

First Forum



Teaching

“As Death Gives Way to Victory”

Good news! Spring is officially here! As I write these very words the cold, barren landscape of Winter is beginning to thaw. The sun's warm rays of sunshine and the skies fresh cleansing rains will soon transform the short, dark, bleak days of winter into the longer, brighter, more colorful days of Spring. It's truly inspiring when we pause long enough to consider that every budding tree, every blade of grass that's turning green, and every plant that bursts forth from the earth is not only living art, but also a vivid symbol of hope and new life. So then isn't it ironic to think that all this beauty, hope, and new life is only possible because of the death that occurred months ago in the Fall? Think about it for a minute, every seed that sprouts in the Spring came from a plant that, at one time, surrendered it's seeds through the process of dying. (1 Cor. 15:36)

But let's be honest. Death can be scary. Perhaps no other word has the potential to stir up the strong whirlwind of negative emotions that death does. For most of us, when we hear the word “death” the words and feelings of “loss” and “change” come to mind and heart. And loss and change are two of the most devastating realities of the human experience. But have you ever stopped and considered the beautiful side of death? Yes! I said the beautiful side of death. Sometime ago it hit me, during the changing of the seasons, that so much of the beauty we enjoy on this earth comes from death and the process of dying. Whether it's the stunning beauty of a heavily wooded area preparing to surrender it's leaves in the Fall or the field of wildflowers bursting with bright joyful colors in the Spring. None of that beauty would exist apart from the process of dying and the event we know as death.

Two thousand years ago the world observed the brutal and horrific death of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Yet, even in his violent and ugly death, we see one of the most beautiful and breathtaking displays of love the world has ever known. Romans 5:8 says, “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” But the most beautiful part of Jesus' death isn't found in his profound demonstration of love on the cross. What is even more beautiful is the hope of new life that is now a reality for us through his resurrection.

As believers we can find beauty in all things, even in death. Because of the hope and promise of new life we have in Christ, even life's most dreaded event becomes a cause for celebration in eternity! What a kind and gracious God we serve who would give us constant reminders of this reality not only in the sacrificial death of his Son, but also in the everyday occurrences of nature taking place all around us.

~ *Pastor Jason*



RENTALS & RESERVATIONS

If you would like to reserve or rent a ROOM in the church (for Bible studies, events, weddings, etc.) or rent the gym, please contact the church office at (308)234-2311 or LReed@kearneyfb.org. New rental forms will be required for ALL reservations (including in house) in 2025. These forms are available at <https://kearneyfb.org/room-reservations/> or through the church office. Please **NOTE** the facility use reservations are visible on the calendar via the church website. *Please double check your reservations on that calendar.*

NOTES FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attached is the giving thermometer, which we use to track monthly contributions throughout the year. In February FBC received \$82,755 and for the first two months of 2025 FBC received a total of \$176,553 through general fund giving. FBC tracks giving based on historical trends and based on those trends, FBC expected to receive approximately \$232,823, compared to actual giving of \$176,553.

While monthly giving is important, the trustees also pay close attention to monthly expenses. Through February, our cumulative income from all sources was \$180,624, while expenses for January and February were \$216,815, resulting in a shortfall of (\$36,191). The Trustees faithfully review monthly income and expenses and evaluate all expenses that are outside the normal operating budget. They also recognize that God has been good to this church and put trust in him that he will meet our needs. Through your faithful giving in the past, we have financial reserves to fall back on to cover this shortfall.

Our trust in God is especially important, and we have to Trust that he will provide the necessary resources. Trusting in God is an expression of our faith that He will come through for us. It may not always be in the way that we expect or desire, but He will make all things work together because of His love for us and our church.

I am reminded of the verses in Philippians 4:11-13, 19: "I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through Him who gives me strength. And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus." (NIV)

As the scripture says, "We have to be content in any and every situation." While we are currently facing a shortfall, we remain steadfast in our faith that God will provide as we continue our mission of proclaiming the Gospel. Whether you are a regular giver or have never given to First Baptist you can be richly rewarded by giving to God's work. Feel free to reach out to a Pastor or Trustee if you have questions about giving to God's work. And as has been said many times before, "Thank you for your faithful support of First Baptist."

