

## **First Baptist Church Keller Deacon Meeting October 12<sup>th</sup>, 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, Scott Knox, Mike Gonzales

### **Deacons in Attendance**

A total of 53 Deacons signed in on-campus and/or attended over Zoom.

### **Call to Order and Welcome Remarks**

- Vice Chairman Jim Sabey called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer.
- Deacons then stayed together and prayed for Pastor's Keith, Scott, and Mike.
- Dan Hale voiced a prayer for our widows & widowers / Richard Harris voiced a prayer for the deacon body, church health and unity.

### **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. Team spotlight this month is the Widows Team.

1. Widows Team – Don Johnston: Keep in mind Bill Conroy who owns a lawn service for support of your assigned widow(s). Widow's banquet is coming on December 6<sup>th</sup>. We average 18 new (either via husband passing or moving membership to our church) widows every year since Don has been leading the team. Since the last meeting, 1 widow has been assigned. 139 widows are assigned to the deacons. There are 23 widows age 90 and older, 7 are 95 and above with 2 over 100. Most live at home or with a family member and there are some widows in assisted living.
2. Widowers Team – Scotty Mullins: New widower needing to be assigned, Sam Obeng-Appau, originally from Ghana. His wife passed away recently. Reminder especially with the holidays approaching to reach out to your assigned widower and contact them.
3. Hospital Visitation Team – Scott Norris for Ron Shields: Nothing new to report.
4. Deacon-Led Prayer Team – Scott Norris for Steven Cooks: 2026 schedule will be coming out soon. A few additional deacons are being added. Reach out to Steven if you would like to be added.
5. New Member Candidate Visitation Team – Paul Chastain: Keep updating the church staff as you learn things from your visits. Schedule for 2026 will be worked on soon.
6. Baptism Ordinance Team – Kreg Bryant: Nothing new to report currently.
7. Sunday Prayer Team – Chris Norris for Perry Leonard: Perry is on the Albania mission trip and reports all is going well with the Sunday morning prayer team.
8. Physical Services Team – Chris Norris for David McReynolds: Everything going well. David is on the Albania mission trip.
9. Lord's Supper Ordinance Administration Team – Nate Davis: Thank you to all those that participated in the last Lord's Supper and preparation the day before as well. Lord's Supper

dates for 2026: January 25<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Goal is to not have any deacons serve in both services.

### **Updates from Pastors/Staff in attendance**

#### **Senior Pastor Keith Sanders:**

- Pastor shared a few statistics of attendance. Since the start of our new church year in August, we've averaged ~1100 every Sunday. We don't keep track of too many statistics, but church attendance is one to track as it helps us plan for when we need for example add another service time, etc. Five straight years of growth at FBCK, praise the Lord.
- Lifestyle of our church members sharing their faith and the Gospel is increasing and another praise for this.
- A young ASL boy was baptized this morning, praise the Lord for this and the ASL ministry of FBCK. The Rogers family, who have been leading the ASL ministry at FBCK, might be moving for job reasons to Waco. Pray for other leader(s) to take over the ASL ministry if the Rogers family end up moving.

#### **Associate Pastor – Administration Scott Knox:**

- Praise for the greatest 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of giving at FBCK.
- Thank you to the FBCK Finance committee and all the hard work being done, who meet every other week.
- Annual audit report was received last week. More details of the report will be discussed in the future.
- Recent upgrades around the church facilities include painting a few areas, additional security monitors and radios.
- Building & Grounds are researching ways to make the church facility safe from potential threats of vehicles potentially crashing into the building.
- Existing library location being moved to another part of the church facility.
- Improved safety coming in the balcony with handrails.

#### **Senior Adult Minister – Senior Adults Mike Gonzales:**

- October 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a dementia conference on the FBCK campus.
- Jimmy Draper was the guest speaker at the 1<sup>st</sup> breakfast of October, over 80 attended. Great attendance being noticed moving these breakfast sessions from Thursdays to Mondays.
- Mike will be attending the SBTC Texas Convention later in the month presenting a resolution on immigration.

#### **Chairman closing remarks (led by Vice Chairman Jim Sabey)**

- September meeting minutes were approved unanimously with no changes requested.
- Benevolence Fund amounts:
  - Widows - \$2,392
  - Deacon - \$2,171
- Reminder to mention to your assigned widow(s) regarding the Widows Banquet scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup>. Cost will be \$30 cash or check per deacon to cover deacon, spouse & widow(s).
- Next meeting is November 9<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in rm 245.
- We need volunteers to help serve food day of.

**Prayer Requests – Jim Sabey:**

- Kelli Kercheval upcoming surgery.
- Cliff Dalton – praise for healing from recent surgery.
- Richard Robinson is placed in hospice at home.
- Ruth Reynolds – in the hospital and 2 stents being put in.
- Future of ASL ministry with pending possible move of the Rogers family.
- Church giving – praise the Lord for the faithfulness of the FBCK members.
- Pastor Keith – praise to report for it being 2 years since his stroke.

Closing Prayer by Jim Sabey.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Sabey, Vice-Chair Records