

First Forum

In Acts 8:9–24, we are introduced to Simon the magician, a man deeply engaged in evil practices, the kind listed in Galatians 5:19–20. Simon witnesses the incredible work of Christ, hears the gospel proclaimed, and Scripture tells us that he believes. That alone is powerful.

But the story takes a sharp turn.

When Peter and John arrive and begin praying and laying hands on believers so that they may receive the Holy Spirit, Simon observes this and offers to pay for the ability to bestow the Spirit on others. In that moment, his request reveals something deeper. Though he believed, his thinking was still shaped by worldly categories. He approached the things of God with a transactional mindset. In his former life, power could be acquired. Authority could be purchased.

Simon's story is a humbling reminder that even as believers, we are not immune from allowing worldly understanding to shape how we see God. This is not only a danger at the moment of conversion. It is a daily battle. Salvation is immediate. The renewing of our minds is ongoing. If left unchecked, worldly assumptions can quietly muddy the waters of our faith.

Christ does not only offer the precious gift of salvation. He offers a transformative life that we must continually choose. That choice requires us to cast off and put to death old habits and distorted perspectives. Paul makes this clear in Ephesians 4:22–24. We are to put off the old self and put on the new, allowing our minds to be renewed. Likewise, 2 Timothy 2:20–22 calls us to cleanse ourselves from what dishonors the Lord and pursue righteousness.

When I first accepted the evidence for Christ and invited Him into my life, there were two concepts I had to let go of almost immediately. But I have also found that the temptation to return to them can resurface if I am not careful.

The first was coincidence. The idea that events simply “just happen,” that circumstances align without purpose. Yet Scripture tells us otherwise. Romans 8:28 declares that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him. Proverbs 3:5–6 reminds us that when we trust in the Lord, He directs our paths.

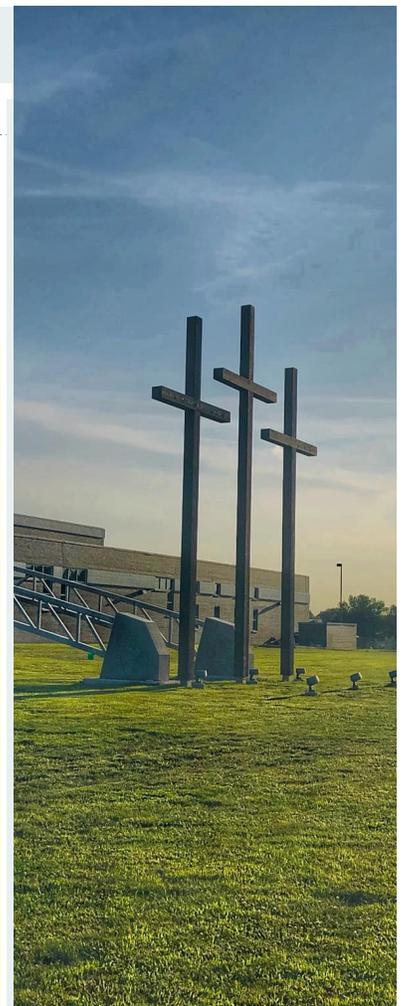
The second was luck. The notion that good or bad outcomes are merely the roll of the dice. Again, the Bible presents a different reality. Jeremiah 29:11 speaks of God's intentional plans, and Psalms 37:4–6 assures us that He establishes and brings forth what aligns with His will.

I had to lay those ideas to rest because they misrepresented the loving and sovereign character of God. And even now, I must remain vigilant not to let subtle distortions creep back in.

Simon's story is not just a lesson about a new believer who misunderstood spiritual power. It is a mirror for all of us. At any moment, we can begin to approach God with worldly frameworks. We can slip into transaction instead of trust, control instead of surrender.

The only way to chisel away these unbiblical ideas is to bring them consistently before the Lord. The more we do this, the more our relationship with Him deepens. As our thinking is renewed day by day, Christ shines more clearly through us, drawing others not to a distorted version of God, but to the true and living One.

