

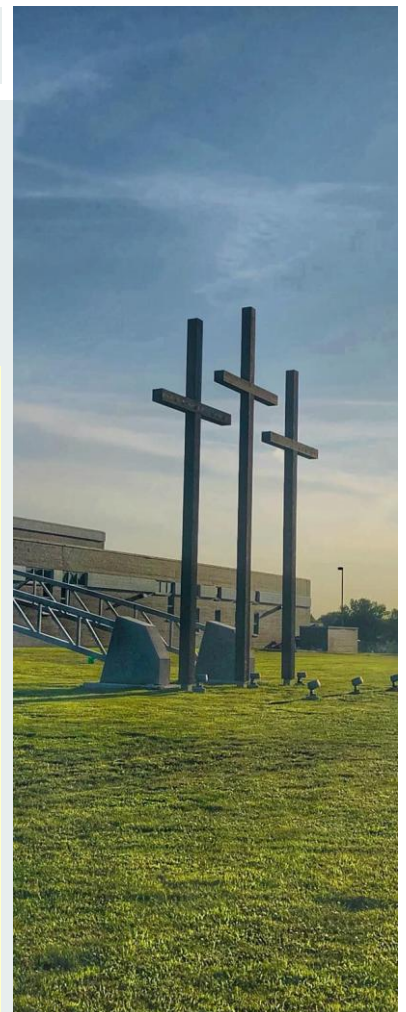


First Forum

"Clean Your Windows"

This past Saturday I finally did it! The thought first crossed my mind clear back in June as I was sitting in the living room staring out the window. I'm not sure if it was the time of day or the lighting, but something drew my attention to the fact that my windows were starting to get dirty. That was over three months ago. And every day since I've just sort of gotten use to them. What bothered me originally quickly became "normal." I began to get used to their state and at some point, I must have subconsciously decided that it was more desirable to deal with a little bit of dirt than it was to tear them all apart and give them a good cleaning. Then came last Saturday. Our living room windows face east and so when the morning sun hits them, they're at their worst. That morning, I opened the curtains to let some light in and I was disgusted... not just with the windows but at myself for letting them get so bad. That morning, I decided, "I'm not going to bed tonight until these suckers are clean." Sure, enough that afternoon I had all the windows torn apart and I was in full cleaning mode. Honestly, it didn't take near as long as I expected, and it was super rewarding as I put each window back into place. It was at this moment that it hit me. These windows were a metaphor for our lives. It's so easy to let things build up slowly over time. Sometimes, it just the "little sins" that we neglect. Other times is maybe a hurtful comment that someone spoke to us that we never processed and let go of. Maybe it's some underlying disappointment in life or ongoing subtle resentment we've let build. All these things are like dust, water spots, bug guts and bird poop that accumulate on our windows. We don't always notice it right away until one day we wake up and our outlook on life is dim, dreary, and quite unpleasant. This is when you know it's time to clean your windows. But cleaning these windows can be a bit trickier than cleaning the glass in your house. A starting point might be just acknowledging that we've let the windows of our life (our perspective) become dirty and dim from the broken things in our life. Then, if it's sin, confess it. If it's pain, invite the healer into it. If it's disappointment or resentment, find a friend who loves Jesus who can help you process it. And as you do these things you might even find it's not as big of a job as you made it out to be. And you're sure to enjoy the view much better when you're done. Don't be like me and put off cleaning your windows until they're disgusting. Do it today! Afterall, there's a great big, beautiful world and life out there waiting to be enjoyed.

~ 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

October Finance Committee Update:

Hello, from the Finance Committee. In August we received about \$97,000 in giving which is above average for the month; we did have 5 Sundays this month, which accounts for some of the increased income. We are now 66% of the way through the year and have received 61% of the predicated giving. Thank you for your continued generosity as it helps the day-to-day operations of the church continue smoothly. We are about 5% below our budgeted giving estimate. When you consider your end of the year contributions remember these words from A.W. Tozer. "Any temporal possession can be turned into everlasting wealth. Whatever is given to Christ is immediately touched with immortality."

