



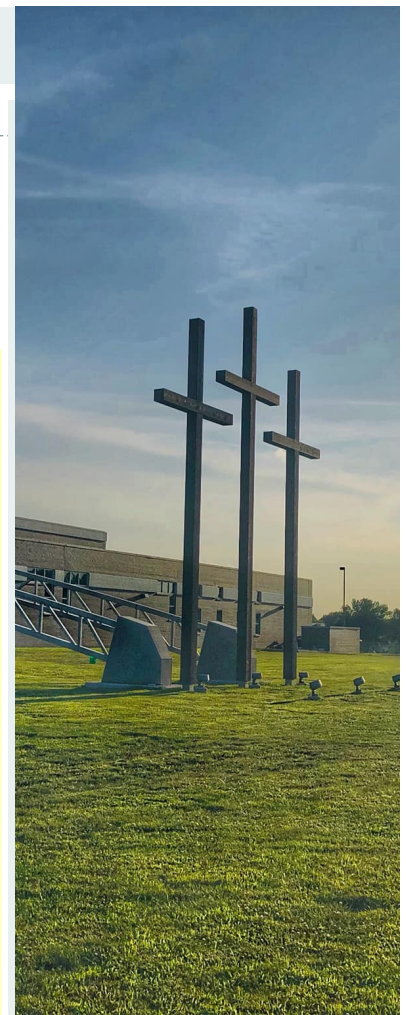
July 2026
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First Forum

More Like Jesus

It has been said, "God loves you the way you are, but he refuses to leave you that way." After all, a disciple is not only someone who knows and follows Jesus, but also one who is being changed by Jesus. Perhaps one of the greatest examples of this is found in Acts 4. In this passage, Peter and John found themselves in some hot water. These men, who use to be fishermen, had just miraculously healed a lame man outside the temple and were now going toe to toe with the religious elite. In verse thirteen the religious leaders essentially asked, "Who are these guys?" They were clearly just average men but what they were doing and saying was anything but average. In fact, the text says, "they were astonished by these unschooled, ordinary men." Clearly something or someone had changed them. In fact, these fishermen were literally doing some of the exact things Jesus did during his ministry (healing the sick, confronting the religious leaders). So how did such a dramatic change take place? Fortunately, the text answers that for us as well. In fact, it mentions two things responsible for this change. In verse eight it says they were "filled with the Holy Spirit." And at the end of verse thirteen it says, "they took note that these men had been with Jesus." That's it! The power of the Holy Spirit and time spent with Jesus. This is what changes us. As we learn to walk in the Spirit and spend time with Jesus our lives can't help but change. But they don't just change randomly. Just like with Peter and John we end up looking more like Jesus. And that is a change in the right direction. So now comes some important questions we must ask ourselves. Am I surrendered to the Spirit's work in my life? And am I spending consistent time with Jesus? If so, great! You're changing! Let this encourage you to keep going. If not, what needs to change for you this summer? Because make no mistake, you're changing too. But likely not in the healthy ways God intends. What if we used this summer to recalibrate our lives a bit. How can you grow in your surrender and participation in the Spirit's work in your life. And how can you become more intentional in your time spent with Jesus? Let us not waste this summer. But rather let us consider how we might leverage this summer to bring about the kind of change that leaves us looking more like Jesus.

~ 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

July Finance Committee Update:

Greetings from the Finance Committee. It's hard to believe we are half way through the year. May was a great month for the church full of work being done and your continued generosity. The church received just over \$85,000 in May which is the highest for that month over the past few years. Thank you for your continued support of the general fund and the ministries of the First Baptist! The finance committee and trustees appreciate your continued prayer and faithful giving.

Capital Campaign Update:

Construction is wrapping up! We had the dedication June 21st and are hoping the finishing touches (chairs, stained glass, and some lighting) are soon to be completed as well. As of May 31st we have received \$1,348,416 of the 2.1 million dollars pledged. As the construction is completed please remember we still have the debt reduction part of the campaign to finish strong. We would like to pay down the debt and need your continued support to make that goal a reality as well.

As always, the finance committee appreciates your continued financial support as well as your prayers that construction will progress smoothly and safely. 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
\$2,136,115

TOTAL RECEIVED
\$1,388,776

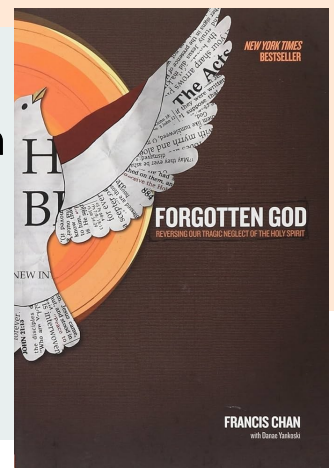
*Funds will be collected thru May 2027.

Hebrews 12:1-2
FAITHFULLY FORWARD
Thank you for your faithful support!

Searching for ways to give electronically?

Scan here!

Pastor Jason's
Book Recommendation
Forgotten God
By
Francis Chan



SIGN UP TODAY!



**Want to sign up?
THE TIME IS NOW!**

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

Kids Express



**1st -
5th
Grade**



Register at kearneyfb.org/kids

**Lunch
Provided**

BRING YOUR GRANDKIDS!