Pastor Jason's

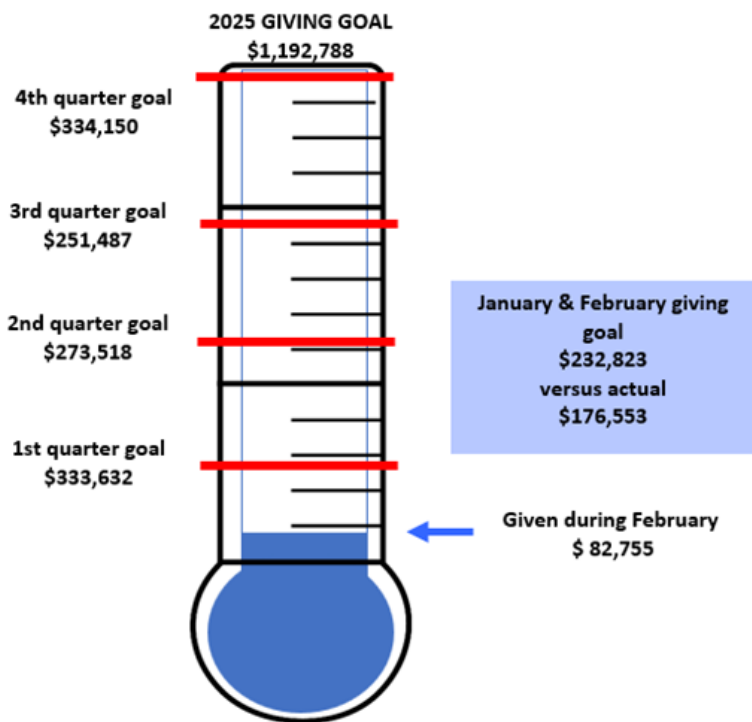
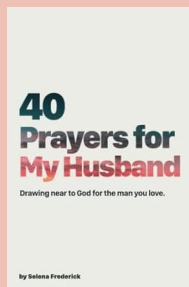
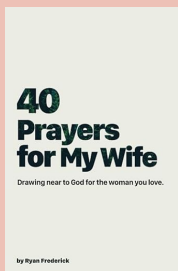
Book Recommendation

40 Prayers for My Wife & 40 Prayers for My Husband

These books were written by a husband and wife team. And while I haven't read the 40 Prayers for My Husband, the 40 Prayers for My Wife has been such a blessing to me! I have no doubts that the book for wives will be just as good! I provided the Amazon links below if you need them.

<https://a.co/d/frJNUxw>

<https://a.co/d/8iuDyR0>





Chariots 4 Hope is a local non-profit that restores donated cars and provides them to low-income individuals and families, giving them a chance to become self-reliant in a way that is critical to their well-being.

There are certain criteria the candidates must meet in order to be considered. They must have been in a partnering organization's program for at least six months, provide a budget for maintaining a car, and provide proof of car insurance. Once they receive the vehicle, they are also required to participate in Chariots' after care program for six months, which includes classes on money management, car care, and mentorship. Each month the candidates attend class, Chariots will extend the warranty another month they provide on the car.

In just two years, Chariots 4 Hope has grown from giving away one car in 2014 to giving away 35 cars in 2016.

If you'd like to find out more, or find out how you can help, head to <https://chariots4hope.org/get-involved/>.

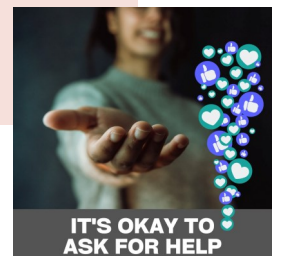


Collage was founded in Kearney on Dec. 8, 1987, by a group that wanted to support women facing unexpected pregnancies. Collage believes in creating beauty from the unexpected. They provide services such as STD testing, pregnancy testing, and limited OB ultrasounds, along with education on unhealthy sexual behaviors. Their friendly staff will be there to guide you through your next steps and all their services are confidential.

Collage defines itself as a "holistic sexual health center" where people come in with physical needs, "but as we earn their trust, we are often invited into serving their emotional needs, relationship needs and sometimes spiritual needs," Gaye Tillotson, executive director of Collage, said.