~ *Dustin Turner, Worship Leader*



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

Greetings from the Finance Committee. The year is off to a good start but has not been without a few hiccups along the way. January giving numbers were good but did not quite hit our total goal. As you may have heard, Faith Christian School was not able to get enough students registered to support the school and so they will not need to rent space from us at this time. We had accounted for approx. \$80,000 of income from the rental prospect in the budget and thus things will be a little tighter now that we will not have the capital on hand. The trustees will continue to keep a close eye on expenses and cash flow as well as deferring some projects that are not essential at this time. We continue to believe in the hope that God will meet our needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

Capital Campaign Update:

WOW! We have seen God move in powerful ways through this capital campaign. As we reported at the end of 2025 the goal of 2 million dollars pledged was met and by the middle of February we have received over \$1,140,000 (over ½ of pledged donations). Because of your generosity and early support, the Trustees approved the beginning of construction, and you may have seen the wall already erected in the Saints Hall to facilitate the work going forward in the Dirt Room. We are excited to see the finished product in approximately 3-4 months and even more excited to how God uses the space to His glory and for His plan. As the pledges continue to come in we are committed to maintaining the 50/50 split to debt reduction and will be making periodic principal payments to the loan.

As we continue through the first quarter of the year the finance committee appreciates your continued financial support as well as your prayers that construction will progress smoothly and safely. I will leave you with this from Numbers 6:24-26 "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord turn his face toward you, and give you his peace."

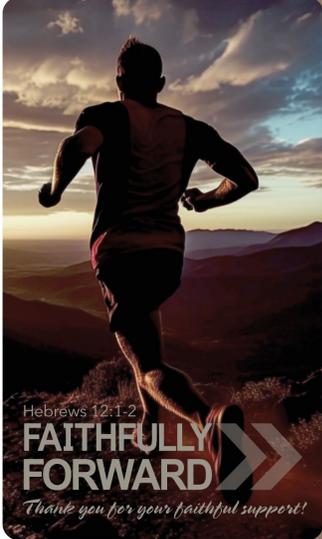
2025 Capital Campaign Update

« Mortgage Reduction Chapel & Restroom Buildout »

TOTAL PLEDGED
\$2,135,269.32

TOTAL RECEIVED
\$1,140,083.74

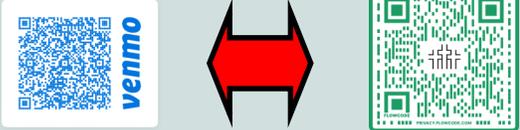
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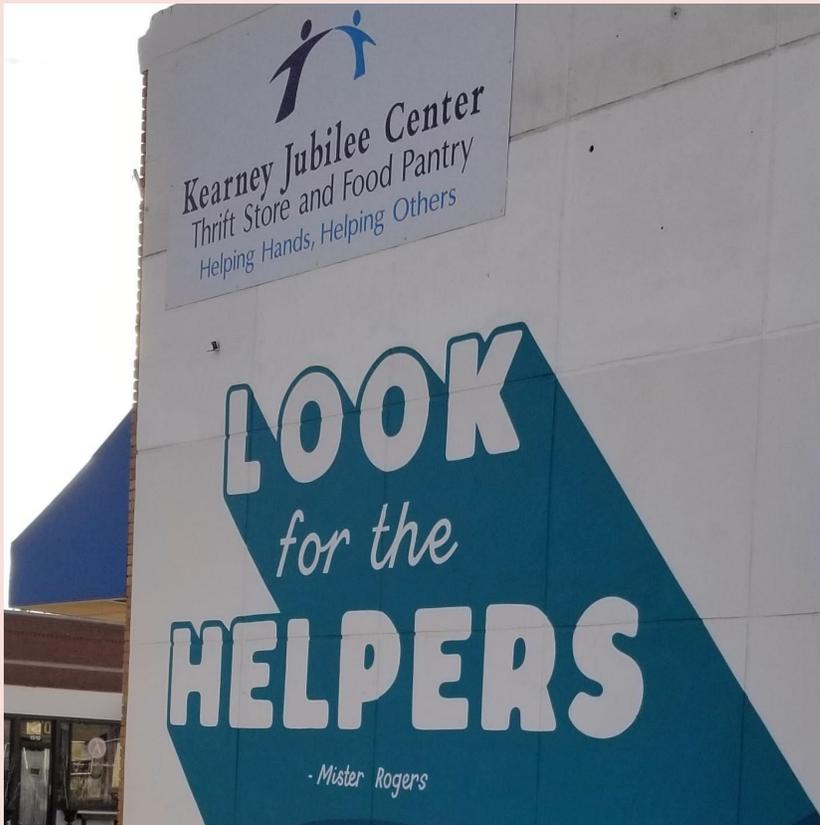




Searching for ways to give electronically?

Scan here!





