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SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

Staff Meeting... 8:30am Celebrate Recovery... 6:00-8:00pm Upward Coaches Training... 6:00-8:00pm

TUESDAY

Senior Adult (OWLS) Christmas Party... 10:30am Children's Ministry Meeting...6:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Christmas Banquet... 6:00pm

THURSDAY

Upward Coaches Training... 6:00-8:00pm Youth (Meet At Oak Pointe)... 5:00pm

FRIDAY

No Scheduled Activities

SATURDAY

No Scheduled Activities

We're grateful to have all of you with us this morning in worship. If you're a quest 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.kearnevfbc.com



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MORNING WORSHIP **DECEMBER 14. 2025**

Sing Joy To The World - Adult Choir

Welcome

Angel Medley

Joy To The World

*The First Noel

Prayer

Sermon Dr. Ken Parker, Senior Pastor

O Praise The Name

Scripture Reading

Closing Prayer - Pat McGuire

*(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 – 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

A Kearney Christmas! Come join us TONIGHT at 6:00pm 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.

Senior Adult (OWLS). This Tuesday. December 16 at 10:30am join us for our annual OWLS Christmas. party. 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 TO-DAY in the Fireside Lobby.

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.

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.

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.

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)

Our Condolences. Dr. Parker and Lori, along with the First Baptist Family, extend sincere Christian sympathy to Jack and Mary McVay and family in the loss of her aunt.

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The Church office will be open until noon on December 24 and closed December 25-26.

Lost And Found. All unclaimed items in the Lost & Found will be donated during the first week of January 2026. If you've misplaced something, please visit the room closet next to the main elevator, to retrieve your belongings before the end of the year.

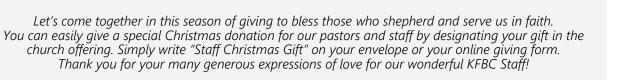
Operation Christmas Child. We have packed and sent on their way 601 shoeboxes using items and monetary donations from our church family! This month, we are continuing to collect for the processing, shipping and distribution costs associated with sending these shoeboxes to needy children around the world; \$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 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 4 is now the deadline to register and pay your \$100 nonrefundable deposit. Please go to the church website to register.

Shelter KC. Kansas City Rescue Mission is a Christ-centered community that offers freedom and hope to homeless men and women in Kansas City. A non-profit organization with more than 70 years of service, Shelter KC empowers the poor and homeless through emergency shelter, daily meals, case management referrals, counseling sessions, educational skill training, spiritual development, recovery programs, and more. Our church serves on the second Sunday evening of each month, helping to serve dinner and visit with the men in the shelter. Email Paul Johnson for more information on volunteering (pjohnsoncpm@gmail.com).





Scan the QR code to visit our website (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