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Church means a lot of different things to people. We see *church* as *family*. We often refer to ourselves as a church family. We want you to know that regardless of your background, your history, what you've been through or what you've done, you're welcome here and we're glad you're here. We believe what we focus on here is for everyone. God has shared His love and His story through His Word, what we refer to as the Bible. So, in worship, that's the centerpiece about which we speak. We believe the Bible offers answers to the questions and challenges we face each day. Most importantly, we believe the Bible shares how we can experience forgiveness and know God for all eternity.

I hope you'll fill out a Connection Card so we can stay in touch. Thanks again for being here!

Pastor Ken

THIS WEEK: MAY 3 – MAY 9

SUNDAY

Worship... 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am
Sunday School... 9:15am, 10:30am
Sunday School Teacher's Appreciation Lunch... 11:45am
Deacon's Meeting... 5:00pm

MONDAY

Staff Meeting... 8:30am
GriefShare... 6:00-8:00pm

TUESDAY

No Scheduled Activities

WEDNESDAY

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Crafting... 3:00pm
Staff Cookout... 6:00pm
Choir Rehearsal... 7:00pm
Band/Praise Team Rehearsals... 7:30pm

THURSDAY

No Scheduled Activities

FRIDAY

No Scheduled Activities

SATURDAY

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



OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm,
Friday 8:00am-Noon
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MORNING WORSHIP
May 3, 2026

Holy Water

Welcome

Made For More

Abide

*The Blessing

Prayer

Sermon

Mike Fitzgerald, Associate Pastor/Youth and Families

The Commission

Scripture Reading

Closing Prayer – Will Ford

***(10:30am service) K-3rd grade dismisses 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 . . .

May Scripture - *For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.*

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10 (ESV)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Sunday. The students are leading worship in all three services today. After service is concluded, the ushers will be at the door to receive an offering that will be used for helping offset expenses for youth attending camp in June as well as those going on a mission trip in August. Please designate on your envelope "Youth Sunday" or in the memo line of your check. Thanks in advance for your support!

Welcome. A warm welcome to our newest First Baptist Family members Cody and Paislee Sims, Denise O'Dell, and Clara, Levi and Naomi Clemons. If you haven't already had the opportunity, introduce yourself and welcome them to our FBC family.

Staff Cookout. You're invited May 6 at 6:00pm in the Activity Center. Our ministry staff will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Bring a dessert to share.

Women's Ministry. Women's Pop-Up scheduled May 3 **DATE CHANGE** to August 16 from 2:00-4:00pm. Mark your calendar for this fun afternoon and COME & SEE what is happening in Women's Ministry! As always there will be food, fun, fellowship! Watch for Sign-Ups. **Women's Summer Bible Studies are back!** We are meeting in homes and/or here at the church. Meet us in the Fireside Lobby to see the different Bible Study options, times, and locations throughout the summer. Sign-Ups will begin Sunday, May 3rd!!

Kearney Kids – Popsicles in the Park. Join us for summer midweek kick off May 13 from 6:00-7:30pm at Lion's Park. Stay with your kids to enjoy popsicles and a devotional from our Minister of Children, Abraham, followed by time to play and fellowship with other Kearney Kids families. More details and registration can be found under the Ministries tab on our website. (www.kearneyfbc.com)

Parent/Child Dedication. Mother's Day we will hold a parent/child dedication at the 10:30am service. This time of dedication is really for you, as the parents, to commit to raise your child in the way he/she should go as the primary teacher in your child's life (Proverbs 22:6). And for us, as your church family, to commit to helping you do that in a secondary role. We look forward to these days and the ones ahead as your child grows in the love and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you would like to participate in this special time of dedication, please email lwood@kearneyfbc.com with the following information by May 3. Full name and a picture of your child.

Graduation Recognition Sunday. Are you graduating this year? If so, we want to recognize your hard work in our Graduation Recognition Service to be held May 17 in our 9:15am worship service. Whether you are receiving your high school diploma, graduating from a technical school, completing your undergraduate studies, or finishing your masters, please contact the church office for details by May 4.

