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**A Practical Guide to Engaging in the
ReOrient Campaign**



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If we reorient our hearts and minds to engage the mission Jesus commanded and reorient our facility and our resources to accomplish this mission, Keystone will have a greater redemptive impact in Saline and far beyond.

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE?

To pursue the vision God has given us, we're encouraging everyone to engage in this ReOrientation. We hope that you desire to be a part of advancing this vision, but perhaps you're wrestling with "how" or "what" this might require. In the following, you will find three questions designed to help you make a thoughtful, heartfelt, and God-honoring decision related to a two-year faith commitment. This is both a spiritual and a financial exercise that we'd encourage you to undertake as a united household. For parents, this can be a valuable opportunity to help your children grow in their faith as they observe the practical application of your faith.

THE SPIRITUAL SIDE OF MONEY

Presenting our gifts to God is an act of worship. Think about it: everything we have comes from God. If He is so generous to us and we want to become more like Him, we must prioritize our standard of giving over our standard of living. Where we put our money, we put our life. Let's put it into something with eternal value. Consider these four points to the spiritual side of money:

God owns everything.

When we think about personal finance, it's easy to make plans about what we're going to do with "our money." But when we realize that it all belongs to God and it is "His money" which is in our hands for a limited time, we begin to look at how we manage those resources very differently.

Everyone is investing in something.

We've been taught to keep a careful watch on our financial portfolios, but God offers us the opportunity to invest in an eternal portfolio. Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." -Matthew 6:21 (NIV). When all of our resources are tied to earthly things, our hearts are tied to them as well. But when we invest in eternal things, our hearts are set free from merely earthly concerns.

Jesus invites us to live in abundance.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus said that He came to not only give us life, but to give us abundant life. The image he was going for was a cup that overflows because there is more being poured in than the cup can hold. We can spend our time and resources trying to build a bigger cup or we can allow the overflow to spill on those around us. An abundant life according to Jesus is one of increasing generosity.

How we handle our money and possessions shows how fearlessly we abide in Him.

The temperature of our faith is closely linked to how we view and handle the resources that God places in our hands. Fearful people live with their hands closed tightly around "their stuff." The fearless follower of Jesus lives an open-handed life.

We are asking you to ReOrient your heart so that it lines up with the heart of Jesus. As we ReOrient our hearts, we begin to ReOrient the rest of our lives around what God desires most. We're asking you to be a part of an amazing journey that is challenging us all to trust God with one of the hardest things: our wallets.



SOME GUIDANCE FROM SCRIPTURE



Jesus was never shy when it came to addressing the issue of money. He references money more than any other subject in the Bible. It's interesting that one of Christ's only compliments about a financial gift went to a very poor widow—not because of the size of her gift, but because she gave everything she had. Jesus also said that “to whom much is given, much is required” (Luke 12:48). Scripture compels us to embrace these three principles (as well as others) in our prayers about giving:

“God, reveal to me how I can demonstrate that I place high importance on your work in the world.”

“God, help me give a gift that reflects a sacrifice, demonstrating my trust in your provision.”

“God, show me how to bless someone else, using the blessings you’ve given me.”

Two Big Questions to Ask God:

Why Should I Give?

There is nothing more spiritual than everyone asking themselves where their deepest commitments point and committing to pray about the sincerity and level of their support.

How Much?

We give as we are able (Deut. 16:17; Acts 11:29). We all have different resources placed in our hands by God. He desires that we give freely according to our capabilities. Ask God this: ***How do I give in accordance with the blessings You have poured into my hands?***

Frankly, most of us feel more fear than faith when it comes to our money. This is our opportunity to ask God to reorient our faith to trust Him with our whole lives, including our financial resources. We strongly believe that He will guide each of us to what our response should be to this campaign. The bold, open-handed prayer we're suggesting you pray asks the question: “God, out of what you have placed in my hands, what would you have me give to your work through Keystone?” Paul wrote about how giving should never be forced or obligatory, but a personal decision based on God's provision in each individual life (2 Corinthians 8:9).



Three Important Questions to Ask Yourself:

Question 1: What can I reasonably give?

Most of us have a sense for what we might be able to give beyond our current, regular level of giving. Chances are this number comes to mind quickly. Pencil it into the first line below. The second line will illustrate how quickly that can add up over 2 years.

I could give \$ _____ a month from my discretionary household budget.

At this level of giving, my two-year gift would be _____ x12= _____ x2= _____

Let this be a starting point for your prayerful consideration of how you will join in God's work.



