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THIS WEEK: DECEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 21

**SUNDAY**

Worship... 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am  
Sunday School... 9:15am, 10:30am  
Youth Christmas Party... 12:00pm  
UPWARD Coach Training... 4:00pm  
A Kearney Christmas... 6:00pm

**MONDAY**

Staff Meeting... 1:15pm

**TUESDAY**

Ladies Advent (Room 201)... 9:30-11:00am  
Senior Adult (OWLS) Christmas Party... 10:30am  
UPWARD Coach Training... 6:00pm

**WEDNESDAY**

Christmas Banquet... 6:00pm  
Ladies Advent (Room 104)... 7:00-8:00pm

**THURSDAY**

No Scheduled Activities

**FRIDAY**

No Scheduled Activities

**SATURDAY**

No Scheduled Activities

**STAFF ON CALL: JON OETTEL 320.493.3724**  
**DEACON FOR THE WEEK: SHAWN WOOD 816.585.8103**

*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  
816.628.5693 / [www.kearneyfbc.com](http://www.kearneyfbc.com)



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**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**DECEMBER 15, 2024**

*Angel Medley*

**Children's and Preschool Choirs (10:30am) - *What A Glorious Night***

**Baptist Faith and Message**

**Welcome**

*Joy To The World (8:00am and 9:15am)*

*Behold - Adult Choir*

*\*O Little Town Of Bethlehem*

**Prayer**

**Sermon**

**Dr. Ken Parker, Senior Pastor**

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

**Scripture Reading**

**Closing Prayer - Shawn Wood**

\*(10:30am service) K-3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**A Kearney Christmas TONIGHT!** 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!

**Youth Christmas Party.** All 6-12 grade students and friends are invited! TODAY 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.

**Senior Adult (OWLS) Christmas Party.** December 17 at 10:30am in room 104. Bring a silly gag gift costing less than \$10 and wear a Christmas sweater!

**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.

### **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.

**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.

**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. (bobbyhiggins@hotmail.com). Thanks for helping with this ministry.

**Winter Pickleball.** Join us Sundays, January 5th - February 9th from 3:00-4:30pm in the Activity Center for some fun games of pickleball. All are invited. Bring your own pickleball paddle. Contact Richard Cawthon if you have questions. (816.805.4782)

**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.

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

**Our Condolences.** Dr. Parker and Lori, along with the First Family, extend sincere Christian sympathy to Larry Williams and family in the loss of his wife, Jacqueline (Jackie) Williams.

*The Church office will be open until noon on December 24 and closed December 25-27.  
The office will be open on December 30.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Let's come together in this season of giving to bless those who shepherd and serve us in faith. You can easily give a special Christmas donation for our pastors and staff by designating your gift in the church offering. Simply write "Staff Christmas Gift" on your envelope or your online giving form. Thank you for your many generous expressions of love for our wonderful KFBC Staff!*

**Lottie Moon "pocket post office".** Is up and running in the Fireside Lobby. 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.

**2025 Bible Reading Plan.** Your 2025 Bible Reading Plan is here! Join the church family as we read through the entire Bible in one year. Enjoy daily readings from Psalms, Proverbs, and both the Old and New Testaments. We look forward to growing in our faith and understanding of God through His word in 2025. Get your copy today at the Welcome Center.

**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.

**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](#)) and Instagram ([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](#).

**Winter Weather Schedule.** With winter upon us, please be aware of our WINTER WEATHER SCHEDULE in the event of snow and ice. Seldom do we cancel, but if weather dictates we need to adjust, we utilize our WINTER WEATHER SCHEDULE. If we announce the WINTER WEATHER SCHEDULE it simply means we'll be having 10:30am WORSHIP ONLY; everything else would be cancelled for Sunday morning. Whether there's an adjustment for a Sunday or a Wednesday evening, we will post cancellations on the church website: [www.kearneyfbc.com](http://www.kearneyfbc.com) and also on local KMBC Channel 9 news.

**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>