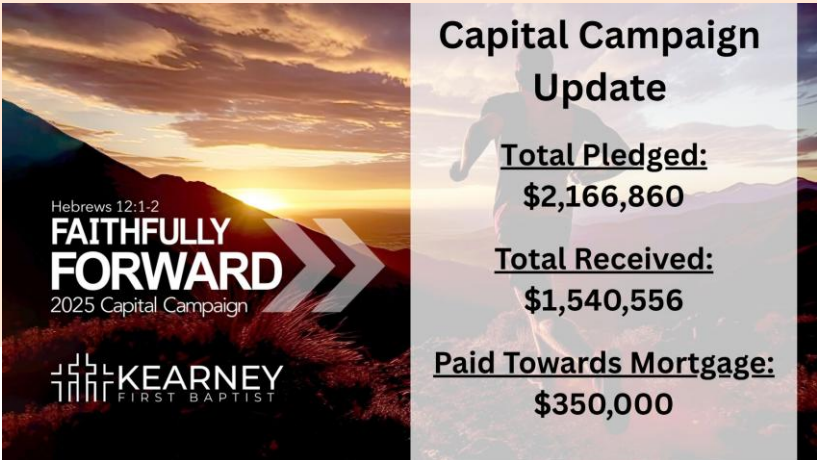
Capital Campaign Update:

The Chapel and Bathrooms have continued to be a blessing and what a beautiful space to see your generosity at work. As noted in the past we are now in the "pay down the debt" phase and the trustees continue to make principal payments on the loan as campaign 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!



Capital Campaign Update

Total Pledged:
\$2,166,860

Total Received:
\$1,540,556

Paid Towards Mortgage:
\$350,000

Hebrews 12:1-2
FAITHFULLY FORWARD
2025 Capital Campaign

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Updates From Our Nursery

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have been convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." - 2 Timothy 3:14-15

In Paul's second letter to Timothy, he is encouraging and preparing the next generation of leaders. Paul points to Timothy's upbringing not once, but twice, in this short letter. His grandmother Lois and mother Eunice helped set the foundation at infancy for him to have sincere faith (2 Timothy 1:5).

As families continue to grow and new ones come in, the Nursery will keep opening our arms to each little one. It's not just childcare. We understand the importance of what we offer both physically and spiritually. There is purpose in our Nursery: to teach basic biblical truth, keep children safe, and to create a fun spot where children want to come. We walk alongside parents helping teach and instruct. We give moms, dads, grandparents the opportunity to have full focus on their own instruction, which in turn follows the children home. It is a small part that we do to help prepare the next generation of leaders.

Our Nursery is always needing more volunteers! Volunteering just once every other month makes the biggest difference! Please consider the impact you could have on serving babies and toddlers. If you have questions or want to sign up, reach out to our Nursery Coordinator, Kara Stevens, or indicate on a Connection Card your interest in serving!

Christmas Care Tree

If you or someone you know could use help making the upcoming Christmas season a little brighter, please contact Pastor Sean at the church office (308-234- 2311) or Betty Jacques (308-293-0114) by November 2nd to recommend them for assistance through this year's Christmas Care Tree project. This project ministers to people within our church family as well as to those not directly associated with our church as an outreach effort. The names of all gift recipients are kept confidential.

You can find copies of all building forms in several stations (like the ones in these photos) located throughout the building! Room reservations, work orders & incident reports!

Did you know?



Annual Church Family THANKSGIVING FEAST

Sunday, November 22 | 6:00 PM

Free holiday meal in the gymnasium.
Turkey, ham, rolls, & gravy are provided.
Each family bring 1 side & 1 dessert.
College students, just come!!!



The time to plan for Operation Christmas Child is here!

As in past years, we are encouraging people to pack their boxes at home, as we will only be hosting ONE packing party at the church. (October 25th, 2pm-5pm)

To help everyone fill their boxes, we will be packing pencil pouches that will be available for you to take home!

If you'd like to donate items for us to help assemble the pencil pouches, we need the following:

- Pens (blue, black, colored)
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Glue Sticks
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Colored Pencils
- Stickers



Other school/office supplies that would fit into a pencil pouch.

We do NOT need pencil sharpeners, as we have plenty left over.

Our goal is to make the pencil pouches to distribute to our church members packing boxes at home. Please note some items above can be purchased in bulk, making the cost significantly cheaper per item.

If you have any questions, please contact
Dee Dee McNish at 308-440-6004.