Question 2: What would I be willing to sacrifice?

This is a question about choices and priorities. On the one hand, it is a math question—“If I went out to eat at a restaurant one less time per week, what else could I give to God?” On the other hand, it involves probing our hearts and asking ourselves what we might be willing to do in order to realize something greater and more enduring. In fact, regardless of this initiative, this is an exercise we would benefit from doing regularly as a way to ensure our spending habits align with our priorities.

If you and I resemble the average American household, we have approximately \$20,000 of discretionary income per year. What might happen if we redirected some of that discretionary income to purposes that can change lives? We’re not saying eliminate all recreation, but perhaps there are temporal pleasures we might forgo to make an eternal investment. When done deliberately, the spiritual discipline of self-denial can be a truly transformative practice.

Take a moment to review the chart below. What stands out to you? Might there be similar areas of sacrifice in your household?

Potential Resources	Weekly	Monthly	Yearly	2 Years
Eliminate 1 meal out per week	\$32	\$140	\$1,680	\$3,360
Eliminate 2 coffees per week	\$6	\$24	\$288	\$576
Cancel 1 subscription (e.g., Hulu, Netflix)		\$8	\$96	\$192
Reduce entertainment/shopping		\$40	\$480	\$960
Reduce Christmas budget			\$100	\$200
Reduce vacation budget			\$300	\$600
Scale back cable/internet or cell phone package		\$10	\$120	\$240
Gift 20 shares of stock				\$2,000
Gift a portion of income tax refund			\$400	\$800
2 Year Total			\$3,464	\$8,928

We encourage everyone to work through this exercise. If you have children, this is a great opportunity to include them to help them grow in their fiscal and spiritual lives as well.

Question 3: What can I give through greater reliance upon God?

If the first question was about reason and the second question about priorities, then this question is more focused on faith. What if your two-year commitment was a step of faith? What would it look like if your commitment caused you to rely on God in a greater capacity? When asked with humility and a genuine spirit, this question positions us to experience God’s faithfulness in new ways. How can you exercise faith as you consider your pledge? Don’t miss the blessing of asking this question.

Faith Factor \$ _____

Pray about these numbers. Pray that God will give you great clarity and peace about them, that they may be gifted with open hands, and that God will guide you to adjust these figures—in either direction—if they are not aligned with His will. If married, pray over this with your spouse or family as you prepare for Commitment Sunday, March 10, 2019.

TOGETHER WE CAN RESOURCE THE VISION

We are not looking for equal giving but equal sacrifice.

We believe our goal is achievable if every person in our church will prayerfully consider what God would want them to give. Each one of us will receive a different answer to that question. The graphic below is not intended to suggest various giving tiers, but rather to demonstrate how our goal might be realized as God speaks to each one of us individually. What is important to note is that every gift matters and—collectively—we can reach our goal. The empty blank at the bottom represents the fact that you might feel called to give a figure not represented on this graph. Remember, equal sacrifice not equal giving. If each of us makes a prayerful, heartfelt commitment to God’s work, the cumulative results will be amazing!

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1 to give	\$400,000
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1 to give	\$150,000
2 to give	\$100,000
3 to give	\$75,000
5 to give	\$50,000
10 to give	\$25,000
15 to give	\$15,000
20 to give	\$10,000
33 to give	\$6,000
52 to give	\$4,000

Goal
\$2,506,000

Sample Commitment Card (right)

When do I respond with my 2-year commitment?

During weekend services on March 10th, you’ll have the opportunity to bring your commitment card to the front of the stage as an act of worship. Cards will then be recorded confidentially by our Bookkeeping Office.

Why do we ask for a commitment?

The commitment process helps us practice long-term planning for the church’s future. When households indicate what they will give over the 24-month period, we can make cash flow decisions and prioritize how those resources will be used.

Ways to give:

Check – Payable to Keystone Church – ReOrient in the memo field.

Electronically – Online at keystonechurch.us/home/giving

Stock Transfer – Instead of liquidating appreciated stock and paying capital gains, the stock can be directly donated from your account to a brokerage account set up by Keystone. The donor avoids tax and at the same time can count the transfer as a charitable donation. Keystone immediately sells the stock and has the funds to put toward the campaign.

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Not Equal Giving But Equal Sacrifice.