Kearney Jubilee Center is a non profit, ecumenical, community-based organization aimed at providing the most basic of human needs while advocating for social justice. They strive to maintain client dignity while offering supportive services in the areas of food, clothing, rent and utility assistance and medication assistance.

Kearney Jubilee Center, its thrift store, food pantry, emergency food assistance and general assistance fund management are critical resources in our community for those at risk. The Jubilee Center is always our first step in offering assistance to those in need. Grids are available on site at Jubilee Center detailing organizations offering assistance and this allows us to be good stewards of the funds we have allotted for assistance.

If you, or someone you know, is in need of assistance, please visit the Jubilee Center at 1920 Central Ave, Kearney.

Easter 2026

3/29 10am Cantata

4/3 7pm Good Friday service

4/5 6:30am Sunrise Service

7am Breakfast

8:30am Sunday School

10am Worship Service





Missions

Pray for Oaxaca Mission Trip

Dear church family, most of you are aware of the upcoming mission trip to Oaxaca, Mexico, on March 6th-13th. Our team has the opportunity to serve alongside local believers and support on-going ministry efforts.

During our time, we will be working closely with a church in Adequez. We will meet their needs by painting and repairing the roof of the local church. Not only will we be meeting physical needs, but we will also address spiritual needs within the community. We will also be serving a new church on the coast of Ventanilla. We will be participating in a groundbreaking ceremony for a new church building. This will be a significant step of faith and growth for the local congregation. Our goal is to serve with humility and love, reflecting Christ in our actions and words to strengthen what God is already doing in Oaxaca.

Please be praying specifically for the following team members who will be serving on this trip.

Heath Perez

Addy Perez

Sean Dougherty

Sam Lanka

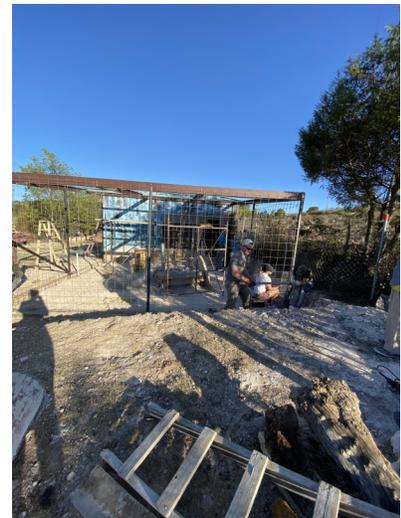
Jim Baer

John Lanka

Seth Maschmeier

We ask for prayer for safe travel, good health, unity among the team, and for God to prepare the hearts ahead of our arrival. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We look forward to sharing how God moves through this mission when we return.

“Here am I. Send me!”- Isaiah 6:8





Missions



Construction has begun!





Caring

GAME NIGHT

1st & 3rd Sunday | 5:30pm - 9:30pm

GAMES - PICKLEBALL - POTLUCK

THE EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL AGES
ROOM 136 | ENTER THROUGH NW DOORS
FOR MORE INFO. CONTACT: ELENA SCHMIDT
308-233-4243

Our Church Directory is Online!

You can now view our church directory online or through the FREE mobile app.

To access the directory online, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and enter your email address as listed in the directory. Click on "Send Secure Sign-In Link." Then check your email and click on the "Log in to Instant Church Directory" button found in your email.

A free mobile app is also available in the **Apple® App Store** and the **Google Play™ Store**. Just search for "Instant Church Directory" to download.

Important: Your email address **must be listed in the directory before you can log in.**

Need help or have questions?

Please contact Lori Reed at LReed@kearneyfb.org.

Please Note: There is ***NO PRINTED DIRECTORY*** this year. The only church directory available will be online! Sign up today!

Please enter you own birthdays and anniversaries by clicking on "Edit My Info" on the app.

Diaper Depot

This month's Diaper Depot will be held
Saturday, March 28th
from 10am to noon
in the East Lobby.

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

**Diaper Depot NEEDS
volunteers! Can you help?
Reach out to Pam Hill!**

Did you know...

We have a church family community bulletin board located just outside the church office?

Wondering what community events are coming up?

Wondering about what services those in our church offer?

Stop by and check out what's posted!





Caring



1st-5th Graders!