More information on Operation Christmas

Child can be found at: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>



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

October 2026 Celebrations

Date	Birthdays	Anniversaries
10-1		Michael & Abby Clark
10-2	Mannox Martin, Scottie Wagner	
10-3	Leo Rodehorst, Tonya Cretacci	Leroy & Vera Clinger
10-4	Jolinda Drake	
10-5		Dan & Janelle Myers
10-6	Karen Humphrey, Kellen Jacobs, Wesley Harsch, RJ Perez	
10-7		
10-8		Jim & Christine Cleveland
10-9	Donna Bisbee	
10-10	Lucas Hanson, Lori Reed	
10-11		
10-12	Ellie Lackore	
10-13	Eloise Bauer	
10-14	Noah Peters	Tim & Andrea Kotschwar
10-15	Kelsey Harsch, Alyssa Luke	Waylon & Janice Woods
10-16	Ryan Lingle	Jim & Marlys Voth
10-17		
10-18	Ron Mason, Julie Shaffer	Joe & Carmen Limbach
10-19	Leroy Giffin, Stephen Bebb, Stephanie Goodwin, Zach Adler	Greg & Kara Stevens
10-20	Jodi Parsons, Jeremiah Littlejohn, Riana Trelka	Ryan & Austin Martin Mario & Ali Flores
10-21	Janice Lind, Charice Murdoch	
10-22	Stan Esslinger, Amber Spracklen, Harrison Bebb, Violet Keeney	Jacob & Katherine Fleecs
10-23	Mason Neubauer, Lora Webb	
10-24	Amiya Chamberlin	
10-25	Marcy Stevens, Karla Rohde, Carter Upson	
10-26	Lauren Gangwish	
10-27	Alex Estes, Natalie Gall, Kayla Hutsell, Graham Teachout, Dennis Edwards	Sam & Merrilee Thomas
10-28		
10-29	Dennis Miller	
10-30	Aaron Estes, Evelyn Murdoch	
10-31	Evelyn Watts, K'Don Anderson, Pam Miller, Brant Barth, Marilee Kabes	



Men's Breakfast

Men's breakfast will be
October 17th 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

Card List

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
Rose Hullinger, #104

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
Charley 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)
44770 Highway 40
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.
Foxtrot 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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October 2026

October 2026							November 2026						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3
				NE Families for Homeschooling Conference		
				9:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	6:00am Men's Basketball	
				1:30pm SonRise Bible Study	12:00pm Godly Men in the Workplace (Pizza)	
					6:00pm Dwell & Delight	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Communion Sunday	9:30am PRAYER GROUP	9:00am Bible Study Fellowship	6:00pm Youth Group	9:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	6:00am Men's Basketball	
8:30am Next Steps Class		12:00pm SonRise Bible	6:00pm Kearney Kids Go	1:30pm SonRise Bible Study	6:00pm Girls Craft Night	
8:30am Sunday School		6:00pm Bible Study	6:00pm Women's Bible Study (Room 136)			
10:00am Worship		7:00pm Praise Team	8:00pm Men's Group			
5:00pm Radio Broadcast						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:30am Next Steps Class	9:30am PRAYER GROUP	9:00am Bible Study Fellowship	6:00pm Youth Group	9:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	6:00am Men's Basketball	7:30am Men's Breakfast
8:30am Sunday School		12:00pm SonRise Bible	6:00pm Kearney Kids Go	11:00am Blood Drive		
10:00am Worship		6:00pm Bible Study	6:00pm Women's Bible Study (Room 136)	1:30pm SonRise Bible Study		
11:30am Congregational		7:00pm Praise Team	8:00pm Men's Group			
5:00pm Radio Broadcast						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30am APRM Training	9:30am PRAYER GROUP	9:00am Bible Study Fellowship	6:00pm Youth Group	9:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	6:00am Men's Basketball	10:00am Diaper Depot
8:30am Sunday School		12:00pm SonRise Bible	6:00pm Kearney Kids Go	1:30pm SonRise Bible Study		
10:00am Worship		6:00pm Bible Study	6:00pm Women's Bible Study (Room 136)			
5:00pm Radio Broadcast		7:00pm Praise Team	8:00pm Men's Group			
5:30pm Game Night						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
8:30am Sunday School	9:30am PRAYER GROUP	9:00am Bible Study Fellowship	9:30am Ruth Circle	9:30am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	6:00am Men's Basketball	
10:00am Worship Service		12:00pm SonRise Bible	1:00pm Dorcas/Tabitha	1:30pm SonRise Bible Study		
2:00pm OCC Packing		6:00pm Bible Study	6:00pm Youth Group			
5:00pm Radio Broadcast		7:00pm Praise Team	6:00pm Kearney Kids Go			
			6:00pm Women's Bible			

Did you know...

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

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