

August Board Report

Lead Pastor

Wins

Since our last board meeting, I took my study break and used the time to lay out messages for the Christmas series through next November. Next year's theme will be Known — Known by him. Free in him — centered on the truth that we are known by God and called to know one another. Our four series (The Table, Unshackled, Son-Soaked, and The Stories Jesus Told) each unpack a different facet of that theme.

In line with this, I'm planning to launch a monthly supper club in January, randomly pairing people together for dinner to help our growing church get to know one another.

On the personal front, I completed the first section of my doctoral project on burnout, and it has been signed off by the methodologist, I have finished writing the second section, which is approved by my chair and just awaiting department submission. One section remains after final approval of section two.

Struggles

This has been a hard summer, if I am honest. I have had some hard issues that I have had to deal with, and I am working my way through them. Overall, I am thankful, and as my father would always remind me, “This too shall pass.”

Goals

To work closely with Cindy to get the connection piece implemented for fall.

2026–2027 Preaching Series

2027 Theme: Known

Known by him. Free in him.

Adoration — The Real Thing — December 2026

Date	Title	Scripture
Dec 6, 2026	Adoration vs. Admiration	Matthew 2:1–6
Dec 13, 2026	Adoration vs. Performance	Matthew 2:7–8; Luke 2:19
Dec 20, 2026	Adoration vs. Sentiment	Luke 2:8–20
Dec 23–24, 2026	Adoration vs. Obligation	Luke 2:1–7
Dec 27, 2026	Adoration vs. Resolution	John 1:14; Luke 2:25–35

The Table — January 3 – April 4, 2027

Date	Title	Scripture
Jan 3	The Table of Welcome	Mark 2:13–17
Jan 10	The Table of Mercy	Luke 11:37–44
Jan 17	The Table of Forgiveness	Luke 7:36–50
Jan 24	The Table of Abundance	John 2:1–11
Jan 31	The Table of Provision	Mark 6:30–44
Feb 7	<i>Missions Speaker</i>	—
Feb 14	The Table of Presence	Luke 10:38–42
Feb 21	The Table of Honor	Luke 14:1–14
Feb 28	The Table of Transformation	Luke 19:1–10
Mar 7	The Table of Recognition	Luke 24:13–35
Mar 14	The Table of Conflict	Mark 14:3–9
Mar 21	Overtured: The Table Flipped	Matthew 21:12–13
Mar 26	Overtured: The Table Given	Luke 22:14–23
Mar 28	Overtured: The Table Restored	Luke 24:36–43
Apr 4	Overtured: The Table Extended	John 21:1–19

Unshackled — April 11 – June 13, 2027

Date	Title	Scripture
Apr 11	Partners in the Gospel	Philippians 1:1–11
Apr 18	Whatever Happens	Philippians 1:12–26
Apr 25	Have This Mind	Philippians 1:27–2:11
May 2	Work It Out	Philippians 2:12–18
May 9	<i>Mother's Day (standalone)</i>	—
May 16	Take Notice of Such People	Philippians 2:19–30
May 23	Counted as Loss	Philippians 3:1–11
May 30	Press On	Philippians 3:12–21
Jun 6	Rejoice Always	Philippians 4:1–9
Jun 13	The Secret of Contentment	Philippians 4:10–23
Jun 20	<i>Father's Day (standalone)</i>	—
Jun 27	<i>Open Sunday</i>	—

Son-Soaked — July 4 – August 22, 2027

Date	Title	Scripture
Jul 4	Light of the World	John 8:12

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Jul 11	Walking in the Light	1 John 1:5–7
Jul 18	Let Your Light Shine	Matthew 5:14–16
Jul 25	Borrowed Light	Isaiah 40:28–31
Aug 1	Eclipsed	Hebrews 12:1–2
Aug 8	Full Sun	Psalms 139
Aug 15	Growing in the Son	Colossians 1:9–10
Aug 22	No Need for the Sun	Revelation 21:23
Aug 29	<i>Baptism Sunday / Church Picnic</i>	—

The Stories Jesus Told — September – November 2027

Date	Title	Scripture
Message 1	The Sower	Matthew 13:1–23
Message 2	The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25–37
Message 3	The Unforgiving Servant	Matthew 18:21–35
Message 4	The Persistent Widow	Luke 18:1–8
Message 5	The Workers in the Vineyard	Matthew 20:1–16
Message 6	The Rich Fool	Luke 12:13–21
Message 7	The Talents	Matthew 25:14–30
Message 8	The Wise and Foolish Builders	Matthew 7:24–27
Message 9	The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin	Luke 15:1–10
Message 10	The Prodigal Son	Luke 15:11–32
Message 11	The Ten Virgins	Matthew 25:1–13

Respectfully submitted,

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