Kids Express Kids Night Out



**Don't be afraid to
express yourself!**

Friday, March 13th
6pm - 8:30pm

Kearney First Baptist Church

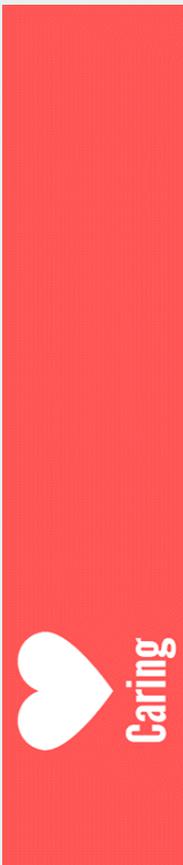
Register at kearneyfb.org/kids

Enter through Children's Ministry Doors.



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

March 2026 Celebrations



Men's Breakfast

NO Men's breakfast in March.

See you in April!

Questions? Contact William Bolen at 308-627-5915

DATE	BIRTHDAY	ANNIVERSARY
3-1	Barb Estes, Julie Bolen, Karson Backus, Janice Libich, Thomas Martin, Bethel Harsch	
3-2		
3-3	Karon Bisbee, Corrie Dougherty, Amy Pape, Dennis LaFollette	
3-4	Samantha Brunken, Monroe Meier, Kellen Schnerin- ger, Baker Evans	Kim & Judy Smith
3-5	Riley Moncrief	
3-6	Pat Skiles, Wade Goodwin, Mark de Kluyver	
3-7	Addison Perez	
3-8	Luke Spivey, Marrin Morrisette	
3-9	William Bolen, Janine Griss	Clark & Nancy Gangwish
3-10	Alex Gangwish, Kelli Urbanek, Ryleigh Burns Briley Schmidt, Shirley Rosenthal, Joe Cipov	Larry & Linda Peterson
3-11	Gary Larsen, Treaa Watts, Jacob Fleecs	
3-12	Sharlyn Pycha, Quinn Feikert	Chuck & Maxine Lien
3-13	Jan Fruhling, Kadin Cochrane, Billie Jo Gregg	
3-14	Jacob Olson	
3-15	Jan Giffin, Rutheah Murdoch	
3-16		
3-17	Pat Anderson, Steve Reimers	Donn & Martha Newquist
3-18	Larry Peterson, Carson Farrell	Dan & Dustyna Maynard
3-19	Colton Samuelson, Lela Fidler	
3-20	Traeh Cervantes, Easton Gillming, Isabelle Flores	
3-21		
3-22	Mark Liljehorn, Kian Culler	
3-23	Barrett Bradley	
3-24	Stacey Wood, Dwain Stefka, Brantley Gwin, Margo Andersen, Ashlee Bauer	Don & Jalene Davis Luke & Cassie Spivey
3-25	Angela Williams	
3-26	Beckie Chamberlin, Roger Francis	John & Amy Bettles
3-27	Dee Dee McNish, Laurie McCormick	
3-28	Alissa Dunn, Tiffany Murdoch, Martha Newquist, Letitia Reichart-Long	Gary & Enid Hansen
3-29	Bill Wood	
3-30	Nale McElhinny, Matthew Long	
3-31	Hunter Morrisette	



“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”
Galatians 6:2

Card List

At Northridge

5410 17th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845
Carl Gangwish #146
Lula Cepel #341
Alex Gangwish, #22
Jo Wright, #245

At Autumn Village

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

At Prairie View Gardens

1705 Prairie View Place
Kearney, NE, 68845
Jeanne Chamberlin #211

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

At Brookstone Gardens

2615 W 11th St
Kearney, NE 68845
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

At Homestead

4205 6th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845
Ron Mason, #26

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

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

Richard & Arlys Kleckner
(Mailing address only,
Contact office for visitation
info)
44770 Highway 40
Sumner, NE 68878

Marvin Gillming
c/o Jerry Gillming
1711 Eastbrooke Dr
Kearney NE 68847

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

Ron and Pam Miller
302 E 32nd
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

Doug DeNeui
Nebraska Veterans Home
4510 E 56th St.
Fox trot 2 Rm 215
Kearney, NE 68847

Andy & Julie Compton
1421 Ave E
Kearney, NE 68847



Sunday School Classes & Growth/Small Groups:
Would your group like to adopt several of our shut ins as a card ministry? If your group is up for sending cards to several of our shut ins each month, please reach out to the church office and let us know. Help bring cheer into their days in this small way! LReed@kearneyfb.org

March 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Did you know...
 The calendar is also available to view on the church website? <https://kearneyfb.org/calendar/>

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