Collage is a non-profit organization that's dependent on the support of friends just like you as we accept no government funding. It's because of you that we can provide our services for our community free of charge. They are financed through donations and grants and are a partner agency of the United Way of the Kearney Area.

Find out more at <https://www.collagecenter.com/about-us#GettingInvolved>.



Christ in the Passover

An Exploration of Passover, The Last Supper, & Your Communion Experience

#ChristInThePassover

Sunday, April 6th at 10am during worship service, Kearney First Baptist will host "Christ in the Passover: A Presentation." This powerful presentation, shared by Avi Snyder from Jews for Jesus, will demonstrate the link between the Jewish feast of Passover and the last supper Jesus shared with His disciples.

Join us for an explanation of the beautiful symbolism of the Jewish ceremony called a seder. We'll weave the story of the exodus and freedom from slavery together with the messianic hope realized in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. The words "do this in remembrance of me" will take on an even deeper meaning to Christians as we learn the significance of the tradition Jesus observed the night before He died and give us a closer look at the very Jewish life He led.

Jewish or not, religious or not—all are welcome for this unforgettable, thought-provoking experience.

Easter 2025

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| 4/4 | 6pm | Dwell & Delight |
| 4/6 | 10am | Jews for Jesus |
| | 8:30am | and Ratio Christi |
| 4/17 | 7:30pm | Maundy Thursday service |
| 4/18 | 7pm | Good Friday service |
| 4/20 | 6:30am | Sunrise Service |
| | 7am | Breakfast |
| | 10am | Worship Service |
| 4/25 | 6pm | Kids Night Out |
| 4/27 | 10am | Cantata |



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Kids Night Out

1st - 6th grade

Friday, April 25th

6:00 - 8:30 PM

Kearney First Baptist Church

Register at
kearneyfb.org/kids



FREE
PIZZA &
POP



Real
Dodgeball
Tourney

Jersey
Giveaways



7 1/2
foot tall
teddy bears

Enter
thru east
Children's
Ministry Doors



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The next congregational meeting will be held, Sunday, April 13th at 11:30am, following worship service in the sanctuary. Please make plans to attend.

Game Night will be held the 1st and 3rd Sunday at 5pm in Room 136. We will begin at 5pm with a potluck meal, followed by pickleball and board and card games. All ages (and pickleball abilities) welcome! Please enter through NW (gym) doors. Hope to see you there! Any questions please contact Elena Schmidt (308-233-4243).



Diaper Depot

This month's Diaper Depot will be held Saturday, April 26th from 10am to noon in the East Lobby.

For more information, or to make a donation, please contact Pam Hill at 308-627-5720.



*A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.
Proverbs 17:17*

April 2025 Celebrations



	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
April 1	Kris Pederson, Terri Lind, Jeanne Chamberlin, Abigail Clark	
April 2		
April 3	Tom Gillming, Jenny Barth, Clark Gangwish	John & Donna Bisbee
April 4		
April 5	Terry Renner	Keith & Mary Lou McFar-
April 6	Joy Kruger, Lowell Rostvit	
April 7		
April 8		
April 9	Keith Sheen, Raelynn Kenney, Lilah Jacobs, Clayton Edwards	Mark & Karen Humphrey
April 10	Janae Watts, Evelyn Dougherty	
April 11	LeRoy Clinger, Debbie Bedke, Savannah Gillming	
April 12		
April 13	Anya Culler	
April 14		Bill & Jennie Elliott
April 15	Cindy Castillo	
April 16	Taylor Meier, Margaret Renner	Derek & Ruth Mitchell
April 17	Addyson Jones, Sloan Bush, Anjola Oluwa Amoo	Rob & Val Gwin
April 18		
April 19	James Cawley, Camden Cretacci	
April 20	Emias McNish-Garcia	
April 21	Adaline Bauer	
April 22	Linda Knipping	Larry & June Kenton, Nathan & Tristen Evans
April 23	Paul Hanson, Maxine Lien, Terry Murphy, Layla Moench, Grant Gillming	
April 24	Cory Halliwell, Briggs Moncrief	
April 25		Dennis & Debbie Bedke
April 26	Loree Elliott, Colin Jones, Hosanna Terzi	Jim & Julie Brooker
April 27	Patrice Taylor, Joan Jeys	Evin & Anna Lackore
April 28	Taylor Sharpton, Katherine West Fleecs	
April 29	Tom Bisbee, Ruth Stewart	
April 30		Errol & Kathy Adams





