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First Forum

Disciple (də'sī-pəl) Someone who treasures Jesus and influences others to do the same.

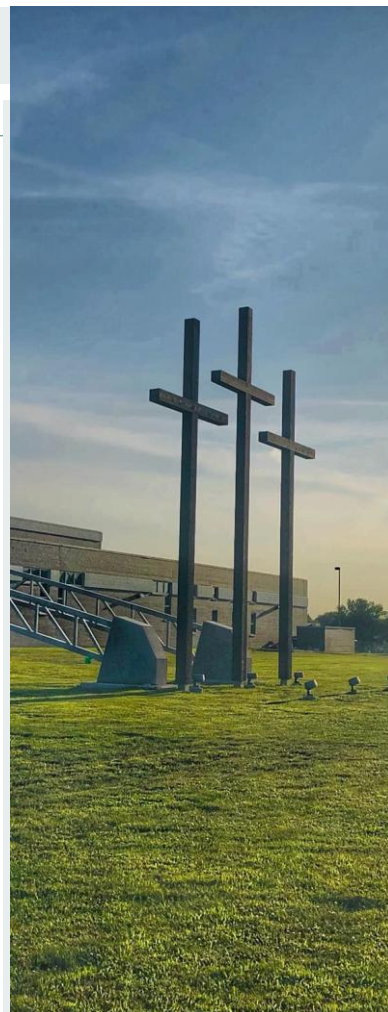
Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

As we step into this Fall, we will be spending much time talking about how much Jesus is better than so many other options in our lives. His power, His justice, His relational philosophy, His promises, His gifts, His demands – all of them are better than any competing alternative. This is the main theme of the book of Hebrews, our sermon series source for the Fall.

When we think about our goal of being a Disciple-making church, the center of that is how much we treasure Christ. Every strategy that we attempt must flow from that as its central tenet. We must constantly fight the tendency to drift toward lesser goals. Treasuring – adoring and prioritizing – Christ requires regular reminders of His goodness. That will be our primary talking point through the first half of 2027. I look forward to seeing how this affects and shapes us as a Church family!

Do we take the better path? Do we understand the demands of the better path of Christ? What are the lesser paths and how do they try to mimic the better path? Some of these questions and more will be on the docket for us together. May the Lord deepen our love for Him as we listen to His voice.

~ Pastor Sean



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

September Finance Committee Update:

Greetings from the Finance Committee. We are now just over halfway through the year. July saw \$72,000 received in general offering, which is below our three-year average. We are currently sitting at 52% of yearly giving projection received (we are 58% through the year). It sounds like a broken record, but we truly are thankful for your faithful and generous donations which keep the mission of church on track. As you look to the end of the year, please consider prayerfully what God would have you give to help us meet our yearly budget in 2026!

Capital Campaign Update:

The Chapel project only has a few finishing touches to go, and we have made some principal payments on our loan with Bruning Bank! God has shown his steadfast faithfulness to use throughout the campaign, and we are seeing the reward of your generosity. The Trustees will continue to make lump sum principal payments as funds allow. Remember, we are hoping to have all pledged giving accounted for in May of 2027.

As always, the finance committee appreciates your continued financial support as well as your prayer. 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."

Searching for ways to give electronically?

Scan here!



2025 Capital Campaign Update

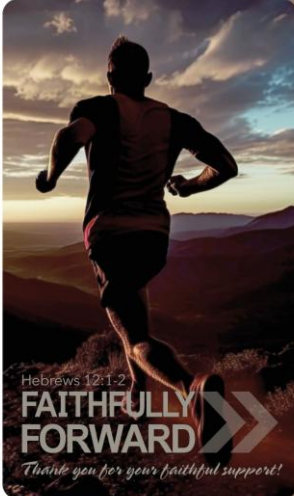
« Mortgage Reduction »
Chapel & Restroom Buildout »

TOTAL PLEDGED
\$2,166,860

TOTAL RECEIVED
\$1,488,736

PAID TOWARDS MORTGAGE
\$350,000

*Funds will be collected thru May 2027.



