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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.

Pastor Ken

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm,
Friday 8:00am-Noon
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THIS WEEK: DECEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 7

SUNDAY

Worship... 8:00am, 9:15am,10:30am
Sunday School... 9:15am,10:30am

MONDAY

Staff Meeting... 1:15pm

TUESDAY

Ladies Advent... 9:30am-11:00am

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

No Scheduled Activities

FRIDAY

No Scheduled Activities

SATURDAY

Joyful Giveaway... 10:00am-Noon



MORNING WORSHIP
DECEMBER 1, 2024

Wreaths Across America Video

Let The Nations Be Glad

Baptist Faith and Message

Welcome

O Come O Come Emmanuel

He Has Come For Us - Adult Choir

**O Come All Ye Faithful*

Prayer

Sermon

Dr. Ken Parker, Senior Pastor

Thank You Jesus For The Blood

Scripture Reading

Closing Prayer - Jason Ross

**(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 . . .

December Scripture – But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.
Galatians 4:4-5 (ESV)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Advent Study. *Unto Us: 25 Advent Devotions about the Messiah* By Winfree Brisley and Jared Kennedy. Sign up for the Advent Study *TODAY* and purchase your book for \$10 in the Fireside Lobby or in the office. We will join together to look at Christ this Advent season with this 25 day devotional that reflects on the Scripture texts of the Christmas section of Handel's 'Messiah.' Begin reading on December 1st and start your Advent journey with scripture readings and devotions as we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Messiah.

Join Us for Reflection Meetings:

Tuesdays at 9:30am: 12/3, 12/10, 12/17. or Wednesdays at 6:30pm: 12/4, 12/11, and 12/18 at 7:00pm

Wreaths Across America. On Saturday, December 14, over 2 million volunteers will lay a wreath on a veteran's grave to honor him or her. Wreaths cost \$17. Over 100 veterans are buried in our own FBC cemetery, Mt. Olivet. If you would like to purchase a wreath, make check payable to KFBC, please write "wreath" in the memo.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service -December 24

3:00pm, 5:00pm, and 11:00pm

We will sing carols, share scripture, share in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, rejoice as we worship together, and leave with our hearts brimming with the Reason for the Season! We will be observing Believer's Baptism in these Christmas Eve services. If you would like to follow the Lord in baptism, please contact the church office.

Annual Christmas Banquet. Join us Wednesday, December 18 at 6:00pm in the Activity Center. Our hospitality team will provide baked ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner rolls. Please bring a dessert to share.

Youth Christmas Party. All 6-12 grade students and friends are invited! Sunday December 15 from 12:00-1:30pm in the Activity Center. Lunch will be served. This is a great opportunity for students to come together to celebrate Jesus' birthday. Students should bring a white elephant gift worth \$10 or less. Contact Associate Pastor Mike with any questions.

A Kearney Christmas! Come join us for the worship ministry's annual presentation of A Kearney Christmas! It will be a festive evening of Christmas music, carol singing, and celebrating the incarnation of Jesus Christ. Our hope is that A Kearney Christmas will be a blessing to our church family. Join us on December 15 at 6:00pm in the Worship Center. See you then!

Wednesday Dinner. December 4 - chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, salad, and dessert.

Ladies! Save the Date! - The Women's Ministry of First Baptist Church Kearney is excited to announce that we are hosting our first biennial **Amen Women's Conference** on March 28-29, 2025. The theme is **"By Faith"**; a study of Hebrews 11. The Conference offers an exciting 2 days designed for women of all ages and stages of life. You can expect powerful worship and meaningful times of connection that will bless, encourage, and equip you! And you won't want to miss our keynote guest speaker, Erin Davis! More event details and registration coming in January.

Our Condolences. Dr. Parker and Lori, along with the First Family, extend sincere Christian sympathy to the Diane in the loss of her husband, Ed LaBarr.

Lost And Found. If you have lost or misplaced an item, please check the lost and found room behind the elevator. Any items not claimed by December 31 will be donated.

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Lottie Moon "pocket post office". Will be up and running in the Fireside Lobby beginning December 8. Feel free to leave your Christmas cards for the church family in the appropriate pocket and consider giving what you would normally spend on postage to our Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Be sure to check your last name initial pocket for cards left for your family each week leading up to Christmas.

Poinsettia Orders. This Christmas Season, you may wish to order a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone. We will enjoy the poinsettias as an addition to the Worship Center this Christmas Season. Forms are available at the Welcome Center with details.

Sunday Donuts & Coffee. Volunteers needed. Contact Patrick Whitley for details (816.520.7058).

New Ministry Opportunity at Kearney Elementary. God has provided an awesome opportunity to share His good news within the school system here in Kearney. Beginning January 9th our church will be hosting an after school Bible club called a Good News Club. The club will take place every Thursday from 3:30-4:30pm. This ministry is through Child Evangelism Fellowship. We need volunteers who enjoy working with kids. CEF trains all of the volunteers on how to share the gospel and run a Good News Club. If you would like more info on signing up to volunteer, or if you have a child that attends Kearney Elementary and you would like to sign your kids up, contact Chloe Brownlee at chloebella34@gmail.com or at 405.432.8900.

Upwards Volunteers Needed. We need coaches for basketball and cheerleading, refs, concession workers, and scorekeepers. UPWARD begins January 2025 and will run through March. If you can help, please let Bobby or Jennifer Higgins know, or check with the office. Thanks for helping with this ministry. Registration is open through November 27! We are excited to offer basketball for grades K-8 and cheerleading for grades K-6. Register at: <http://registration.upward.org/UPW87542>.

Operation Christmas Child. Thanks you so much, church family, for your donations of items and funds for our 2024 church-packed Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes that made it possible for us to pack 584 shoeboxes! We also had 197 shoeboxes packed individually by our families which means we sent a total of 781 shoeboxes that are on their way to the processing center and then to the boys and girls around the world who will receive them! Please pray for a safe journey for our shoeboxes and for the children who will receive them and who will hear the gospel. We are continuing to collect donations to cover the processing/shipping/gospel materials costs for our 584 church-packed boxes--\$10 per box needed. Please note that your donation is for "OCC."

Online Sermons. You can listen to "Stand Forever" A broadcast ministry of FBC Kearney on Wilkins Radio Network 1380am and 96.1fm. Programs can also be heard through: computers and laptops, iPhone and Android apps, Alexa, and Podcast Sites: Apple, Google, Spotify, Amazon Music, Stitcher and Buzzsprout.

Social Media. Follow us on Facebook ([First Baptist Church of Kearney](https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchofKearney)) and Instagram ([fbckearneymo](https://www.instagram.com/fbckearneymo)) for information regarding events about FBC and to watch Sunday sermons through Facebook livestream. We also have a group this is created for our church family to be able to ask for services or offer services that may be needed. We want to be able to support our church family as much as possible. Find us at [KFBC members helping members](https://www.facebook.com/KFBCmembershelpingmembers).

Right Now Media. Our church family is fortunate to have Right Now Media available to us. It contains many helpful Christian resources for our church family, and many have found its resources to be very helpful. If you need help in accessing Right Now Media, or if you have any questions concerning it, feel free to contact Jon Oettel in the church office. As with any author, book company, etc., there's always a possibility that something won't align with our doctrinal statement. If you ever find that to be the case, please be sure to inform the church office. <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/KearneyFBC>