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WEEK-TO -WEEK AT FBC

SUNDAYS:

8:15am and 10:45am Worship

9:30am Sunday School

WEDNESDAYS:

5:15-6:00pm Dinner in CAC

5:45-6:20pm Preschool Choir

5:45-6:20pm Children's Choir

6:00pm Pastor's Bible Study

6:30-8:00pm AWANA

6:30-8:00pm Uth Group

6:30-7:30pm Voice of Praise



**THIS WEEK:
FEBRUARY 4 -10**

TODAY

Divorce Care 1:30pm

MONDAY

Staff Meeting 10:00am

UPWARD 5:00-8:00pm

TUESDAY

UPWARD 5:00-8:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Haiti Team Sharing 6:00pm

Women's Bible Study 6:30pm

Sharing Jesus 6:45pm

THURSDAY

Women's Bible Study 9:30am

Volunteers 1:00pm

UPWARD 5:00-8:00pm

College Bible Study 7:00pm

FRIDAY

No Scheduled Activities

SATURDAY

Men's Breakfast (The Falls) 7:30am

UPWARD Games 8:00am-5:00pm



First Baptist Church Kearney
February 4, 2018

Little Highlights and a Big Day

Last Wednesday I was scheduled to speak to a committee of the Missouri House of Representatives; speaking in favor of Bill 2043 to establish a Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in our state. Thank you for praying, by the way! It was a great honor and I knew it would be a big day. I decided to go see my dad and then drive to Jefferson City. I left the house about 5:00 A.M. and drove to Waterloo, Illinois where Dad was undergoing rehab to regain some strength after his latest stint in the hospital. So after a few cups of coffee (it's decaf usually now, so don't judge me) a few sermons from my favorite radio preachers, a CD of my favorite songs, and more than a few phone calls I needed to make, I pulled into the facility where my dad has been staying.

Some of these scenes are getting hard to take, and I know that many of you know what I'm talking about. My formerly 6'3" dad is now reduced to slumping in a chair, a wheelchair often these days, and he was sleeping soundly when I got there. He woke up, smiled, and we talked for about two minutes before he went back to sleep. I would trade a million dollars for those two minutes. I got to sit with him for a while and he was discharged and able to go home. After we got him home I stayed for a few minutes and had to hit the road. Nancy (my dad's wife) told me that through rehab he was able to gain enough strength to stand at the sink, somehow flexing his knees up against the cabinet to help sustain him so he could wash his hands and *shave on his own*. Dad is really excited about that. I left their home in Red Bud, Illinois and drove to Jefferson City with my mind swirling just a bit. My dad is excited because he could wash his hands and shave *on his own* again.

I parked my Jeep in the lot that seems about a month's journey from the Capitol building. I'm walking and I hear a voice say, "Pastor, get in. I'll give you a ride!" It was our own T.J. Berry who, as you know, serves as a State Representative. That was a nice surprise and it was great to see him in his element. The meeting with the House Committee went well. When I mentioned I was the father of a police officer, I took out a framed picture of my son Luke in his dress uniform and put it on the table for all of them to see. Those in attendance were all very gracious and attentive. I got to see my good friend Officer Rick Neace (one of my former deacons and also a chaplain who runs a national ministry to law enforcement families called Badge of Hope), our former Sheriff of Franklin County, Missouri and the former Police Chief of Union, Missouri where we used to live. I got to drive the highways of the beautiful Show-Me State, as well as my home state (Land of Lincoln) and I was able to exercise a great freedom by speaking to our State Representatives.

It was all very enjoyable; a full day. I pulled into my driveway about 9:45 that night. And I kept thinking "What a big day." But it's really the "little highlights" that mean the most. I got to see some old friends and my dad can lean against the vanity and wash his hands and shave *on his own* again.

"give thanks in all circumstances. . ." (1 Thessalonians 5:18a ESV).

Pastor Ken

February Scripture

Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going. Ecclesiastes 9:9-10

Thank you for your generous giving in support of Liberty Women's Clinic on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. We are pleased to be able to present the clinic with a check in the amount of \$1,632.00

Women's Bible Study beginning this Wednesday, February 7 (6:30pm in room B14) and Thursday, February 8 (9:30am in room 104). *God of Creation* by Jen Wilkin is a 10 week study of Genesis 1-11. Childcare available upon request. Contact Nita Hill for more information (816.718.1644).



Ladies you are invited to our 2018 Spring Retreat. We are headed to the beautiful Ozarks for a weekend of fellowship, friendship, worship, and Bible teaching! April 6-8! Brochures are available in the Fireside Lobby. Sign up will begin Sunday, February 11. *For He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. Psalm 107:9*

TODAY'S NURSERY WORKERS:

8:15 combined: Cheyenne Knese and Mariel Pencoock

10:45 services:

Bed Babies: Pat Clark, Joyce Yardley, and Sarena Rennison

1 Year Room: Meredith Ewer and Cliff & Myrna Sue Wilson

2 & 3 Year Room: Kathe Lewis, Marissa Wilson, and Hannah Crain

NEXT WEEK'S WORKERS:

8:15 combined: Cheyenne Knese

10:45 services:

Bed Babies: Pat Clark, Shelly & Bekah Frazier

1 Year Room: Meredith Ewer, Jennifer Kidd, and Hannah Yarc

2 & 3 Room: Kathe Lewis, Mary Ann Simpson, and Shelly Lakenburger

Statistics:
Week of January 28

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School.....343
Early Worship.....142
Morning Worship.....349
Children's Church.....39
Nursery.....18
Worship Total.....548

Tithes/Offering Received:

\$13,919.68

His Mission...Our Time:

\$3,171.00

For those who haven't had the opportunity to pick yours up, the 2017 contribution statements have been mailed. Watch for yours to arrive in your mailbox soon.

Our Operation Christmas Child Year-Long Collection 2018 begins today! Our goal is to pack 200 boxes with the items our church donates. A list of items we'll be collecting each month is in the bulletin today. Please save it for reference and help us reach our goal by contributing needed items each month. Note that in February we are collecting knit hats, ball hats, gloves, and mittens. Thank you for your help!

Wednesday's Dinner Menu:
Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes
w/Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, & Dessert

GriefShare

Help and Encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. GriefShare is a network of 12,000+ churches worldwide equipped to offer grief support groups. The program is nondenominational and features biblical concepts for healing from your grief. Learn more about GriefShare at www.griefshare.org. A new 13-week session will begin Wednesday, February 28. Grief Share will meet from 6:30-8:00pm in room 104 and is facilitated by Kala Holmes.

Pastor Ken will be preaching in chapel at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary this Wednesday, February 7 at 10:00am while our own Travis Black will lead in worship. Our First Family has an open invitation to attend! As many of you are already aware, Dr. Parker has been an adjunct professor for 10 years at Midwestern and serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

A warm welcome to new members Jason and Christina Blanton and to Frank and Angie Etzenhouser. If you haven't already had the opportunity, introduce yourself to our newest First Family members.

Join the Haiti Mission Team this Wednesday, February 7 at 6:00pm downstairs in room B10 as they share pictures, stories, and experiences from their recent trip.

With the possibility of inclement weather upon us, we want to make our church family aware that if we need to cancel any services we will post cancellations on the church website: www.kearneyfbc.com and also on local **KMBC Channel 9 news**.