Graduation Party. Please join us Friday May 15 from 6:00-8:00pm in the Activity Center to celebrate Taylor Ross' high school graduation. Taylor is the daughter of Jason and Janet Ross.

Graduation Party. Mary Hearne's graduation party is being held on May 16 from 1:00-4:00pm in the Activity Center at First Baptist Church Kearney. Everyone is welcome to come!



Church Center
App

Church Center. Download our new Church Center app! Church Center is a website and mobile app to connect with our church family via the directory, view and sign up for upcoming events, give online and so more. Download the app or scan the QR code or visit the link below to find our Church Center page. If you have questions or need help, stop by the Church Center table in the Fireside Lobby Sunday April 12, 19 or 26. (<https://kearneyfbc.churchcenter.com/setup>)



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Our Condolences. Dr. Parker and Lori, along with the First Baptist Family, extend sincere Christian sympathy to Mary Ellison and family in the loss of her daughter Terri Green.

Crawfish Boil. Join us on May 30 at 5:00pm for a crawfish boil in the Activity Center. We will have hotdogs for the non-crawfish fans. Bring a dessert to share. Call or text Derek Dickson (318.840.4831) to RSVP. Donations will be accepted to offset the cost.

VBS ANSWERS IN GENESIS: EMERALD CROSSING. Providing Hope to a Fearful Generation. In a world filled with worry and confusion, kids need to know there *is* a God who cares for them. At *Emerald Crossing* VBS, they'll journey through Ireland's lush landscapes, exploring the powerful words of Psalm 23. They'll discover the life of the shepherd-king David and will learn how to cross from worry to peace, from fear to faith, and from uncertainty to a firm foundation in God's Word through a relationship with the Good Shepherd. Get your passport ready for Ireland and join the adventure! **VBS DETAILS:** Ages 4 years old to just completed 5th grade are welcome! July 19-23 from 6:00-8:00pm. Registration goes live May 17.

Men's Ministry. Mark your calendar for the **Family Campout, June 12-13, Camp Branch Campground, Smithville Lake.** The weekend features trapshooting on Saturday, June 13 at 10:30am at nearby KCTA Trap Range (camping not required if you just want to shoot trap). Arrive a few minutes early to get registered, look for Brian Fields or William Price. There is a KCTA trap fee charge of \$9 per round and they have ammunition available \$12/box. Day campsite visitors are welcome (a fee might be assessed at the gate). Reserved spaces are limited (contact Brian or William for specific location details). Then contact Camp Branch to reserve your own site. In addition to camping with your family and friends and trapshooting, we'll also enjoy fishing, hiking, biking, boating (bring your own boat!), great food, and campfire fellowships.

Summer Pickleball. Join us Sundays starting May 17 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)

Upcoming Student Ministry Opportunities. Contact Associate Pastor Mike with any questions. More details and registration can be found under the Ministries tab on our website. (www.kearneyfbc.com)

Super Summer Youth Camp. June 22-26, all 6-12 graders are invited to Super Summer Camp at SBU in Bolivar. Registrations are due by June 1.

Mission Trip. August 1-7, Students aged 13 and older have the opportunity to serve on a Mission Trip to Camp Barnabas in Purdy, Mo. Registrations are due by July 1.

Operation Christmas Child. For May, we are asking for donations of the following items: dolls, jump ropes, marbles, yo-yo's, games, playing cards, plastic animal sets, and coloring books. Thank you for the items you've already donated for this year's shoeboxes, as well as for the Amazon list items and the financial contributions! Donated items may be dropped off in the OCC tub in the storage room behind the elevator. You may also purchase needed shoebox items from our Amazon gift list, and they will be sent directly to church. To give financially, indicate that your gift is for "OCC". Scan the QR code below to find the list under the ministries tab. To learn more, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ.



Scan the QR code to visit our website (www.kearneyfbc.com) where you can find information about our church ministry opportunities and 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.