

Senior Pastor Report - January 2026

Greetings Leadership Team! Below are some general updates since our last meeting. If you have any questions prior to our meeting, do not hesitate to send them my way and I'll come prepared to share!

Blessings,
Kyle

General Updates

End of 2025 Statistics: While they're not all that matters, attendance and financial generosity are two important measures of the health and vitality of a congregation. At the conclusion of 2025 we ended the year with an average Sunday worship attendance of 313, and a weekly average attendance (i.e. including special services) of 330. In comparison to the end of 2024's 282 and 296 this represents an 11% and 12% increase respectively. In comparison to average Sunday attendance as of June of 2024 of 257, this represents a 22% increase. Online attendance ended 2025 at 332 (Sunday Avg.) and 343 (Weekly), a 3% and 6% increase over 2024 numbers. I found this encouraging that, while I am aware of some previous online only worshipers becoming in-person worshipers for 2025, our online numbers continue to show a slight increase, representing new participants. Total financial generosity from the congregation in 2025 was \$1,479,487.87. This was \$179,493.87 over budget and an increase of \$250,753.87 or 21% over financial generosity in 2024.

2026 Stewardship Campaign and Budget: While there may still be a few more pledges that come in before we finalize the 2026 budget, as of January 15th we have received 230 pledges totaling \$1,279,650 dollars with an average pledge amount of \$5,564 dollars. This is compared to 2025 in which we received 240 pledges, totalling \$1,189,902 dollars with an average pledge amount of \$4,958 dollars. I will be honest with you that I have not done a deep dive to see what pledges were lost, but I celebrate the increased generosity amongst those who did pledge. Financial Controller Steve Johns is currently in the process of closing the books on 2025 after which we will be able to present you with a proposed 2026 budget. While that is not included in this packet it is my intent to get that to you by the end of the day Thursday, January 22nd so that you may have more than 48 hours to review it prior to our meeting.

Kyle's February Vacation: Know that I will be out of the office and out of state February 7th through the 15th. This is the only time I am scheduled to be away over these 6 months that we are without additional pastoral support. While I am absent we will have a special music Sunday designed by our directors of worship Matt Schinske and Ed Davis on February 8th. On February 15th we will be welcoming guest preacher Rev. Derrek Belase who serves as the Director of Connectional Ministries for the Oklahoma Annual Conference. Vicki Roberds will handle visits to any members newly admitted to the hospital upon my absence.

Disciple I: The new section of Disciple I Fast Track is off to a great start with 29 individuals signed up for the Wednesday night session and 9 staff participating in a Tuesday lunch session. This study will run for 12 weeks and conclude on Wednesday, April 1st.