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We're grateful to have all of you with us this morning in worship. If you're a guest with us, I want to extend a warm welcome on behalf of our church family. I want you to know we believe what we talk about here. Contrary to what a lot of people think, as Christians, we don't think we have it all together. In fact, we know we don't and that's why we're here. Most of us have looked for answers to life's questions in a lot of different places and we've found that Jesus really is the one with the answers, so our quest for understanding includes studying the book he's given to us . . . the Bible. We know people wrote it, but they were people that God inspired to do so. So, we believe it!

If you'd like to talk about anything we talk about today or anything related to your experience, one of our staff or I would love the opportunity to visit with you. I hope you'll take the time to fill out the CONNECTION CARD and drop it in the offering plate at the end of the service. We'll be in touch!

Thanks again for choosing to worship with us today.

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm,
Friday 8:00am-Noon
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THIS WEEK: OCTOBER 13-19

SUNDAY
Worship... 8:00am, 9:15am,10:30am
Sunday School... 9:15am,10:30am
Clay-Platte Annual Meeting...5:30-8:00pm

MONDAY
Staff Meeting... 1:15pm

TUESDAY
Women's Bible Study... 9:30-11:30am

WEDNESDAY
Dinner...5:00-5:45pm
Preschool/Children's Choir...5:45-6:15pm
Pastor's Bible Study... 6:00-6:30pm
Youth Group... 6:00-7:30pm
AWANA... 6:15-7:30pm
Women's Bible Study... 6:30pm
Prayer Meeting...6:45-7:15pm
Choir Rehearsal... 6:30-7:30pm
Band/Praise Team Rehearsals... 7:30pm

THURSDAY
Men's Bible Study... 6:30pm
Sign Language Class... 6:30-8:00pm

FRIDAY
No Scheduled Activities

SATURDAY
OCC...10:00am



WELCOME

First Baptist Church

MORNING WORSHIP
OCTOBER 13, 2024

The Solid Rock

Baptist Faith and Message

Welcome

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

Believer's Baptism (10:30am)

Who Can Satisfy My Soul Like You - Adult Choir

**Good And Gracious King*

Prayer

Sermon
Dr. Ken Parker, Senior Pastor

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Scripture Reading

Closing Prayer - Brian Fields

**(10:30am service) K-3rd grade dismiss to Children's Church Children need to be checked in to attend.
Pick up is after service in room 216 upstairs.*

If you would like to speak with someone about how to become a Christian, believer's baptism, joining the church or something else related to your faith, you're invited to the front at the conclusion of worship to talk with one of our staff members or deacons or their wives. They'll be there to meet you . . .

October Scripture –The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.- Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV)

October is Ministry Staff Appreciation Month

Our First Family loves our staff! We wanted to take the opportunity today to celebrate our ministry staff and highlight each of them with some personal information along with ministry achievements. Your family may want to express your appreciation in a more personal way with a card, small gift, gift of a home baked good, an encouraging email, or a personal note, etc.

Senior Pastor: Dr. Ken Parker has been the senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Kearney, Missouri since January of 2006. Prior to coming to Kearney, he served as the founding pastor of Southpointe Family Church (SBC) in Fort Smith, Arkansas, Fianna Hills Baptist Church in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and First Baptist Church of Union, Missouri. Dr. Parker is a graduate of Cahokia Senior High School in Cahokia, Illinois, a graduate of Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis, Missouri (B.A. – Church Music and Vocal Performance), and a three-time graduate of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri (Master of Divinity, Doctor of Ministry, and Master of Arts in Counseling). Dr. Parker also serves as Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Counseling as an adjunct professor at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and has taught there since 2008. In 2021, at the invitation of High Street Press, he published *Elephants in the Church: What the Bible Says about Fourteen Contemporary Issues*. Pastor Ken and his wife Lori (married since 1988) are the parents of two sons, Zach and Luke, and grandparents to one granddaughter, Ryann Kay, and twin grandsons, Hudson and Jack.

Associate Pastor: Jon joined the First Baptist family as an associate pastor in March of 2023. He previously served as an associate pastor at Calvary Community Church in Saint Cloud, Minnesota from 2012-2022. Prior to serving as a pastor, Jon received two degrees in education and was an elementary teacher for 7 years. He is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity degree with Biblical Counseling at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is excited to continue to learn, grow, and serve the church as a better-equipped pastor, teacher, and leader. Jon has always been deeply encouraged by God's faithful and watchful care as the Good Shepherd. Psalm 23, John 10, and Colossians 3 are some of his favorite scripture passages. He and his wife Lacey will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary in December and are the parents of Ahna(16) and Josiah(13).