Fall Ministry Kick-Off

Starting Wednesday, September 9th
6pm - Youth Group
6:30pm - Adult Choir
6:30pm - Kearney Kids Go!

Sunday, September 13th
Church on the Lawn (Family Service -
NO children's church or nursery)

Starting September 20th @ 8:30am
Next Steps Class

Questions? Reach out to Lori at
LReed@kearneyfb.org



Weekly Women's Bible Studies Available at Kearney First Baptist Church

ROMANS

FROM GUILT — TO GRACE

Bible Study Fellowship is a free, interdenominational 30-week study for all ages and levels of Bible knowledge to explore God's Word in community. We teach, train, and mobilize individuals to know and love God and others through His Word.
This is a 30-week women's study that runs from September to April.

Register for a
Morning Group.
When: Tuesdays at 9:30am
Where: First Baptist Church

Register for an
Evening Group.
When: Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
Where: First Baptist Church

You can also register for a group online at <https://join.bsinternational.org/find-in-person-group>.

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Navigating a Life Interrupted

Registration Open House Wednesday, August 26th 2:00pm-6:00pm
First Baptist Church, Room #136 3610 6th Ave., Kearney, NE 68845
You're invited to join us for refreshments and fellowship! You'll have the opportunity to register and to purchase your study guide book. Or sign up online at <https://sites.google.com/view/sonrise>

FAITH SINGERS

Rehearsals 5:45-6:15 pm on Wednesdays, Sept. 9th, 16th & 30th, then out to sing & ring handbells at 5:45 pm Oct. 7th at Homestead, Oct. 14th at Kinship Pointe, WEL-life on Oct. 21st and a Pizza Party on Oct. 28th. Nov/Dec schedule will be handed out at our first rehearsal. Children ages 7 years old through 5th grade that love to sing are welcome to join! We will order Faith Singer t-shirts after our first rehearsal. Questions? Text or email Karen Decker 308-440-2418, karendecker04@gmail.com or Debbie Bedke 308-390-4700



Christian Student Fellowship Ministry Update

Friday, the 21st we kicked off our Welcome Week activities at UNK. The next month will be filled with some of my favorite parts of campus ministry: learning names, hearing people's stories, building relationships, and looking for opportunities to connect students to Jesus.

One of our big focuses this year (something we are stealing from our England trip) is practicing generous hospitality.

Starting this semester, we'll be opening the CSF building Monday–Thursday from 12–4 PM for any student who wants a place to study, hang out, play board games, or simply enjoy a free cup of coffee or tea.

We know that not every student is going to walk into a large group or Bible study. But they might come in because they need somewhere to study. They might sit down for a game of Catan or Flip7.

They might grab a cup of coffee. And in the process, they might meet one of our students and begin a relationship that eventually leads to a conversation about Jesus.

We're excited about the opportunity to make CSF a place where students feel welcomed and known—even if they aren't quite ready to engage with our formal ministry activities.

As we head into the new school year, we would love for you to pray with us! Pray for Welcome Week — that we would meet lots of new students and have opportunities to hear their stories and share the hope of Jesus. Pray for our student leaders — that they would have courage to initiate conversations, invite people in, and genuinely love the students God puts around them. Pray for our open hours — that the CSF building would become a place of generous hospitality where students feel welcomed and where meaningful relationships can begin. Pray for the remaining building projects— that God would continue to provide the people, resources, and finances needed to finish what still needs to be done. Pray for our family — for wisdom, energy, and healthy rhythms as we jump back into the busy school-year schedule.



Our Deacons Fund exists to provide financial assistance in times of need to those in both our congregation and our community. The ways we are able to help through this mission are endless....rental assistance, utilities, gas vouchers, grocery vouchers, medical assistance, vehicle repairs.

No general funds go to support our Deacons Fund. It is strictly supported and funded by donations specifically earmarked for this purpose.

If you would like to give to support our Deacons Fund and its mission, you may do so through a check, bill pay, or cash. Please note in the memo that the donation is specifically for the Deacons Fund.

