

# September 2026



**Mission**

**Statement:**

"The Bible as our foundation, and the Holy Spirit as our guide, we strive to take up our cross daily and follow Jesus: to live, love, and make disciples with Him at home, in our community, and in the entire world."

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## Next Steps We Hope Everyone Considers

1. **Decide to follow Jesus** – This is our main hope for every single person. We want everyone to know they can be forgiven for their sins because of what Jesus did for them by dying on the cross and then raising from the dead.
2. **Be baptized** – After deciding to follow Jesus, the Bible calls us to follow His example of baptism. So, if you need to be baptized or have questions about it all, we would love to walk with you through that.
3. **Download the Keystone App** – This is a helpful step to stay connected to the community of Keystone. It is the key to communicating with everyone and knowing what all is happening.
4. **Join the Church** – We are always looking to add committed followers of Jesus to help us guide and build the church. All members go through a 6-8 week class that outlines who we are as a church and what we are doing.
5. **How can you learn more?** – Contact us to learn more.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

What is the measure of a church? What is the metric that can be used to decide how a church is doing? Have you ever thought about that? I have heard people talk about the many sides of a church and how those can be used as a metric to decide how the church is doing. For years, the churches that I grew up in had a wooden board in the back of the sanctuary that listed the last week's Sunday morning attendance, Sunday School attendance, and the offering. As a church plant, these were all numbers that we were asked to report. As COVID hit, keeping attendance felt like a strange thing and maybe even set off some false red flags. But if the people are not present, they don't give. If the people don't give, the bills are not paid. So it seems valid, right?

It certainly can be. But it can also be a big distraction to where the leadership starts aiming at building those numbers and making them grow rather than focusing on dealing with the factors that lead to those numbers and make a problem.

I was reading Acts 4 and came across a great metrics list that the church was judged by in a tough situation. Peter and John had been arrested. They were some of the main leaders at this time, so suffice it to say, two leaders arrested seems like a bad view when measuring a healthy church! But it was not the church that gave the better metrics in this story. It was the government leaders that determined the effectiveness of the church. The things that they noticed were as follows: 1. These uneducated men were quite versed in the Bible and had learned it. 2. Their lives showed pretty obviously that they knew Jesus. 3. There were living examples of people whose lives had been changed standing in front of them.

When we use these metrics, I wonder how we are doing as a church?

**Pastor Nate**



Each week we offer a different style of mid-week groups that promote community, Bible study or application, and prayer. Our goal is to move everyone joining our service on Sunday, into a mid-week group. If your schedule does not work with what we currently offer, we may try and work with you on creating an option.

### **Service Week – Week 1, To Be Announced**

This week's focus is simple: YOU find a place to serve someone or an organization that shares our values. Then, YOU build a team by inviting a couple of people to join you in a service project. We do not want to just accomplish but accomplish things as a group. If you need an idea, we want to help with that, see Pastor Nate.

### **Bible Study/Special Studies – Week 2, Request Based**

Pastor Nate has left this week open for anyone that may have a group looking to study a topic or book together. We will do this based on requests or it will also be used for membership classes, etc. No current study is happening.

### **Life Groups – Week 3, September 15th, 16th**

These groups are small groups that meet for the purpose of prayer for one another and for sharing more thoughts from what we have been discussing in the sermons that month. There are currently three adult groups and a teen group. Talk to Pastor Nate to get plugged into one or to see about starting a new one.

### **Men's Manner – Week 4, September 23rd**

### **Women's Worth – Week 4, September 24th**

These groups are the highlight of the month for us. The men gather on Wednesday and the women on Thursday, both at 7pm. We pray together, share stories, and study the Bible together.

## **Prayer Focus**

Prayer Requests for September:

- Let's pray for new opportunities of outreach in our local area.
- Our building is being used for different events throughout the week. It seems to be growing more and more. A lot of these are people not connected with the church and prove to be great opportunities to see new families. Let's pray God continues to bless us with the resources and facilities that can be used.
- Pray for the missionaries we have supported this year:
  - Armon and Yvette in Hawaii -- as they signed a deal for that 9 acres of land!
  - Len and Amiee Scott in Jamaica
  - Cody and Lauren Herren – going to France and having a baby soon!

## **Monthly Giving Picture**

**Weekly budgeted amount needed: \$ 3,086**

8/2 - \$ 2,853.91

8/9 - \$ 3,240.12

8/16 - \$ 2,291.76

8/23 - \$ 2,257.73

Current Weekly average for August: \$ 2,660.88

Current Weekly average for the **year**: \$ 3,054.36

### **September Memory Verse:**

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love him.

*James 1:12*