

First Baptist Church Keller Deacon Meeting

August 10th, 2025

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, Tony Richmond, Scott Knox, Mike Gonzales, Matt Perkinson, Lawrence Duhon

Deacons in Attendance

A total of 52 Deacons signed in on-campus and/or attended over Zoom.

Call to Order and 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 & staff in-person and on-line attendees prayed for staff not able to make the meeting
- Once everyone was back together, Jon Taylor voiced a prayer/praise over the financial health of FBCK & Nate Davis voiced a prayer over the new school year starting and for students and teachers.

Ministry Team Updates – Chris Norris:

Chris kicked off the ministry team updates, and each Team Leader that was present provided updates for each of the respective ministry team they lead. The Hospital Visitation team was highlighted this month to give a brief overview of what the team does.

1. Widows Team – Don Johnston: All widows but 1 assigned. Reminder for the widows banquet scheduled for December 6th.
2. Widowers Team – Scotty Mullins: Things are going well. There are 30 widowers and 22 assigned. Focus moving forward is going to be when a new widower comes about as the remaining 8 widowers have been widowed for a long time. For those deacons with an assignment, keep Scotty updated as you can with any progress or issues that come up with your assigned widower.
3. Hospital Visitation Team – Ron Shields: Ron provided a brief overview of what this ministry team does when visiting people in the hospital and read from Matthew 25 to highlight why we have a team that visits FBCK members who are in the hospital. Doug Taylor and Perry Leonard both voiced a testimony of being part of this ministry team. If anyone can support Northeast Tarrant County, please let Ron know as we've never been able to consistently serve hospitals in this area.
4. Deacon-Led Prayer Team – Steven Cooks: Thank you for all those participating. A few schedule changes needed to replace John Romig's spots. For anyone willing to take those spots, please reach out to Steven.
5. New Member Candidate Visitation Team – Paul Chastain: Appreciate all the work the deacons make who are on this team. Schedule for 2nd half of 2025 is posted on the deacon website. Reminder to ask the new members if they are a widow, previous deacon, veteran, etc. Reminder to update Amie Thoms on any information you collect when you are on rotation and making your visits.

6. Baptism Ordinance Team – Chris Norris for Kreg Bryant: Things going well with the team and praise for the recent baptisms of the 4 youth over the last couple of Sunday's.
7. Sunday Prayer Team – Perry Leonard: Perry encouraged all of us to always be in prayer for our staff.
8. Physical Services Team – David McReynolds: Quiet on the team other than Nate Davis helping with a ceiling fan.
9. Lord's Supper Ordinance Administration Team – Nate Davis: Last Lord's Supper went well. Next Lord's Supper is scheduled for October 5th.

Updates from Pastors/Staff in attendance

Senior Pastor Keith Sanders:

- Reminder that the pastors and staff depend on the prayers and support of the deacon body
- Reminder to read the recent letter and brochure that was sent to all FBCK church members.
- Gather Sunday (formerly known as promotion Sunday) is August 17th
- Billboard by Sam's to advertise FBCK, which was paid for by a family in our church.
- August 20th is the next Members quarterly meeting with an update on the Vision Team progress and prayer walk around church including an open house to view the recent renovations.
- Church Plant is being discussed (one of the outcomes of the Vision Team). Keith visiting a church in Rhome, New Fairview Baptist Church, to investigate possibilities of partnering with this church as their current pastor is close to retiring. FBCK's Music Ministry is providing the worship leadership for New Fairview's summer revival coming up with Keith & Lawrence attending.
- Pray for the unity of the FBCK church body. Reminder to the deacons to be a minister of unity in your areas of service.

Associate Pastor – Administration Scott Knox:

- Record July in giving, praise the Lord.
- Recognition of all the hours, weekends and work by David & Janet Meyers with the renovations over the summer.
- HCA has a new principle, and things are going much smoother.

Associate Pastor – Family Ministry Tony Richmond:

- Brief discussion on the Come & See cards. Tony gave a testimony of how he recently used 2 of these cards to invite his neighbors. One of the neighbors allowed Tony's family to bring their kids to church.
- Reminder on August 17th, to sit in the Loft or attend the 830am service to allow visiting families at the 11am service to have a place to sit.
- Rotation is set for Sunday School classes to sit in the Loft to allow for space for visiting families.
- In February 2026, date TBD, there will be a Men's prayer retreat, most likely on a Saturday.
- 12 people attended the New Member orientation earlier today, of which 2 of these are ladies are widows.

- 29 Sunday School departments with 2 new ones kicking off. One will be led by Pastor Keith and his wife to help plug folks into a Sunday School that have not previously been committed to a class.
- Reminder to pray for marriages of our church body.

Senior Adult Minister – Senior Adults Mike Gonzales:

- GAP – God’s Active People, has been busy with trips and other activities over the summer.
- 9/18 – Thursday, free dinner and concert by Blake and Jenna Bolerjack.

Associate Pastor – Worship Matt Perkinson:

- There were 2 great outreach events in the Worship Ministry this summer: Art Camp & Summer Music Camp. Most of the attendees of these 2 events were from our community. Thanks to Stacy Porter for her leadership with these 2 camps.
- Staff Update – new worship intern, Jacob Glenn, has started recently. He and his wife recently moved to the area.
- 8/17 – There will be a gospel night of worship at FBCK.
- This Fall; the Choir Worship ministry will support services at Beautiful Feet and our area nursing homes.

Associate Pastor – Missions & Evangelism Lawrence Duhon:

- Next 2 months, Lawrence will be on international trips to Romania (September) and Albania (October).
- ASL ministry is under some changes, moving sign language provided from the 830am to 11am service. Larry and Debra Rogers are moving out of the area later this Fall.
- Advocacy teams for our missionaries are going well.

Chairman closing remarks

- July meeting minutes were approved unanimously with no changes requested.
- Benevolence Fund amounts:
 - Widows - \$5,491
 - Deacon - \$2,171
- Widows Banquet in December – Reminder of this event. Please verify contact information of your assigned widow(s).
- Next meeting is September 14th at 4pm in rm 245.

Prayer Requests – Jim Sabey:

- Ed Newsom – relatives of a friend with cancer
- Rob Porter – recently diagnosed with leukemia
- Cliff Dalton – recovering at home after his surgery
- Greg Smiley (not a member) – recent cancer diagnosis
- Gary Blanton – pancreatic cancer diagnosis
- John Gross – Aortic valve replaced. He is home and resting.
- Pray for one of David Kennedy's customers who tried to end his life recently
- Byron & Jane Hoeffner – skin cancer for Byron and back issues for Jane who is seeking medical advice. Long time members and looking to also relocate.
- The Waldrop family as Michael has taken a job as a pastor in Mississippi.

Closing Prayer by Jim Sabey.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Sabey, Vice-Chair Records