

“Deny Yourself, Take up Your Cross, and Follow Christ”  
Luke 9:57-62

- “Let **him deny himself** (the Old Self) and **take up his cross daily** (approval, comfort, safety, earthly gain) **and follow Me** (Christ’s example).” (Luke 9:23)
- “For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world (gains Christ) and loses (finds) or forfeits himself?” (Luke 9:25)
  - There is a **GAINING** of the world where we **LOSE** our lives.
  - There is a **LOSING** of the world where we **GAIN** our lives.
  - There is a **GAINING** of Christ where we **GAIN** our lives.
  - There is a **LOSING** of Christ where we **LOSE** our lives.
  - There is a **LOSING** of Christ where we **GAIN** the world.
- Three **Misplaced Priorities** that must bow to the Lordship of Christ.
  - **Comfort:**
    - “**Blessed are you** when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! **Rejoice in that day**, and leap for joy, for behold, **your reward is great in heaven.**” (Luke 6:22-23)
    - “Sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion on those in prison, and you **joyfully accepted the plundering of your property**, since you knew that **you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.**” (Hebrews 10:33-34)
  - **Riches/Security:**
    - “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. **You cannot serve God and money.**” (Matthew 6:24)
    - “For **the love of money** is the root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have **wandered away from the faith** and pierced themselves with many pangs.” (1 Timothy 6:10)
    - “He considered the reproach of Christ **greater wealth** than the treasures of Egypt, for he was **looking to the reward.**” (Hebrews 11:26)
  - **Family:**
    - “And everyone **who has left** houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, **for My name’s sake**, will receive a hundredfold and **will inherit eternal life.**” (Matthew 19:29)
    - “**Whoever loves** father or mother more than Me **is not worthy of Me**, and whoever loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.” (Matthew 10:37-39)

**Worship:** God Is For Us — City Alight

I Stand Amazed — Various Artists

How Deep — Kings Kaleidoscope

**Closing Song:** Christ Is Mine Forevermore — City Alight

**Service Times:** Sundays: Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30p/Men 7p; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p

Account Balance: \$32,872.09 August Balance: \$35,624.60	Weekly Budget: \$3,460
Total Giving: September 1	\$3,545.49
Total Giving: September 8	\$2,300.00
Total Giving: September 15	\$4,386.00
Total Giving: September 22	\$1,140.00
Total Giving: September 29	\$2,184.00

**Announcements:**

★**DONATIONS:** October is Pastor Appreciation Month! We would like to shower our pastor with love and encouragement during the month of October. Feel free to write a note of thanks or encouragement to Pastor Jeremy, and if you would like, feel free to include a gift or a gift card with your note. All notes and gifts can be given to Lauren Abdalla anytime throughout the month, she will collect them all and present them to Pastor Jeremy at the end of the month. We are also taking a special collection throughout the month of October for Pastor Appreciation Month. If you would like to give a monetary gift, you can either use the donation container on the back table, making any checks out directly to Pastor Jeremy Scarberry, or with Venmo, by sending it directly to Lauren Abdalla (Church Treasurer). Please contact Lauren Abdalla with any questions and/or if you need her personal Venmo (740)624-7921. Lastly, we would also encourage you to be praying for Pastor Jeremy and Krystal throughout this month. There are specific prayer requests from them on the back table. Please feel free to take those home with you and to set aside time to pray for them throughout this month.

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We have two different ministries that are in need of some volunteers:

- The Maintenance Ministry** is looking for two to three people to join the ministry to help with the set-up and teardown for services and fellowship meals. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Hunter Ardrey.
- The Children's Ministry** is also looking for some volunteers. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Kalen or Courtney Dees.

★**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** If you are interested in becoming a Church Member, if you have any questions about Church Membership, and/or if you are interested in learning more about the Church By-Laws and Statements of Faith, we are having a New Members' Class in November! This is a 2 week class that will be offered on Sunday, November 3rd, and Sunday, November 10th at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions about the New Members' Class, please see Elder Zach Adams.

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be on Sunday, October 20th, from 5:30-7pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full hour and a half of prayer.

★**FALL GET-TOGETHER:** We are having a Fall Get-Together on Sunday, October 27th, at Andy's house, starting at 5pm. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on, as all festivities will be outside! Hotdogs and s'mores will be provided, but plan to bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

★**MEMBERS' MEETING:** If you are currently a Church Member, please mark your calendars and plan on attending the Members' Meeting on Sunday, November 10th, immediately following the worship service. At this meeting we will be presenting the 2025 Budget as well as voting on Elder Zach for the Associate Pastor position.