**Would you like to volunteer for Kids Express?
Reach out to Brandon, our Children's Director. bjacques@kearneyfb.org**

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS!



Diaper Depot

**This month's Diaper Depot will be held
Saturday, July 25th from 10am to noon
in the East Lobby.**

**For more information, or to make a
donation, please contact Tonya Cretacci
at 308-224-4090.**

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

July 2026 Celebrations



Men's Breakfast

NO JULY MEN'S BREAKFAST! Next Men's breakfast will be August 15th at 7:30am in the Multi-purpose Room!

Questions? Contact William Bolen at 308-627-5915

DATE	BIRTHDAY	ANNIVERSARY
July 1		Matthew & Jenna Moench
July 2	Peg Baer, Tripp Maschmeier, Mathias Goerke	Tim & Jodi Parsons Bill & Julie Shaffer
July 3	Noah Urbanek, Kristy Buchmeier	Chris & Jessie Watts
July 4	Rebecca Clinger, Bob Vogt, Randy Hays, Rochelle Edwards	
July 5	Sandy Lebsack, Tadia Vermeire, Clara Bradley	
July 6	Mary Peters, Aleah Chamberlin, Heather Gruntorad, Lynda Hanna, Jordan Moncrief	Jerry & Connie Neubauer
July 7	Marilee Kulhanek, Ian Hanson	Dennis & Lynelle Miller, Ryan & Rutheah Rodehorst
July 8	Keith Fruhling, Joseph Danielson, Charlie Bradley	
July 9	Lea Martin, Christine Cleveland	Bill & Marcy Stevens Dennis & Pattie Edwards
July 10	Evin Lackore, Gabriel Lanka	
July 11	Dan Myers	
July 12	Connie Neubauer, Lindsey Ondrak	
July 13	Madisen Gillming, Conrad Gillming, Hunter Bush	
July 14	Gary Jezbera, Larry Schmidt, Billye Jo Brockmeier, Matthew Moench	
July 15	Saylor Luke	Emily & Kellen Jacobs Jason & Erin Purdy
July 16	Dick Lebsack, Maurita Barthelman, Nora Kay Borer, Marisa Chamberlin, Connelly Rice	
July 17		
July 18	Julie Compton, Anna Lackore, Shaun Skyler	
July 19	Zech Peters, Meghan Schneringer, Ashley Goerke	Kyle & Shari Trelka
July 20	Ryan Bauer	
July 21		
July 22		Orin & Becky Clinger
July 23	Trenton Reed	
July 24	Marlys Voth, Isaac Liljehorn, Maddox Svoboda	
July 25	Brooke Terzi, Aelish Mefferd, Elora Mefferd, Fletcher Neubauer, Jack Potts, George Bundy	Tom & Kelli Urbanek Rich & Lisa Prascher
July 26	Deborah Sehm, Retta Jo Moncrief	
July 27	Jack Ondrak, Zayden Trelka	
July 28	Charlcy Hoff	
July 29	Bob Wilson, Kathy Arnold, Ron Miller	Jeff & Janine Griss, Dustin & Karla Rohde
July 30	Mary Skyler, Austin Malcom	Chad & Elaine Mefferd Craig & Lela Fidler Matt & Kayla Hutsell
July 31	Austin Martin	



“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
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 Carl Gangwish #146
 Lula Cepel #11
 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 Kearney Manor

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

At Homestead

4205 6th Ave
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 Ron Mason, #26

Mrs. Faith Kamm
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 Contact office for visitation
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 Sumner, NE 68878

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 c/o Jerry Gillming
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Sam & Merrilee Thomas
 5095 Long Island Rd
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A Man’s Mission
 Men’s Retreat
 August 21-22
 Camp Comeca

Register at kearneyfb.org
Scripture, Steak, and Fire

July 2026

July 2026							August 2026						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
Jun 28	29	30	Jul 1 6:00pm Youth Group 8:00pm Men's Group	2 9:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom) 12:00pm Canceled: 2026 Community Connections (Zoom) -	3 6:00am Men's Basketball 12:00pm Godly Men in the Workplace (Pizza Ranch)	4	
5 Communion Sunday 8:30am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 5:00pm Radio Broadcast	6 9:30am PRAYER GROUP	7 7:00pm Praise Team	8 6:00pm Youth Group 8:00pm Men's Group	9 9:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	10 6:00am Men's Basketball	11	
12 8:30am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 5:00pm Radio Broadcast	13 9:30am PRAYER GROUP	14 7:00pm Praise Team	15 Kids Express Week			16 9:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	17
19 8:30am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Congregational 5:00pm Radio Broadcast	20 9:30am PRAYER GROUP	21 7:00pm Praise Team	22 Gym Closed for Resurfacing			23 9:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	24 6:00am Men's Basketball
26 8:30am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 5:00pm Radio Broadcast 7:00pm Yanney	27 9:30am PRAYER GROUP	28 7:00pm Praise Team	29 6:00pm Youth Group 8:00pm Men's Group	30 9:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom) 11:00am Blood Drive	31 6:00am Men's Basketball	Aug 1 10:00am Diaper Depot	


Did you know...
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