Card List

At Northridge

5410 17th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845
Loree Elliott #15
Carl Gangwish #146
Lula Cepel #341
Alex Gangwish, #226
Jo Wright, #245

At Autumn Village

1712 E 39th St
Kearney, NE 68847
Marvin Ebinger #4
Rose Hullinger #14
Beryl Topps #6

At Wel-Life

5616 4th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845
Jeanne Chamberlin #110

At Mother Hull

125 E 23rd St
Kearney NE 68847
Shirley Rosenthal #20

At Cambridge Court

4107 Central Ave
Kearney NE 68847
Linda Salter, #116

At Mount Carmel

412 W 18th St
Kearney, NE 68845
Gary Hansen #114

At St. John's

3410 Central Ave
Kearney, NE 68847
George Bundy E 15
Gary Wuehler S 8

At Brookstone Gardens

2615 W 11th St
Kearney, NE 68845
Marvin Gillming Apt. 414
Norman Hicken Apt 404

At Country House

Country House
Attn: Eulah Gangwish
5605 K Ave. (Room number
not needed)
Kearney, NE 68847

At Kearney Manor

2715 Ave I
Kearney, NE 68847
Carol Abramson, #12
Carol Baetz, #81
Charlcy Hoff, #28

Mrs. Faith Kamm
2309 W 42nd Street
Kearney, NE 68845

Jeanette Evan
1415 E 34th St
Kearney, NE 68847

Elaine Siminoe
c/o Cindy Lauby
42780 Rd 756
Lexington, NE 68850
(At Elwood Care Home for
visits)

Richard & Arlys Kleckner
44770 Highway 40
Sumner, NE 68878

Charlie Mefferd
Central NE Veteran's Home
Bravo 3 Room B304
4510 E 56th St
Kearney, NE 68847

Lloyd Mead & Doris Van Vleet
4429 P Ave
Kearney, NE 68847

Mary Lou McFarland
44086 Rd 768
Sumner, NE 68878

Jerry & Julie Stall
2665 E 95th St
Kearney, NE 68847

Pat Hird
2005 7th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845

Quidon Brown
1909 W 38th St, #4
Kearney, NE 68845

Roger & Pat Anderson
515 W 1st St
Minden, NE 68959

Melanie Morrison
Heritage at Sagewood
Room 236
1920 Sagewood Ave
Grand Island, NE 68803

Ron Mason
Seneca Sunrise
710 Grand Ave #116
Ravenna, NE 68869

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“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

April 2025

April 2025							May 2025						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5					1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 30	31	Apr 1	2	3	4	5
		12:00pm SonRise Bible Study 7:00pm Praise Team	6:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Kearney Kids 6:30pm Women's Bible 8:00pm Men's Group	9:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom) 1:30pm SonRise Bible Study	6:00am Men's Basketball 12:00pm Spring Art Show (East Lobby) 12:00pm Godly Men in 6:00pm Dwell & Delight	10:00am Spring Art Show (East Lobby)
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:30am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 5:00pm Game Night 5:00pm Radio Broadcast	9:30am PRAYER GROUP	12:00pm SonRise Bible Study 2:00pm Rebekah Anna Circle 7:00pm Praise Team	6:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Kearney Kids 6:30pm Women's Bible 8:00pm Men's Group	9:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom) 1:30pm SonRise Bible Study	6:00am Men's Basketball	
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27	28	29	30	May 1	2	3
8:30am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 5:00pm Radio Broadcast	9:30am PRAYER GROUP	12:00pm SonRise Bible Study 6:00pm Preschool Graduation 7:00pm Praise Team	6:00pm Youth Group 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Kearney Kids 6:30pm Women's Bible 8:00pm Men's Group			


Did you know...
The calendar is also available to view on the church website? <https://kearneyfb.org/calendar/>

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