

December 11, 2018

Dear Keystone Church Family,

The Christmas season is here and we want to make you aware of a few important things that are coming up.

Christmas Eve – Just like last year, we will be offering four Christmas Eve experiences: 2:30pm, 4:00pm, 5:30pm and 7:00pm. This is a special time together as a church family as we sing the songs of Christmas, focus our thoughts on the true reason for the season, and cap it all off with candle lighting and the singing of Silent Night. If you have never experienced this special night at Keystone, you won't want to miss this year.

This is one of the highest attended experiences of our entire year so we have a few requests:

First, as full as our church can get on Christmas Eve, the parking lot fills up even faster! Please plan to drive the fewest number of cars to church that night as possible. This will help free up spaces and create room for all our guests.

Second, please invite your friends and family to join you because Christmas is a great time to share our church with those you love. We have extra invite cards available at Guest Services. Just be sure to arrive early and together with those you have invited because we highly discourage saving seats. The last thing a new person at Keystone needs to experience is people who call Keystone their church home not allowing them to sit because the open seats are being "saved" for someone else. Jesus didn't call us to save seats, but to save lives.

Third, we are providing you with a way to know which experience is filling up by the jingle bell jars in the lobby. Each jingle bell represents a seat in the auditorium. We ask that you remove the number of bells you need from the jar that matches the experience you plan to attend. As the jars begin to empty, you will see which experience has the most open seats. If you want to change your preference, just bring the jingle bells back and exchange them for another time. We will have a special and interactive overflow experience in the attic for those that cannot find a seat in the auditorium.

Christmas Eve Offering – At Keystone, we don't pass the offering plate and that won't change for Christmas Eve. But we will have a special offering during our Christmas Eve experiences. What is special about this offering? We give it all away. That's right, we pass along everything that is received to some great ministries. Each Christmas Eve for the past few years we have chosen some local and global partners that we can bless with a very special financial gift as they close their year. The two organizations that we want to bless with our entire Christmas Eve offering are

Mosaic Church of Detroit and *Amazing Love Church* – Bangalore, India. Let's show how much we appreciate God's generous love towards us by being generous towards others who live both near and far.

No Church on December 30th - We will be CLOSED on Sunday Dec. 30th. What? No church on the last Sunday of the year? Yup! Given the holiday season, all the traveling, family gatherings, and celebrations going on, we take the final Sunday of the year to give all of our wonderful volunteers an official Sunday off. Pastor Ken will record a special devotion and post it to our website (keystonechurch.us) that you can use to worship at home that Sunday. We're also making a special devotional you can do with your kids. We'll be back to our normal schedule on Sunday, January 6th.

End-Of-Year-Giving – The end of the year is an excellent time to make a special gift that will continue to help us fulfill our mission to love and lead people in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. If you are planning on making an end-of-year donation, gifts must be received in the church office no later than noon on Dec. 31st

When you give to Keystone you...

- ...help us create environments where people are introduced to Jesus for the very first time.
- ...provide the resources that help us serve special needs students/adults and their families.
- ...fuel the ministries that love and lead children and students in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, while also partnering with parents to help them be the greatest spiritual influence in the life of their child.
- ...create a pool of resources to support organizations that meet the needs of our most desperate and vulnerable neighbors close to home and around the world.
- ...make an eternal difference with temporary wealth.

We want to thank you for all of your generous support. Have a wonderful Christmas and start to the New Year!

In Him,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pastor Ken