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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:
MARCH 4 - 10**

TODAY

Divorce Care 1:30pm

MONDAY

Staff Meeting 10:00am

UPWARD 5:00-8:00pm

TUESDAY

UPWARD 5:00-8:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Women's Bible Study 6:30pm

GriefShare 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

Set Your Clocks Ahead One Hour

Serving at KCWM

Men's Breakfast - The Falls 7:30am

UPWARD Games 8:00am-5:00pm

Open Mic at The Falls 7:00-10:00pm



First Baptist Church Kearney
March 4, 2018

On To Maturity

Last Wednesday evening during our regular Bible Study & Prayer time, I found the teaching very disturbing. I know . . . you might argue most of my teaching is disturbing. It wasn't the way I taught but the material greatly bothered me. In a survey of some 3,000 people conducted by LifeWay Research and commissioned by Ligonier Ministries this is what they found:

- 7 out of 10 respondents affirmed the concept of the Trinity.
- 6 out of 10 agreed that Jesus was both human and divine. More than half of these went on to indicate that Jesus is "the first and greatest being created by God" (this is known as Arianism which is a heretical belief condemned by the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D.).
- Two-thirds admitted that everyone sins a little bit but insisted that people are good by nature (which is a direct contradiction of Scripture).
- 60% agreed that "eventually everyone goes to heaven."

"So what does that have to do with us?" I'm glad you asked. One of my greatest fears is that the people I've been entrusted to pastor might miss out on the great joy of maturing as believers in Christ. I don't just mean being able to say where the Sermon on the Mount is found in the New Testament or being able to recite the books of the Bible in order; it's much deeper than that. In many ways our maturity is manifested in our ability to differ with others and yet love them. It is seen in our willingness to set aside secondary concepts, even those we hold dear, for the sake of weaker believers among us or for the sake of unity. Maturity in Christ is demonstrated in our lack of contributing to unnecessary drama.

We know that this side of Heaven, we'll never get it all figured out; we're all a "work in progress." But the biblical doctrine of sanctification (which indicates we are supposed to become more like Christ as time moves on) certainly hints at the fact that we're to be maturing in our faith. So it begs the question, "What am I doing to grow in Christ?" Further, "What am I doing to help advance the Kingdom of God through the local church of which I'm a part?" "In what ways am I maturing?" I'm grateful to pastor a church that cares about the aforementioned questions. But let's never kid ourselves into thinking that we don't have to continually be diligent in our beliefs and in our practices. I've said for many years that every local church is one pastor or a few key people away from leaving their theological/biblical moorings and becoming a shadow of what they once were. It takes each of us doing our part to see to it that we stay the course.

"Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God . . ." (Hebrews 6:1 ESV).

Pastor Ken

Upcoming ministry opportunity!

Our church will be serving at the Kansas City Women's Mission Saturday, March 10 and at the Kansas City Rescue Mission for Men Sunday, March 11. If your Sunday School class or even a group of friends would like to serve, please contact Teresa Keeler at: tkeeler@kearneyfbc.com.



Ladies you are invited to our 2018 Spring Retreat. April 6-8!

We are headed to the beautiful Ozarks for a weekend of fellowship, friendship, worship, & Bible teaching!

Sign up in the Fireside Lobby. Today is registration deadline.

OWLS Events

May 3-5, we will travel to Pella, Iowa for the Tulip Festival and visit the Amana Colonies. The trip will cost approximately \$200 with a \$75 deposit due to the office by March 11 (balance due by April 30).

Monday, March 19 we will leave the church at 8:45am to tour the Steamboat Arabia in the KC River Market. Admission is \$14.50 and we will enjoy a dutch-treat lunch before returning to the church.

Wednesday's Dinner Menu:

Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, & Dessert

A new young adult Sunday School has started taught by Travis & Clara Black and Isaac & Teresa Keeler. This class meets in room 304 during the 9:30am Sunday School hour.

Join Russ Hemphill, Blacklight Chalk Artist and a member of our own First Family, at The Falls on March 25 from 6:00-7:00pm. Russ will perform a presentation of chalk drawing with music and song. The message of love and hope in Christ is portrayed with art and music. A ministry used to glorify God and to show His love and beauty!

A warm welcome to new members:
Travis & Clara Black
Scott & Jaci Guilkey and their daughter, Stephanie
Jim & Pam Meadows
If you haven't already had the opportunity, introduce yourself to our newest First Family members.

TODAY'S NURSERY WORKERS:

8:15 combined: Angela Beasley
10:45 services:
Bed Babies: Angela Patterson, Michele Pencook, and Kendall Payne
1 Year Room: Rebekah Ryzek and Aggie Edwards
2 & 3 Year Room: Kasey Watson and Brad & Missy Colhour

NEXT WEEK'S WORKERS:

8:15 combined: Angela Beasley
10:45 services:
Bed Babies: Angela Patterson, Sarena Rennison, and Hannah Crain
1 Year Room: Rebekah Ryzek and Marissa Wilson
2 & 3 Room: Kasey Watson and Cliff & Myrna Sue Wilson

Statistics:
Week of February 25

ATTENDANCE:

Sunday School.....364
Early Worship.....157
Morning Worship.....311
Children's Church.....38
Nursery.....23
Worship Total.....536

Tithes/Offering Received:

\$14,399.48

His Mission...Our Time:

\$1,905.00

Dr. Parker and Lori, along with the First Baptist Family, extend sincere Christian sympathy to George Williams and family in the recent passing of Dorothy Williams and to Bob Amos and family in the passing of Judy Amos.

March Scripture

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud. Whoever gives thought to the word will discover good, and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord. The wise of heart is called discerning, and sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness. Good sense is a fountain of life to him who has it, but the instruction of fools is folly. The heart of the wise makes his speech judicious and adds persuasiveness to his lips. Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

Proverbs 16:18-24