scott Knox, Mike Gonzales, Lawrence Duhon, Matt Perkinson, Landry Bennett, and Gregory Baines.

### **Deacons in Attendance**

A total of 57 deacons signed in on-campus and on Zoom for the meeting.

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

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.

**Associate Pastor – Missions & Evangelism Lawrence Duhon:** August 23rd is Wednesday Night Kick-Off night for 1-hour weekly training titled “Who is your one – next steps”. Reiterate next steps to reach the ones we are praying for in our lives to know Christ. A blood drive is scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-6:00 PM open to members and the community to share their concern for Pastor Keith. Pastor Keith has received multiple units of blood during his hospital stay and this is a way to help replenish and give back to the community. Several mission trips this summer – College group in Cincinnati, OH, working VBS with Nepali church. Averaged 44 every day. Next international trip will be to Nepal and scheduled for November. Widows Garden and Nursing home ministries continue to go very well.

**Associate Pastor – Music Ministry Matt Perkinson:** August 20<sup>th</sup> – Student Music meeting for students in grades 7-12 interested in choir and bells. August 23<sup>rd</sup> all regular Wednesday night activities begin including Sanctuary choir and orchestra starting at 7:10 PM in the worship center. Worship Arts for Kids also begins August 23rd. All Sunday activities ensembles, student choirs, adult hand bells, and Uplifted begin August 27<sup>th</sup>. Working with Pastor Mike on the Summer Bible Conference scheduled for August 25 from 1:00-4:30. There will be a voluntary choir open to church wide participation. Rehearsal starts at 10:30 till 12:00. The conference starts at 1:00. Sanctuary Choir retreat starts that Friday evening through Saturday morning and will have the Christmas music unveiling. Asked by the SBC of Texas and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary to host a worship leader roundtable for the state of Texas on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-2:00 in the loft. The conference is for all Worship Pastors, Pastors and church musicians. The topic is Planning and leading Worship Grounded in the Word – Knowing your Why and Refining your How. Anyone wanting to participate is welcome. Advent is coming up starting December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Christmas program planned for mid-day on Dec 16<sup>th</sup> and evening on Dec 17<sup>th</sup>. The 16<sup>th</sup> will be targeting nursing home, families with young children or those who don't want to get out at night.

**Minister – Senior Adults Mike Gonzales:** Thank you for your prayers and support during the loss of Mike's brother. Mike had an encounter during the wake for his brother by a young man whom he led to Christ by his preaching of the Gospel. This reminds us to continually preach the Gospel and plant the seed for people to respond. Summer Bible Conference – Jimmy Draper and Danny Forshee will be speaking. Fill the auditorium! Fellowship in the Park planned on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.

**Worship Arts Intern - Landry Bennett:** Prayers for school starting tomorrow. Youth choir starts in 2 weeks. Next Sunday will be an informational meeting for parents. Conducting Sanctuary Choir, Adult Choir and Brass Ensemble in the fall. Helping Gregory with student bands and will take that over in the Spring.

**Minister - Adults Gregory Baines:** Enjoying new responsibilities for adult Sunday School. Next Sunday is promotion Sunday. Director/Teacher meeting next Sunday to get the 1<sup>st</sup> Kings curriculum. This Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 AM will be our Men's Prayer breakfast. Thanks to Kreg Bryant and Dan Hale for putting that together. The focus will be Praying Through Scripture. Will also be interviewing Joel Jolly regarding his ministry.

**Associate Pastor - Administration Scott Knox:**

1. **North Lot update:** Work has begun on the north lot. Still very pleased with Goff Construction. Current projections are April, May, or June of next year.
2. **Finances:** Starting off a new fiscal year. A little behind to start the year but plan to catch up. The church remains faithful in giving.
3. **Personnel:** Paula Leonard is the new Director of Finance. Jerry Hall will take over responsibility for reserving rooms. Staff continues to cover all aspects of administration and preaching while Pastor Keith is out.

Ken Gardner thanked the Deacon body for their prayers and support during the passing of his daughter and Lynn's cancer diagnosis. Reminded us of Romans 8:28 where God can work for good in all things.

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

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

New Deacon process – the current plan for completion of the new Deacon training will be paused for the current time until Pastor Keith can conduct the required training.

John Hoyer will provide any words or encouragement or scripture to Pastor Keith or the family if anyone would like to send a personal message. Please send to John or Matt Porter and they will provide to Melissa.

The Deacon body spent time in prayer for Pastor Keith, Melissa and the kids, Jim and Nancy Hoyer, Wayne and Jo Sanders, the church staff and church operation and church Unity.

Next Deacon meeting: September 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.

**Prayer Requests – GH Cain:**

Kirby Kercheval: Diane Leubbert's body and health is failing.

Jerry Postin's mom – passed last Sunday.

Anita Pruitt – hip replacement from June is not healing as expected – difficult time and pain.

**Closing Prayer by GH Cain**

Respectfully submitted,  
Guy Simpson, Vice-Chair Records