

First Baptist Church Keller Deacon Meeting

April 13th, 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, Andrew Young, Tony Richmond, Lawrence Duhon, Mike Gonzales

Deacons in Attendance

A total of 60 Deacons signed in on-campus and/or attended over Zoom.

Call to Order and Welcome Remarks

- Vice-Chairman Chris Norris 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, Lance Wyatt provided an update on the new Ministry Plan and voiced a prayer for our Ministry Plan. Matt Porter provided an update on the Vision Team and voiced a prayer over the Vision Team for wisdom and guidance.

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. Ministry team highlighted this month was the Sunday (morning) Prayer Team.

1. Widows Team – Don Johnston: One recent new widow has been assigned since our last meeting. A widow recently joined our church and Don will be looking to assign her. Gloria Locke, found out, passed away in January. Since the middle of last December, Don calls every widow on their birthday to wish them a happy birthday.
2. Physical Services Team – Chris Norris for David McReynolds: nothing currently scheduled. More discussions regarding this team will occur at the May deacon retreat.
3. Hospital Visitation Team – Ron Shields: Lynn Carpenter is a recent addition to the team and focusing on the Grapevine hospital. There is still a need for another deacon to focus on the Alliance area hospitals.
4. Lord's Supper Ordinance Administration Team – Chris Norris for Jim Roberts: Next Lord's Supper is schedule for Good Friday, April 18th. There is a full roster signed up for serving.
5. New Member Candidate Visitation Team – Paul Chastain: Everything is going well. If there are any problems contacting new member candidates, please reach out to Paul. There will be an updated schedule posted soon that will go through the end of the year.
6. Sunday Prayer Team – Perry Leonard: A few comments were shared and a couple of sections from the book (1st chapter) entitled "Prayer" that was given out at the last men's prayer breakfast. All deacons are encouraged to be in prayer not only throughout the week for our pastors but also on Sunday mornings. Please reach out to Perry if you'd like to be included.
7. Widowers Team – Scotty Mullins: There are 30 widowers and 18 have been assigned. We have 15 deacons that have volunteered for this team. Not all widowers will need to be assigned as some have been widowed for a long time. There is a need for additional deacons to be part of

this team. Please provide feedback about how things are going with your widower visits. Dan Trantham gave a wonderful testimony about a recent visit with the widower assigned to him.

8. Deacon-Led Prayer Team – Steven Cooks: Schedule is set through end of 2025, however all deacons are welcome to be added to the rotation.
9. Baptism Ordinance Team – Kreg Bryant: There was an issue last Sunday (April 6th) where the baptism of a married couple for 8:30am had to be rescheduled for 11am due to the baptistry not being full. There are 6 baptisms (in 3 different languages) scheduled for next Sunday (April 20th).

Updates from Pastors/Staff in attendance

Senior Pastor Keith Sanders:

- Brief update on the Vision Team. It was the 6th Vision Team meeting and led by Scott Knox on the topic of Stewardship. FBCK people are extremely generous and most of the members are contributing regularly. Between 5 & 6 months of giving in reserve.
- May 4th luncheon for the Vision Team and their families followed by a meeting for the Vision Team participants to work together on the final recommendations and wording that will be presented to the church body.
- New budget for the church already reflects some of the items discussed during the Vision Team meetings. One of these areas is local outreach and every staff member has been given a budget for outreach.

Associate Pastor – Missions & Evangelism Lawrence Duhon:

- About 50 volunteers from Keller High & Middle schools were on campus yesterday (4/5) and attended an event helping with landscaping. This is one way we are trying to connect our Keller community with our church. Another event on May 8th with Keller Middle school is scheduled.
- In May, there is an outreach concert at Fellowship Park.
- Disaster Relief team is going to start back up. If you are interested, let Pastor Lawrence know.

Minister – Students Andrew Young

- Phenomenal Spring Break trip with a total of 104 students and adult leaders attended. 3 churches were served that week.
- Last Wednesday night for this semester is April 30th for regular scheduled activities.
- WAK & RA/GA awards on May 7th.
- Transitioning into planning and getting ready for summer activities – VBS & Student Camp

Associate Pastor – Family Ministry Tony Richmond:

- Discipleship activities are ongoing. Women's Spring retreat was last weekend (April 5th) with over 100 in attendance. Topic was the Kingdom of God vs. the kingdoms of earth.
- The New Member orientation happened earlier in the day (April 13th) with a full room of 14 people. Next Celebration Sunday these New Member's will be introduced to the church body.
- Men's Fish Fry – 5 to 7pm on Saturday, April 26th. Please sign up if you are planning on attending. A time of fellowship and prayer will occur that evening.
- 4 months from now, Promotion Sunday is coming at the start of our next church Sunday School year. All the kids will be on the first floor after some renovations being completed this summer.

Senior Adult Minister – Senior Adults Mike Gonzales:

- Last week, 65 senior adults took a day trip to Ennis to enjoy bluebonnets, and it was a great day of fellowship.
- Scott Pleasants will be sharing at the next lunch & learn the Chick Fil-A story.
- Senior ladies will be taking a day trip to Canton, Texas on May 2nd.
- What's in your "dash" class is going well.

Chairman closing remarks

- March meeting minutes were approved unanimously with no changes requested
- Benevolence Fund amounts:
 - Widows - \$5,391
 - Deacon - \$4,588
- Next meeting is the Deacon Retreat – May 2nd & 3rd, 2025. 6pm on Friday and 8:30am Saturday

Prayer Requests – Jim Sabey:

- Mary Perry who is on hospice after a recent fall
- Cecil Hill's 2 grandchildren whose single mom (in Wisconsin) passed away at age of 51
- Phoebe Lorincz is in hospice
- John Pickett recent stroke and other health concerns
- Jeff Weaver recently had a major fire in his house which will be totally demo'd
- Pickett & Weaver family were provided benevolence funds to assist
- Laura Salkauskas (Jim Sabey's sister) finished chemo and is starting back to work on 4/21

Closing Prayer by Jim Sabey.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Sabey, Vice-Chair Records