Associate Pastor/Worship & Young Adults: Travis began his ministry at First Baptist Church on January 28th, 2018. He has previously served and learned as a worship intern at Calvary Baptist Church in Hannibal, Missouri and at Lenexa Baptist Church in Lenexa, Kansas. Travis and his wife, Clara, met at Hannibal-LaGrange University in Hannibal, Missouri where they were both music majors. Travis graduated with his Bachelor of Music in 2016 and Clara graduated with the same degree in 2015. Travis and Clara then moved to Kansas City where Travis earned a Master of Divinity in Worship Ministries at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Travis and Clara were married in June of 2015. They have three daughters: Adeline (Della), Amaryllis (Lissie), and Aurelia (Aurie) and another daughter on the way in February. Travis' favorite hobbies are fishing, golfing, and target shooting.

Associate Pastor/Youth & Families: Mike began serving First Baptist in February of 2024. Prior to coming to Kearney, he served as Associate Pastor of Antioch East Baptist Church in Greenville, Alabama from 2020-early 2024. From 2017-2019, he served in a variety of roles as a Pastoral Resident for Leawood Baptist Church in Leawood, KS. Before that, he served in numerous areas of ministry in central Alabama, including a hospital chaplaincy internship and responsibilities with children, youth, worship and outreach ministries. Mike is a graduate of Thompson High School in Alabaster, Alabama. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Bible & Theology from Southeastern Bible College in Birmingham, Alabama. He moved to Kansas City to study at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in 2019. Mike has particular affection for the "emo books" of the Bible, and especially this expression of hope and trust in God in the midst of suffering from Lamentations 3:21-23: "But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clay-Platte Baptist Association 2024 Annual Meeting Tonight. Our church is hosting the annual meeting this year. Registration opens at 5:00pm with dinner served in the Activity Center at 5:30pm. Registration closes at 6:20pm. Annual meeting is 6:30-8:00pm. Childcare will be provided.

A Christmas Gathering 2024. Ladies, mark your calendars and get ready to join us once again for A Christmas Gathering! Event dates are November 21st & 22nd. Check-in begins at 6:00pm both nights. Tickets are \$25 each. Please visit the new website <https://achristmasgathering.weebly.com/> to find all ACG information in one convenient location! Further questions can be directed to ACGK-earney@gmail.com or the church office. MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Joyful Giveaway. Our 12th annual Joyful Giveaway will be held December 7th from 10:00am-Noon in the Activity Center. Volunteer sign-up sheets are at the Welcome Center in the Fireside Lobby.

UPWARD Basketball and Cheerleading Registration is OPEN! We are excited to offer basketball for grades K-8 and cheerleading for grades K-6. Online registration is open through November 27 and is \$90 a player. Scholarships are available based on need. Register today at: <http://registration.upward.org/UPW87542> We will also be needing volunteers for all positions so be thinking about where you can serve!

Operation Christmas Child. This month we're requesting donations of the following items: stubby hammers, nails, pre-made sewing kits, sewing supplies—needles, pins, small spools of thread, buttons, and sewing scissors. However, any appropriate items may be donated at any time. You may drop off your items in the room behind the elevator in the designated box. You can also purchase needed items by using the QR code to order items from our Amazon gift list and they will be sent directly to the church. Finally, we appreciate your monetary donations so that needed items can be purchased. Please note on your contribution that it is for "OCC". Thank you so much to those who have purchased items from our gift list and who have contributed other items for our shoeboxes.



To learn more about Operation Christmas Child, visit samaritanspurse.org.

Fall Festival. Join us October 31 from 6:00-8:00pm for our annual Fall Festival! We will have candy, games, a bounce house and so much more. If you would like to donate candy, please drop off in the church office! Sign-up sheets for volunteering will be available at the Welcome Center or you can contact Jon Oettel (joettel@kearneyfbc.com) We are looking forward to a great Fall Festival!

Children's Ministry. Are you looking for a way to serve your church family? Are you interested in helping support the next generation? Great! We could use your help in children's ministry. If you are interested, please contact the church office. (kfbcoffice@kearneyfbc.com)

Welcome. A warm welcome to our newest First Baptist Family members: Andrew & Kelli Clemons. If you haven't already had the opportunity, introduce yourself and welcome them to our FBC family.

Wednesday Dinner. October 16 - chicken & dumplings, salad, and dessert

Amendment 3 Resources are available in the lobby to help you

- Understand exactly what's on the ballot
- Learn how to talk about Amendment 3 with your family and friends
- Talk to your kids about the sanctity of life

Please feel free to pick up extra resources to share with others. Questions? Contact Emilie Lunt at emilieduncan@gmail.com.