You may give through Venmo or Every.org, but please note that a fee will be deducted by each of these companies prior to the church receiving the funds. (Please also note on these donations that they are specifically for the Deacons Fund.)

We are thankful to those who give towards this specific mission, allowing us to help so many in our church and our community each year in times of their greatest need.

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

September 2026 Celebrations

Date	Birthdays	Anniversary
Sept. 1	Faith Kamm, Doug Samuelson	Monte & Cheryl Krueger, Stan & Pam Esslinger Taylor & Jeanette Sharpton
Sept. 2	Abel Goodwin	Dennis & Trudy LaFollette
Sept. 3	Caleb Bauer	
Sept. 4	Mike Gregg	
Sept. 5	Patty Wilson, Mark Griffith	
Sept. 6	Rob Clevenger, Maxton Ondrak, Merrilee Thomas	
Sept. 7		Lowell & Sue Rostvit, Jared & Marissa Gillming
Sept. 8	Quinten Jacobs, Ripley Brandt, Pattie Edwards, Ryan Rodehorst	
Sept. 9		Gary & Jenny Barth
Sept. 10	Katie Goodwin, Sean Gall Jr., Vicki Clevenger	
Sept. 11	Tenley Upson	Bill & Pat Wood
Sept. 12	Steve Bush, Audrey Watts, Carter Banning, Jackson Banning	
Sept. 13	Dale Martin	
Sept. 14	Jim Fruhling, Sally Rice	
Sept. 15	Emily Jacobs, Steve Gangwish, Genna Allan	
Sept. 16	Kristi DeWitt	
Sept. 17		Tom & Angie Gillming, Ron & Pam Miller, John & Jalisa Keeney
Sept. 18	William Gwin, Jim Decker, Becky Lucas, Joshua Murdoch	Jamison & Tanya Cawley
Sept. 19	Conner Pedersen, Becky Pedersen, Peri Martin	Leroy & Jan Giffin
Sept. 20	Darrell Yendra	
Sept. 21	Kenley Martin	Zachary & Hunter Morrisette
Sept. 22	James Clang	
Sept. 23	Tyler Peterson, Richard Kleckner, Georgia Kreutzer, Gavin Kenney	Dale & Letitia Long
Sept. 24	Samuel Stevens	
Sept. 25	Jim Brooker, Lauren Brandt	
Sept. 26	Michael Edwards	
Sept. 27	Tyler Cretacci, Justin Spracklen	Bob & Patty Wilson. Danny & Peg Baer, Chuck & Kristi DeWitt
Sept. 28		Bryce & Brooke Bottorf
Sept. 29	Jeremiah Schroer, Octa Webb, Leah Kenney	
Sept. 30	Makayla Maxson	



Men's Breakfast

Men's breakfast will be
September 19th at
7:30am in the Multi-
purpose Room!

Questions? Contact
William Bolen at
308-627-5915



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

Galatians 6:2

At Northridge

5410 17th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845
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
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 Wel-life

5616 4th Ave,
Kearney, NE 68845
Linda Salter, 236

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
Charlcy Hoff, #28

At Homestead

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

At The Regency

Doris Van Vleet
208 E 48th ST, #107
Kearney, NE 68847

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

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

Mary Lou McFarland
44086 Rd 768
Sumner, NE 68878

Pat Hird
2005 7th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845

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

Roger 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

Sam & Merrilee Thomas
5095 Long Island Rd
Kearney, NE 68845

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

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September 2026

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 30	31	Sep 1	2	3	4	5
		7:00pm Praise Team	6:00pm Women's Bible Study (Room 136) 8:00pm Men's Group	9:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	6:00am Men's Basketball 12:00pm Godly Men in the Workplace (Pizza Ranch)	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Communion Sunday 8:30am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 5:00pm Radio Broadcast	9:30am PRAYER GROUP	7:00pm Praise Team	6:00pm Youth Group 6:00pm Kearney Kids Go 6:00pm Women's Bible Study (Room 136) 8:00pm Men's Group	9:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	6:00am Men's Basketball 6:00pm Kids Night Out	
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Did you know...

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