McKnight Safety Team – Camera Updates and Team Guidelines

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Dear Safety Team,

We have recently updated the security cameras at the McKnight church building, so this is a good time to share an overview of the system and review our Sunday and event procedures.

Camera Deployment

For several years, we have used a Wi-Fi–based camera system. This system has worked well but can occasionally experience lag or brief display glitches. To complement the Wi-Fi cameras, we have now added several **hard-wired cameras** with advanced AI detection features, which provide a more reliable, real-time view of the building's exterior and key interior areas.

Together, the wired and wireless systems give us broad real-time coverage of public spaces throughout the building. **No cameras are installed in private areas** such as bathrooms, prayer rooms, or offices. Cameras serve as both a monitoring tool and a visible deterrent, helping reduce the need for constant patrols. Notices are posted at entrances to inform visitors that cameras are in use.

Sunday and Event Coverage

Even with improved visibility, we will continue to have **at least two Safety Team members on duty** during Sunday worship and during special events such as VBS, Trunk-or-Treat, Worship at the Park, and other large gatherings.

Team members on duty should maintain radio contact.

- The individual monitoring cameras may need to direct another team member to a specific area.
- Any situation should be handled as a **team**, not by one person alone.
- Our church is private property, and we may politely deny access or ask anyone to leave if needed.
- Always remain calm and respectful. Seek to **de-escalate** when possible and **call the police immediately** if a situation poses risk.

Visible Safety Team members, especially those using two-way radios, serve as an important deterrent to unwanted behavior.

Sunday Presence and Conduct

During Sunday worship, Safety Team members should be present in **high-traffic areas**—the main foyer and first-floor hallways—before and after service and when children are dismissed for classes (after Communion).

Please also help maintain a safe and welcoming environment by reminding children **not to run in the hallways** and by being **friendly, approachable, and attentive** to visitors. The Safety Team represents

McKnight Crossings not only as protectors but also as **ambassadors** of our church's hospitality and care.

Thank you for your continued service in keeping McKnight safe, calm, and welcoming for everyone.

Bret Blackford

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