

First Baptist Church Keller Deacon Meeting

July 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, Tony Richmond, Scott Knox, 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

- 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, Matt Krause voiced a prayer over VBS, youth camp, and recent mission trips & Steve Burns voiced a prayer over the deacon body/church member health and unity.

Ministry Team Updates – Chris Norris:

Guy 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. Widows Team – Don Johnston: Since our last meeting in May, there have been 4 widows assigned. Two recent widows will be contacted to ask if they'd like a deacon assignment. Reminder to please keep up with your assigned widow(s). Reminder to start planning now to attend the widows banquet in December. For anyone with a widow who is homebound, pray about ideas of how they can still be involved.
2. Widowers Team – Scotty Mullins: This ministry is still in its infancy. As many widowers as possible have been assigned but we could use more deacon brothers to volunteer for this ministry team. Please reach out to Scotty to let him know how things are going, with your widower and if you are willing to volunteer on this team.
3. Hospital Visitation Team – Ron Shields: The team is staffed well with volunteers, covering all area hospitals and making visits accordingly.
4. Deacon-Led Prayer Team – Steven Cooks: Things are going well. There will be a few changes coming to the schedule and looking for a replacement for John Romig who is moving.
5. New Member Candidate Visitation Team – Paul Chastain: Two new members, Robert Gopffarth and Ron Shields recently joining. Rotation for the rest of 2025 is posted on the deacon website. Reminder to update Amie Thoms on any information you collect when you are on rotation and making your visits.
6. Baptism Ordinance Team – Kreg Bryant: 830 service today we were blessed to have a grandfather baptize his granddaughter. Thanks to all the team volunteering.
7. Sunday Prayer Team – Perry Leonard: There is a very consistent group with David Wimberley being added to the 8am team. Reminder for all deacons to be in prayer as we enter the worship center for service.

8. Physical Services Team – Guy Simpson for David McReynolds: Thanks to Buddy Linder and Harold Lewis for working on the home of the widow assigned to Doug Taylor. Pray for David as he has surgery coming soon on his ankle.
9. Lord's Supper Ordinance Administration Team – Guy Simpson for Jim Roberts: Lord's Supper went well earlier this morning. Jim Roberts has moved to a different state, and Nate Davis will be leading the team moving forward.

Updates from Pastors/Staff in attendance

Senior Pastor Keith Sanders:

- The fiscal year, we came about %1 short however the spending was down. There is a surplus and more information to come on how the surplus will be utilized.
- August 17th will be "Gather Sunday" with an emphasis on inviting people to Sunday School that have not been attending recently. 1250 is the goal with two new Sunday Schools starting; one class will be directed by Pastor Keith & Melissa of all ages and backgrounds to invite back to Sunday School and the other class is a new Christians class led by John Lax called Foundations of the Faith.
- August 20th is the next quarterly members' meeting and there will be an open house for the church body to look at the renovations that have been ongoing in the last few months as well as there will be a ministry fair to offer signups for Sunday School classes, Pillar of Truth and other church ministries.
- FBCK will have a church wide outreach event quarterly & the staff is encouraging Sunday School classes to host events like block parties, etc. There are funds in the church budget to help pay for these sort of events.
- A new prayer room will be opened in the church for FBCK members to utilize for prayer.
- Pastor gave an update on topics that were discussed at the recent SBC convention.
- Long Range Planning meeting scheduled for August 3rd to discuss recommendations from the Vision Team.

Associate Pastor – Administration Scott Knox:

- This past fiscal year was slightly below giving however the 3rd largest giving year ever.
- FBCK expenses were down, and surplus will be applied towards future expenditures like air conditioning units.
- All children's areas will be downstairs with space expanding and improved security.
- The library will be remodeled with free resources made available to the church body.

Associate Pastor – Family Ministry Tony Richmond:

- Reminder of August 17th for "Gather Sunday" and the many ministry opportunities available.
- On August 9th there will be a training session for Sunday School teachers & directors.
- Foundations of Faith class will be broken down to first 12 weeks covering trusting the Bible, 12 weeks on basic theology and 12 weeks on how to study the bible.
- Fall 2025 Sunday School classes will be studying Leviticus.

Senior Adult Minister – Senior Adults Mike Gonzales:

- Reminder of the GAP summer conference with discussion topic of the Trinity. Anyone can come and attend.
- GAP fall kickoff on August 7th at Fellowship Park with Dr. Jim Dempsey coming to share how we can minister and pray for each other.

Chairman closing remarks

- May meeting minutes were approved unanimously with no changes requested
- Transfer candidate David Kennedy completed the requirements necessary to transfer to FBCK and was voted unanimously by the deacons in attendance. Jon Taylor and Kirby Kercheval with the motions
- Guy voiced a prayer over John Romig and Jim Roberts for their move from Texas & transition to their new homes.
- Benevolence Fund amounts:
 - Widows - \$5,491
 - Deacon - \$2,171
- Next meeting is the – August 10th at 4pm in rm 245

Prayer Requests – Jim Sabey:

- Pat & Rodney Smith – health issues (Pat broke her hip in 2 places)
- David McReynolds ankle surgery on August 15th
- Cliff Dalton surgery on August 1st
- Dick Chase – medical procedures for cancer treatment
- Ruel Garner family (son had a heart attack recently)
- Dennis & Cathy Lang - Cathy (dementia) and for their son Peter who had a stroke in the past, Dennis has been taking care of them both.

Closing Prayer by Jim Sabey.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Sabey, Vice-Chair Records