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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*

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Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm,  
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**THIS WEEK: DECEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 13**

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

**MONDAY**  
Staff Meeting... 10:00am  
Celebrate Recovery... 6:00-8:00pm

**TUESDAY**  
Upward Evaluations... 6:00-8:00pm  
Committee Meetings... 7:00pm

**WEDNESDAY**  
Dinner... 4:45-5:45pm  
Pastor's Bible Study... 6:00pm  
Youth/AWANA... 6:00-7:30pm  
Choir Rehearsal... 6:30-7:30pm  
Women's Bible Study... 6:30pm  
Choir Rehearsal... 6:30-7:30pm  
Prayer Meeting... 6:35pm  
Band/Praise Team Rehearsals... 7:30pm

**THURSDAY**  
No Scheduled Activities

**FRIDAY**  
No Scheduled Activities

**SATURDAY**  
Men's Breakfast At The Falls... 7:30am



**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**DECEMBER 7, 2025**

*O Come O Come Emmanuel*

Welcome

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

*He Has Come For Us* - Adult Choir

*\*God The Uncreated One*

Prayer

Sermon  
Dr. Ken Parker, Senior Pastor

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

Scripture Reading

Closing Prayer - Dale Stark

**\*(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** – *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*Isaiah 9:6 (ESV)*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Joyful Giveaway.** Thank you very much EVERYONE who helped to make this year’s Joyful Giveaway a HUGE success! There’s no way to mention everyone who helped but know that you are loved and appreciated for everything that you did to help those in need in our community.

**Welcome.** A warm welcome to our newest First Baptist Family member Charlotte Lingo. If you haven’t already had the opportunity, introduce yourself and welcome her to our FBC family.

**Wreaths Across America.** On Saturday, December 13, over 2 million volunteers across the nation will lay a wreath on a veteran's grave. You are invited to FBC cemetery, Mt. Olivet. at 11:00am to lay a wreath on a veteran's grave to honor and remember each veteran's service to the nation. The wreaths have been purchased, and you simply lay a wreath on a few of the 177 veterans interred there. If you would like to donate to the purchase of wreaths for next year's ceremony, the wreaths are \$20. Make checks to FBC with ‘wreath’ in the memo. Come join us for the brief ceremony.

**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 14 at 6:00pm in the Worship Center. See you then!

**Senior Adult (OWLS).** On December 16 join us here at FBC for our annual OWLS Christmas party at 10:30am. This year, in addition to our gag-gift exchange, we’ll watch “It’s A Wonderful Life” together. Bring a \$10 gag-gift and wear a Christmas sweater! We’ll plan to have a light carry-in lunch. Sign up by December 14 in the Fireside Lobby.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - December 24 at 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 9:00pm and 11:00pm**  
Join us for one of our Christmas Eve Candlelight Services where 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 17 at 6:00pm in the Activity Center. Our hospitality team will provide baked ham, mashed potatoes, green beans and dinner rolls. Please bring a dessert to share.

**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.

**Christmas Scripture Reading Guides.** Guides are available at the Welcome Center for all ages today! Let's join together as a church family and read the story of God's faithfulness from Creation to His promises that were fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. Feel free to pick up extra guides and invite extended family, friends and neighbors to join you! (An electronic version of the plan is available on the church website.)

**Wednesday Dinner.** December 10 - King Ranch Chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad and dessert.

*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!*

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

**Lottie Moon “pocket post office”.** Our Lottie Moon goal is \$12,000. The 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.

**Biblical Citizenship in Modern America Class is coming February 2026!** Make plans now to join us and learn how *you* can be a catalyst for restoring Biblical values in our community, state and nation. Can't wait to get started? Check the Biblical Citizenship page on our website for learning opportunities available to you now and for more info about the class. Contact: Emilie Lunt (emilieduncan@gmail.com or 417.793.1248).

**Upward.** Upward ministry is in need of referees for basketball, help in the concession stand, and help with tearing down on Saturday afternoon. This is a great way to get involved. Please let Bobby or Jennifer Higgins know if you can help! (bobbyhiggins@hotmail.com)

**Operation Christmas Child.** We have packed and sent on their way 601 shoeboxes using items and monetary donations from our church family! This month, we are continuing to collect for the processing, shipping and distribution costs associated with sending these shoeboxes to needy children around the world; \$10 per box (\$6010) is needed to send to Samaritan's Purse. Please note on your check or envelope or when giving online that your donation is for "OCC". Thank you for supporting this ministry and being a part of spreading the gospel!

**Volunteer Opportunity.** If you are looking for an opportunity to help our seniors here in Kearney, here’s your chance. The Senior Center is looking for a few able-bodied folks that can help serve lunch. The food is prepared and delivered by The Don Bosco Center to the Senior Center kitchen and then served by our kitchen volunteers. Volunteers work about 3 hours on the day or days of their choice. Monday - Friday, approximately 9:00am - 12:00pm. After serving, cleanup is required and goes very quickly. If you’re interested contact George Wisdom for more information. (319.849.1228)

**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.

**Women’s Spring Retreat.** Ladies....Great News, we have extended the registration deadline for the Rise.Reclaim.Renew Spring Retreat. January 4th is now the deadline to register and pay your \$100 non-refundable deposit. Please go to the church website to register.



Scan the QR code to visit our website ([www.kearneyfbc.com](http://www.kearneyfbc.com)) where you can find information about our church such as upcoming events and ministry opportunities, view past sermons and give an offering to the church. We are grateful to have you join us here at First Baptist Church Kearney.