

First Baptist Church Keller Deacon Meeting

November 10th, 2024

Meeting was conducted on-campus at First Baptist Church Keller (FBCK) with a Zoom option as well.

Staff Members in Attendance on-campus

Keith Sanders, Scott Knox, Andrew Young, Tony Richmond, Lawrence Duhon

Deacons in Attendance

A total of 59 Deacons signed in on-campus and/or attended over Zoom.

Call to Order, Welcome Remarks

- Chairman Guy Simpson called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer.
- Deacons then broke into rooms to pray in small groups for the pastors in-person and on-line attendees prayed for staff not able to make the meeting
- Once everyone was back together, Don Johnston prayed for our widows physical/emotional health and Jim Flick prayed for Roy Burson as it was Roy's last meeting before moving to Michigan
- 2025 Officer Introduction:
 - Dan Trantham will be completing his 1-year commitment as Vice-Chairman of Ministry Teams and Chris Norris was nominated and will be taking on that role starting in January 2025
 - Jim Sabey will continue for another year as Vice-Chairman of Records
 - Both Chris and Jim were voted and approved by the Deacon body

Ministry Teams – Dan Trantham:

Dan kicked off the ministry team updates, and each Team Leader that was present provided updates for each of the respective ministry team they lead.

1. Physical Services Team – David McReynolds: Danny & Scott, thank thanks for their recent help with a few jobs. An email will be forthcoming to the Deacons and please reply as David would like to update the skills of the Deacons who are on this team.
2. Widows Team – Don Johnston: Two ladies joined recently and will be assigned shortly. Reminder of Widows banquet on December 7th and please arrive before your assigned Widow(s).
3. Baptism Ordinance Team – Kreg Bryant: Two young ladies were baptized in the 8:30am service earlier in the day and another baptism the next Sunday. Two of the newest Deacon members have also been rotated in.
4. Deacon-Led Prayer Team – Chris Norris: The schedule for 2025 will be posted before the next Deacon meeting in January 2025. Always room for more Deacons to participate as we have 29 signed up. Reach out to Chris if you would like to be added.
 - a. As Chris is taking on the Vice-Chairman role of Ministry Teams, there is the opening to have a Deacon take over for the Deacon-Led Prayer Team for Chris. Please reach out to Chris and he can walk you through the responsibilities.

5. Lord's Supper Ordinance Administration Team – Dan Trantham for Jim Roberts: The November Lord's Supper was well supported again.
6. Hospital Visitation Team – Ron Shields: Not too many people in the hospital lately. Ron gave a brief update of a recent hospital visit with Betty and how thankful she was to have people visit her in the hospital.
7. Sunday Prayer Team – Perry Leonard: Reminder as you come into service, have an attitude of prayer and pray without ceasing.
8. New Member Candidate Visitation Team – Dan Trantham for Paul Chastain: Paul has sent an email to see if there are any new Deacons that wish to join the team.

Updates from Pastors/Staff in attendance

Senior Pastor Keith Sanders:

- Health Insurance premium is going up %16 so the Personnel Committee is working on a plan to address this. Please be in prayer for them
- Vision Team met for the 2nd time back in October, topic was Outreach and led by Pastor Lawrence. Next meeting will be a topic of Church Planting. We hope to bring recommendations to the church body in May 2025
- 20th of November, there will be an offering for the Community Benevolence. We recently had a very generous donation to the Community Benevolence account.
- Tonya Trantham ran a report recently on how many Widowers we have, and that number is 31. Scotty Mullins has been helping some of these men, but it has become more than 1 man can support.
 - Scotty Mullins gave a wonderful and beautiful testimony of his experience in helping with the widowers of FBCK that started years ago. Please pray and if you feel led to help Scotty with the widowers of our church body, call Scotty.
 - We are not currently looking to make anything formal with supporting the widowers but please pray about supporting these men who have lost their wives.
 - Scotty also spoke about a program/organization called Wreaths Across America who place wreaths on those that served our country. Bourland Cemetery will be participating in this. 13 of the 15 board members are FBCK members. \$17 for a wreath if you would like to donate.

Associate Pastor – Missions & Evangelism Lawrence Duhon:

- Last Deacon meeting Lawrence was in Vietnam. An update from the trip will be shared at the next all members meeting on November 20th.
- Thanks for all those that helped/volunteered with the Fall Festival. We will be looking at more opportunities to reach the local community.
- Operation Christmas Child wrapping up soon.
- Meeting later today to discuss mission trip opportunities in the summer of 2025

Associate Pastor – Family Ministry Tony Richmond:

- Three more weeks left of Sunday School study through Jeremiah. Next up will be the book of Matthew.
- Tony's been meeting recently with Sunday School Directors to see how he can help in Sunday School.
- Tony has been dealing recently with a person that wants to become a member but is not a new member candidate. This reminds him that it's important to have a new member candidate process and steps.
- This coming Spring, there will not be a Pillar of Truth series, but we will be hosting Re-Engage on Wednesday nights instead.

Minister – Students Andrew Young

- Weekly ministries are going fantastic.
- This is the time to pray for next year.
- DNOW in January, Spring Break trip with the Music Ministry, Summer Camp
- Diana Hunt retired after 15 years as the Administrative Assistant and Tammy Shelton recently hired to work in Student Ministry in this role.

Associate Pastor – Administration Scott Knox:

- A lot of small things going on behind the scenes. ~2 dozen rooms recently painted throughout the building and will also receive new carpet next Spring/
- Last payout for Fellowship Park has been issued. Praise the Lord for how this area is being used by the church body. Scott continues to get ideas of what we can add/change to this area to make it more useful.
- Financially the church is continued to be very blessed. We are tracking along to where we were last year. November & December are critical giving months. Be in prayer for the generosity of our church body.

Chairman closing remarks

- October meeting minutes were approved unanimously with no changes requested
- One more push for the Widow's banquet on December 7th @11:30am. \$25 (Check or Cash) per Deacon/Wife/Widow(s). We need volunteers to help serve. Youth will help carry plates back to tables as well. Each Widow will get a gift bag. If you are not going to be there, please make sure your Widow(s) get a bag post the banquet.
- Benevolence Fund amounts:
 - Widows - \$8,533
 - Deacon - \$4,503
- Next meeting is January 12th, 2025 at 4pm

Prayer Requests – Jim Sabey:

A few announcements:

- Reminders to wear your name badges on Sunday mornings. Every Deacon has had a name badge made for them.
- Try to get to know each other more and more. The more we know each other we can support one another.
- Jim read a recent letter sent by Mike Johnson to Tonya Trantham to share.

Prayer requests:

- Danny Reynolds – Jed Ford's father involved in an accident with many burns.
- Kirby Kircheval – Sam Webb fell and broke his hip.
- Pastor Keith – prayer for Matt Krause and his new role he was voted in.
- Jim Sabey – prayer for sister, Laura, with cancer of the esophagus and salvation.
- Scotty – sister, Cheryl George, 6 bypasses done recently and had a reaction recently to medication. Out of ICU.
- Brian Romig – niece, Abby with cancer, 46 years old and surgery scheduled for in December.

Closing Prayer by Jim Sabey

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Sabey, Vice-Chair Records