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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: JANUARY 4 - JANUARY 10

**SUNDAY**

Worship... 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am  
Sunday School... 9:15am, 10:30am  
Youth Leader Lunch... 11:45am

**MONDAY**

Staff Meeting... 8:30am  
Upward Practice... 5:00-9:00pm  
Celebrate Recovery... 6:00-8:00pm

**TUESDAY**

Upward Practice... 5:00-9:00pm

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**THURSDAY**

Upward Practice... 5:00-9:00pm

**FRIDAY**

No Scheduled Activities

**SATURDAY**

Men's Breakfast at The Falls... 7:30am



# WELCOME

# First Baptist Church

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**JANUARY 4, 2025**

*All Glory Be To Christ*

**Baptist Faith and Message**

**Welcome**

*You've Already Won*

**Believer's Baptism (9:15am)**

**Great Is His Faithfulness - Adult Choir**

*\*The Blood Of Jesus Speaks For Me*

**Prayer**

**Sermon**

**Dr. Ken Parker, Senior Pastor**

*I Surrender All*

**Scripture Reading**

**Closing Prayer - Doug Ervin**

**\*(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 . . .

**January Scripture** - Sing to the **LORD**, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the **LORD**, and greatly to be praised, and he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the **LORD** made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.

1 Chronicles 16:23-27 (ESV)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Join us January 11 after the last service in the Activity Center for lunch as we celebrate 20 years of faithful service from Dr. Ken Parker and Lori at First Baptist Church of Kearney! Their leadership, compassion and commitment to our church family have been instrumental in the growth and stability of our church family.*

**Lottie Moon "pocket post office".** Today will be the last day our Lottie Moon Christmas offering "Post Office" will be up in the Fireside Lobby. Don't forget to check your last name initial pocket for cards left for your family.

**Bring Your Parents To Class Day.** Join us today for Bring Your Parents To Class Day. In 2026, Kearney Kids has planned four Sundays where parents are invited to join their children for Sunday School. Each one will look a little different, join us in the Activity Center at 9:15am. This will replace Sunday School. We will begin with an activity for you to do with your child, a short devotion led by Abraham Leonard, and end with a fun Q&A time where you can ask Abraham anything. We hope to see you there!

### **Wednesday Evening Activities Begin January 7, 2025.**

Dinner...4:45-5:45pm (*Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, salad and dessert*)  
Pastor's Bible Study... 6:00pm  
Youth Group... 6:00-7:30pm  
AWANA... 6:00-7:30pm  
Prayer Meeting...6:35-7:15pm  
Choir Rehearsal... 6:30-7:30pm  
Band/Praise Team Rehearsals... 7:30pm

**Lost And Found.** All unclaimed items in the Lost & Found will be donated this week. If you've misplaced something, please visit the room closet next to the main elevator, to retrieve your belongings today.

**Women's Spring Retreat.** Ladies! Just a reminder today is the last day to register and pay your \$100 deposit for the Spring Retreat in Branson April 17-19. We will be in the Fireside Lobby to help register and answer any questions you might have today.

**Women's Bible Study.** Ladies! We are starting something very exciting in Women's Bible Study! Starting Tuesday, January 20 at 9:30am and Wednesday 21 at 6:30pm we will go through the book **Women of the Word: How to Study the Bible with Both our Hearts and Minds.** By Jen Wilkin. This time together over 6 weeks promises to provide tools to reading the scripture and navigating the difficult passages, and interpretations. The author Jen Wilkin, is known for saying "if we want to know the God we love, we must engage our minds and know His Word where He reveals himself". This is a study worth repeating, if you have read it before. Come by the fireside lobby and pick up a book (\$5) and a study guide today or come talk to me if you want more information! Connie Seuell. (816.536.1185)

**Men's Bible Study.** Join us Thursdays starting January 22 at 6:30pm in room 104. We are continuing our study in Acts. Books will be available in the church office or at the bible study, \$10 each.

**2026 Bible Reading Plan.** Your 2026 Bible Reading Plan is here! Join the church family as we read through the Psalms (A journey through the Psalms) in one year. We look forward to growing in our faith and understanding of God through His Word. Get your copy today at the Welcome Center.

**Winter Pickleball.** Join us Sundays, January 25 - February 22 from 4:00-5:30pm 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)

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**Winter Bible Study.** A church-wide Winter Bible Study will be held January 31 and February 1. Dinner on that Saturday begins at 5:30pm in the Activity Center, with session 1 Bible study at 6:00pm led by Dr. John Marshall (childcare provided). On Sunday, Dr. Marshall will preach session 2 Bible study in all three worship services. Dr. Marshall is the former pastor of Second Baptist Church in Springfield and a highly regarded Bible teacher.

**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)

**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.earneyfbc.com](http://www.earneyfbc.com) and also on local KMBC Channel 9 news.

**Operation Christmas Child.** Our 2025 church-packed shoeboxes are on their way and are going to Madagascar (an island nation in the Indian Ocean off the coast of east Africa) and the country of Georgia (formerly part of the Soviet Union, located at the eastern end of the Black Sea)! Please keep praying for those precious children who will receive them and hear the gospel. If you packed your own shoeboxes and donated online for the shipping costs, go to [samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child](http://samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child) and click on Follow Your Box Lookup to see where they are going!

**His Mission . . . Our Time.** The renovation of the educational building is now complete. This included heating and cooling units, enlarging classrooms, and redoing the surfaces. We've also successfully addressed security issues that we think will be very helpful. Please give weekly, monthly, or online. Mark your check or envelope, His Mission, Our Time. Thank you so much for your continued support of "His Mission, Our Time."

**Social Media.** Follow us on Facebook (First Baptist Church of Kearney) and Instagram (fbckearneymo) for information about events at FBC and to watch Sunday sermons live on Facebook. We also have a group that is created for our church family to ask for or offer services that may be needed. We want to support our church family as much as possible. Please find us at KFBC, members helping members.

**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 accessing RightNow Media or have any questions about it, please 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 notify the church office. <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/KearneyFBC>.



Scan the QR code to visit our website ([www.earneyfbc.com](http://www.earneyfbc.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.