

First Baptist Church Keller Deacon Meeting February 8th, 2026

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, Andrew Young, Lawrence Duhon

Deacons in Attendance

A total of 55 Deacons signed in on-campus and/or attended over Zoom.

Call to Order and Welcome Remarks

- Chairman Jim Sabey called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer. He then asked for pastoral updates.

Updates from Pastors/Staff in attendance

Senior Pastor Keith Sanders:

- Pastor Keith gave an update regarding Vision Team business
 - Church planting subcommittee met. Continuing to pray and discuss.
 - Building Needs subcommittee has been meeting. Kreg Bryant is chair. They are discussing need for space and discussing possible start of 3rd worship service.
- Pastor's Retreat will be in about 2 weeks. Pastors will get together to meet, pray and seek the Lord for direction. Pastors expect to come back from that meeting with some recommendations to possibly present to the deacons this spring.
- Praise the Lord for strong financial giving by members of FBCK. In prior years, the missed Sunday due to recent ice would have put church behind budget, but we remain ahead.
- Praise the Lord for a recent large gift to the church's multiple benevolence ministries.

Associate Pastor – Adult Discipleship Tony Richmond

- Adult Sunday School – Going well.
 - 30 new men have recently started teaching in the last 6 weeks. Tony has been sitting in to monitor, mentor and advise. Tony still looking for new teachers. Praise the Lord for the quality of teachers at FBCK. We are wrapping up the teaching on Titus and Philemon. Moving on to the book of Job after. Tony has been using Job as a reference with many of his recent counseling sessions so there should be good tie in.
- Membership. New member candidates came forward today representing 5 families.
- Re-engage cohort wrapping up next week.
- Grief Share Ministry ongoing.

Minister – Students Andrew Young

- DNOW (Discipleship NOW) was great. Appreciation for prayers of deacons. Appreciation for GAP help with the weekend.
- Kids/ preschool – Janet's team is already planning for Vacation Bible School (June 1-4).

- Student Ministry – Music and Missions tour to Denver for Spring Break is coming up. Team is actively looking for churches to partner with. Andrew requested prayer for the week.

Associate Pastor – Missions & Evangelism Lawrence Duhon:

- Guatemala trip postponed to August due to recent issues at Guatemala border.
- Upcoming mission trip to Republic of Georgia soon.
- Nursing home ministry going well.
- International Friends Ministry—16 people representing 14 countries are participating. All get a bible in their native language at Easter.
- Be on the look out for Sunday School members and other who are struggling that may benefit from the recent gift to the benevolence ministry.

Prayer Time with Pastors & Staff and Focused Deacon 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, Lynn Carpenter voiced a prayer for the FBCK church body including prayer for unity and a prayer for the marriages in the church. Zane Harper voiced a prayer for evangelism efforts of the church.

Ministry Team Updates – Steven Cooks:

Steven kicked off the ministry team updates, and each Team Leader that was present provided updates for the respective ministry team that they lead.

1. Sunday Prayer Team – Perry Leonard: Thanks for praying. Team mate consistency has been good.
2. Deacon-Led Prayer Team – David Wimberley: All deacons welcome to join in on the rotation. The 2026 schedule is on the deacon website.
3. New Member Candidate Visitation Team – Paul Chastain: Steven presented update for Paul. Schedule posted on Deacon website for first half 2026. Paul gave a reminder on the responsibilities of team members. Deacons should contact Paul if they would like to be added to the team.
4. Widows Team – Don Johnston: Don is working with 2 widows who are newly widowed and will get them assigned. Working to update widow email addresses. Don has advertised and invited widows to Galentine’s Party with the youth. A family from FBCK has volunteered to provide house cleaning to widows. Billy Conroy has offered yard maintenance for widows.
5. Lord’s Supper Ordinance Administration Team – Nate Davis: Thanked deacons for flexibility with the reschedule due to ice. Nate feels blessed to see the process of the Lord’s Supper from this side. Nate relayed a story of a nonbeliever who was in sanctuary after service during clean up and wanted to discuss service. Nate was able to get him in contact with pastor. Reminder of next Lord’s Supper on Good Friday with prep at 1pm on the Thursday before.
6. Hospital Visitation Team – Ron Shields: Team is full. Visiting patients in hospital. Tonya and the other ladies in the office have been doing a great job keeping up with hospitalizations.
7. Widowers Team – Scotty Mullins: Sent out a team reboot email in January and had a good response. 18 deacons participating in widowers ministry. Things going well.

8. Physical Services Team – David Kennedy: Thanks to Buddy Linder, with help of Harold Lewis, for installing safety box in a widow’s shower. Email was sent out to determine list of skills that team members have to be able to assign best deacon based on job. Continue to check with widows about their needs.
9. Baptism Ordinance Team – Kreg Bryant: 3 baptism to be scheduled. There were 26 baptisms in 2025. Kreg expressed that it was a joy to serve in this manner.

Deacon Chairman remarks from Jim Sabey

- January meeting minutes approved unanimously with one change requested to a question asked by Dan Trantham regarding expanding the widows ministry. Question was incorrectly written down as being about changing the age requirement but was actually a question about including single women over age 60 that are not widows (single or divorced). Discussion was that for now will pray about this and discuss with pastors and other deacon officers.
- Jim discussed a personal anecdote about his interaction with his assigned widower and that he wishes he had contacted the widower earlier. He encouraged others to participate.
- Deacons are encouraged to attend the deacon meeting in person, if at all possible, but zoom option will continue for those who are ill or traveling. Zoom information will be available on the deacon website for those that can not find it in their email.
- Benevolence Fund amounts:
 - Widows - \$20,963.73
 - Deacon - \$19,395.62
- Next meeting is March 8th, 2026 at 4pm in room 245.

Prayer / Praise Requests – Chris Norris:

- Richard Harris mentioned Marilyn Bowman (one of our widows) will be having cardiac catheterization at Baylor on Monday. He also mentioned Sandra Justice will be having brain tumor surgery on Wednesday at Baylor.
- Don Johnston reminded that Dick Chase will be having kidney removal on Thursday at UTSW Clements on Thursday morning. Dick was present and mentioned that he had been overwhelmed with support. Before the end of the meeting, the deacon body laid hands on Dick and 3 deacons voiced prayers for Dick.
- Scotty Mullins gave an update on Diane Terry. Praise the Lord that recent breast biopsy was clear.
- Dan Trantham lifted up Pastor Keith reported that he is grieved by the number of marriages at FBCK that are struggling. There are multiple couples being counseled. Keith and the other pastors are “torn up” about this. Dan also mentioned that Keith had fallen on the ice and hurt his knee.
- Russ Adams asked for prayer for each of the pastors.

Closing Prayer by Chris Norris.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Norris, Vice-Chair Records