

## **First Baptist Church Keller Deacon Meeting March 9<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, Andrew Young, Tony Richmond, Lawrence Duhon, Mike Gonzales, Sterling Burdine

### **Deacons in Attendance**

A total of 50 Deacons signed in on-campus and/or attended over Zoom.

### **Call to Order, Welcome Remarks, Sterling Burdine Ordination Council**

- 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, the Ordination Council commenced for Sterling Burdine with Guy calling for a nomination to moderate the council. Jon Taylor motioned for Pastor Keith to be the moderator with many deacons voicing a second.
  - Pastor Keith as the moderator led off with a few questions followed by a few questions by the deacon body. Once the council time was completed, Sterling left the room and a vote was called of which was unanimous to affirm Sterling for ordination.
  - An ordination certificate was passed around the room for the deacons to sign.

### **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 New Member Candidate Visitation team.

1. Widows Team – Don Johnston: One recent new widow, Joy Huber, Don will be in touch with to ask if she would like to have a deacon assignment.
2. Physical Services Team – David McReynolds: Reminder that an email was sent by Chris after the last monthly meeting to ask for any additional deacons that would like to be added to the team along with noting what your skills are. Another email will be going out again.
3. Hospital Visitation Team – Chris Norris for Ron Shields: Nothing new to report.
4. Lord's Supper Ordinance Administration Team – Jim Roberts: Next Lord's Supper is schedule for Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Signup email will be sent out March 31<sup>st</sup> and we will need around 24 to 26 deacons to support. Only room required to serve in will be the worship center.
5. New Member Candidate Visitation Team – Paul Chastain: There are 24 deacons on the list paired up in groups of 2. Each week, normally on Tuesday, Amie Thoms sends the details of the new member candidates that came forward the previous Sunday. The team tries to setup an in person visit either in the new member candidate home or at church. Goal is to welcome the new member candidates to our church and answer any questions they may have. Any information learned during the visit, please provide that back to Amie Thoms. More deacons are welcome to join the team. Current schedule posted through end of June.

6. Sunday Prayer Team – Perry Leonard: Grateful for the men that serve on this team. All deacons are welcome. Reminder for all deacons to have a constant attitude of prayer especially as we are in worship.
7. Widowers Team – Chris Norris for Scotty Mullins: There are 30 widowers and 18 have been assigned. We have 14 deacons + Jack Gatewood that have volunteered for this team. There is need for additional deacons to be part of this team.
8. Deacon-Led Prayer Team – Chris Norris for Steven Cooks: Steven Cooks is officially taken over this ministry team from Chris. Reminder that on Thursdays of the week you are scheduled to lead in prayer during Sunday morning service will come from Pastor Matt Perkinson with Stephen in copy and to please reply to them both to acknowledge you can still pray in your assigned time. If things change and your schedule does not allow, please let Steven & Matt know.
9. Baptism Ordinance Team – Kreg Bryant: Grateful for all ages and stages of life that have been baptized. In a few weeks a husband and wife will be baptized.

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

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

- Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> is the next all FBCK member meeting and dress is business casual for the ordination of Sterling Burdine. Request is for all deacons to sit together.
- Half day Pastor retreat was last week on FBCK campus. It was a time of prayer and sharing where we believe the Lord is leading us.
- Pastor Scott Knox will lead the next Vision team meeting in April on the topic of stewardship.
- In May the plan from the Vision team will be brought forward to the deacon body and at a later time the church.
- Budget/Finance meeting recently took place for next fiscal year's ministry plan.

#### **Associate Pastor – Missions & Evangelism Lawrence Duhon:**

- Pastor Lawrence voiced a thank you for the prayers while Lawrence was in Ghana recently with Dr. Sam Obeng-Appau who is still in Ghana until April 21st.
- Pray for Michael Waldrop who is heading to Kenya 3/14 for On Board Ministries.
- Our nursing home ministries is going well and new people are attending the services held.
- Next major local outreach will be Praise in the park on May 10<sup>th</sup> with a free meal & concert. Gospel presentation as well.
- A call to invite people to church on Easter Sunday.
- Prayer room will be starting back up again in room 137. The room will be available from 730am to ~730pm and Susan Riddle will be the contact to sign-up.

#### **Minister – Students Andrew Young**

- Pray for the combined music and missions tour heading (around 104 total with Pastor Andrew and Matt) out for Spring Break on March 15<sup>th</sup> to San Antonio. The group will be back on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Associate Pastor – Administration Scott Knox:**

- Thankful for the tremendous people on the Finance committee
- Expecting a ministry plan with efficiencies and additional in spending in areas where we can share Jesus more in our community
- Planning for the children's area remodel (time frame for the remodel will be starting after VBS this June) going well and we should be able to pay for all the remodel without taking any additional loans.
- The church is ahead of budget

**Associate Pastor – Family Ministry Tony Richmond:**

- After church earlier today there was a luncheon for the adult Sunday School Directors, Teachers and Connections team. We have many unfamiliar faces coming to FBCK every Sunday. The luncheon was a great time of fellowship and for everyone to get to know one another.
- Members Matters breakfast was earlier in the morning as well with 3 new couples and 1 single attending.
- March 30<sup>th</sup> is next celebration Sunday to celebrate the recent new members to our church body.
- Tony asked for prayer to have wisdom for 3 couples he's been meeting with that are on the brink of divorce.

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

- Senior adults are continuing with the theme - thrive in 2025.
- Richard Pettigrew with Christian Volunteer Builders will be sharing at the March 20<sup>th</sup> Lunch & Learn.
- Good breakfast meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> with Jeremy and Emily Lewis who shared about their missionary field.

**Chairman closing remarks**

- February meeting minutes were approved unanimously with no changes requested
- Benevolence Fund amounts:
  - Widows - \$4,969
  - Deacon - \$5,391
- Next meeting is April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 4pm

**Prayer Requests – Jim Sabey:**

- Bob Carlton – flu, pneumonia
- Ed Newsom – cataract surgery upcoming
- 3 marriages that Pastor Tony mentioned
- The Kirby Kercheval family for the recent loss of Kirby's dad
- Valerie Keenan's father passed away yesterday

Closing Prayer started with Dan Trantham praying for the 3 marriages mentioned by Pastor Tony and final prayer voiced by Jim Sabey.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Sabey, Vice-Chair Records