Weekly (\$)	Monthly (\$)	Annually (\$)	2-Year Total (\$)
10.00	43.33	520.00	1,040.00
20.00	86.67	1,040.00	2,080.00
30.00	130.00	1,560.00	3,120.00
50.00	216.67	2,600.00	5,200.00
75.00	325.00	3,900.00	7,800.00
100.00	433.33	5,200.00	10,400.00
300.00	1,300.00	15,600.00	31,200.00

This giving chart is only provided as a guide to assist you in deciding how you would like to support the ReOrient campaign.

I/We Commit To Give: \$ _____
 Weekly Monthly Yearly
 Other Non-Cash Gifts (Stocks, Etc.): _____

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

TOTAL 2-YEAR GIFT:
\$ _____

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—1 CORINTHIANS 9:7

FINANCIAL FAQs

Do I have to give?

No, you do not have to give. You get to give. We would encourage you to follow the advice of the Apostle Paul, who wrote in 1 Corinthians 9:7: “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” All we ask is that you go to God with your finances and ask what He would have you give and agree with Him. But please also remember that we are asking that when you give, you give above and beyond your normal generosity to Keystone.

Are we giving any money away? To what?

One of the things that makes Keystone so unique is our generosity with those who are doing God’s work, locally and globally. Currently, we earmark 20% of all donations to support our denomination and local and global ministries. A campaign represents an opportunity for us to be extra generous, so a portion of the funds we raise during the ReOrient campaign will go to support a small church just getting started in Bangalore, India called Amazing Love Church. An outgrowth of Emerging Young Leaders India (a ministry Keystone has supported for nearly two decades), Amazing Love Church has grown to over 200 people and needs a permanent church home. We will add \$50,000 to the \$25,000 raised on Christmas Eve to be a blessing to them as they seek to buy land and begin building.

Are we retiring debt?

YES! We have maintained a small amount of debt since building our facility in 2002 but have been making strides in the past decade to eliminate the debt as quickly as possible. One of the goals of this campaign is to fully pay off our mortgage, freeing up over \$70k a year for the sake of investment in church multiplication.

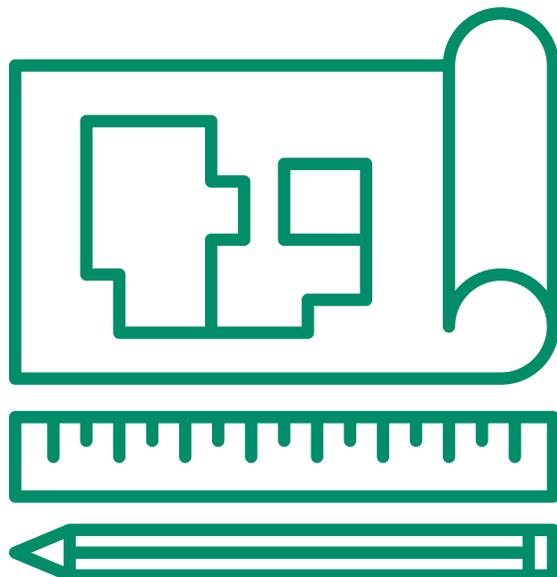
When can we begin to give and how long will we give?

Although we are asking for people to make a two-year financial pledge to the campaign, the campaign will take place over the course of three calendar/tax years. Financial gifts can begin as early as February 2019 and will continue until December 2021. There is a tax advantage in that the two-year pledge is spread over three tax years.

What if we don’t reach our goal?

The leadership team has been working on this plan for years and with increased intensity over the past year. Throughout this process, we have been refining the plan and have prioritized the list of what we feel needs to happen to help Keystone accomplish its mission. If we fall short of our goal, we will adjust the plan to meet the highest priority needs first.

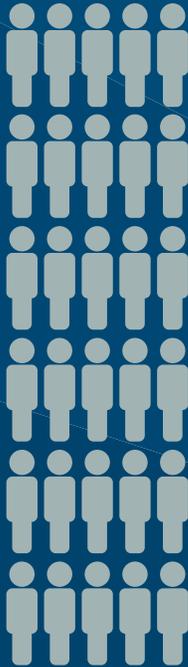
*These and other Frequently Asked Questions can be found on our campaign web page: www.keystonechurch.us/reorient. There is also a place on the page where you can ask any additional questions you may have.



1st Experience

2nd Experience

3rd Experience



Current capacity over three experiences

900



New plans allow for the addition of

444

Key

 approximately 10

1,344

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Sunday Worship Experiences
9am 10:30am 11:45am