

Senior Pastor Report - August 2026

Greetings Leadership Team,

Not much out of the ordinary to report this month. Below are a few areas of focus since we last met. As always, feel free to let me know if you have any questions!

Blessings,

Kyle

General Updates

Worship and Staff Planning: Shortly after last month's meeting I spent a day with staff in planning out the remainder of 2026. This involved meeting with our worship programming staff of Matt Schinske, Ed Davis, Heather DeShazo and Nathan Oney. Our conversations were both broad looking at focus areas in our services for the rest of the year and also extremely focused discussing minute details such as how we transition from one moment in our services to the next. Then a few hours were spent as a whole staff, putting into place many of our typical events while also expanding upon our ministries with activities like the Back to School Splash, a family outdoor movie night to come later in the fall, Messy Church beginning in October, and so much more. I greatly appreciate all of our staff and the time, thought, and dedication they and all of our volunteers display.

Ministry Fair: While I initiated the vision for the Ministry Fair, this year Belongings Coordinator Cindy Fast took primary responsibility for the event with some assistance from Pastor Nathan Oney. Once again a number of individuals found places to volunteer along with ministry and discipleship groups to join with. Even for those who may not have discovered a new place to plug in, the Ministry Fair is a great visual reminder to our faith family and guests alike of the vibrant and active community we have here at Church of the Servant.

Two New Ministry Teams: Here in the second half of August two new ministry teams are launching, a Congregational Care team and a Media and Communications Team. Vicki Roberds and Heather DeShazo will be the primary staff relating to these two teams respectively with me providing Pastoral guidance to the first and Pastor Nathan the latter. These initial groups are comprised of individuals who have shown talent and passion in these areas and others will be invited to join in this work as these teams begin formulating ministry plans. I look forward to sharing with you about their work in the coming months!

Adult Confirmation Bible Study: I'll be starting my fall Bible Study on August 19th as we launch our fall ministries here at the church. I currently have over thirty individuals signed up to participate across the two sessions, one at 4 p.m. and the other at 6:30 p.m.

Nominations: We are entering the leadership nomination process. Through our communications and submission forms made available at the entrances to the Celebration Center, congregants

have been invited to nominate Servant members to serve in leadership on the Nominations Committee, Servant Foundation, and Leadership Team. While understandably we will not have a formal leadership role for every individual nominated, each of the names submitted will be presented to the Nominations Committee. If you have any suggestions of individuals who you believe would serve well on one of those three committees, please let me know. The Nominations Committee will begin meeting in the second half of September and will bring a completed Nomination report to you for your October meeting. This will then be taken to our Church Conference on November 8th for final approval.

July Attendance

In-Person	7/5: 311	7/12: 313	7/19: 339	7/26: 333	2026 Avg: 339
Online	7/5: 395	7/12: 302	7/19: 339	7/26: 429	2026 Avg: 344