

A photograph of a city street, likely in New York City, with tall buildings on both sides. The street is filled with cars and pedestrians. The sun is shining brightly from the end of the street, creating a lens flare effect. A dark grey rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing the text "THE LIVING STONE CHURCH" in white, sans-serif font. The word "STONE" is larger and features a circular graphic element in the letter 'O' that resembles a stone or a cross-section of a dome.

THE  
LIVING  
STONE  
CHURCH



# DENVER AWAITS

Ever wonder how your story fits into the big picture of history and how God is weaving it all together? A few years ago, my friend Jon Randles asked me to preach at a student camp near Estes Park, Colorado. I happily agreed and began planning with a student pastor who lived in Aurora, a suburb of Denver.

On July 20th, 2012, I awoke to the news of a mass shooting at a movie theater in Aurora the night before. I immediately texted my student pastor friend to see if he was okay or if he knew anyone that might have been involved. He and several of his students were at the movie theater to see *The Dark Knight Rises* the night of the shooting. All were fine, but they were really shaken up. They had witnessed much of the attack and immediate aftermath. I arrived just two days after the shooting and was able to meet some of the students. They were still in shock but thankful to be alive.

As you can imagine, moments like that really tend to put life into perspective. Being immersed in the lives of people who'd narrowly escaped death had an impact on me, to say the least, but that's when God began to speak to me. It wasn't in a vision or a booming voice, but rather that old familiar quiet whisper that would draw me back to center with the Lord. I came back home with a renewed desire to be a better servant-leader to my wife and kids, and a better image-bearer of Jesus.

Soon after, God led us right up to the edge of a huge and scary cliff, asking us to jump, to take the proverbial "leap of faith." We had always rolled around the idea of planting a church, but quickly

dismissed that thought because it seemed too difficult and uncomfortable. At this point though, it was clear that God was asking us to follow him and possibly plant a church. We weren't sure how He would provide a way for us to do this or where He might lead us, but we did know one thing, He was calling us, and He is faithful. As we began to pray through all this, we considered all the fears and worries of taking on such a monumental task, not to mention the financial risks, but then we began to see it all from a different perspective, an eternal perspective.

For the past few years I had been preaching passages like the one in Luke 9:57-62: As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." In other words, Jesus is saying: "I don't even know where I'm sleeping tonight... You still want to follow? It ain't gonna be easy... Probably won't be fun."

"Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." In other words, "I'm calling you to follow now, not later, not tomorrow. Now. I'm on an eternal mission, there's no looking back. You want to serve with me in my Kingdom? There's no looking back. So, if you're ready, lets get to plowing because the harvest is coming!"

Even though I preached this with great passion, I never really saw myself living it out, at least not like some of the pastor friends I know in West Africa. These men are fiercely in love with God and



they walk by faith every single day. Often times, they do not even know where their next meal is coming from. One pastor I know often forsakes his own needs so that his church members and others can eat. That's crazy! But that is the very image of who Jesus is and what He came to do... and take a deep breath... it's what He's calling us, His church, to be. Jesus came to serve, not to be served. He made Himself nothing, the least of the least, even giving Himself up for our sake, leaving us an example to strive for. So, now when I consider my "risks" of following Jesus into the great unknown of church planting; it simply pales in comparison.

Through all this God really began working on us and our mindset began to radically change. What a joy it is that God is calling us to plant! It's incredibly humbling that He would entrust this work of beginning a new church to our care.

So here we are, going all in, taking that great leap. Will you jump with us? Denver is a dark place that needs Jesus; most people don't even have God on their radar. Out of over 3 million people living in the Denver area, only 12% are connected with a church. Denver needs Jesus. What happens in Denver often shapes the spiritual, political, and cultural landscape of the state. In fact, Denver's impact reaches far beyond the borders of Colorado. We desire to be a part of a church planting movement of people coming to know Christ, lives being changed and churches being planted. Together we can do this!

-Keith Baldrige  
Lead Pastor





# THE LIVING STONE

*As you come to him, The Living Stone - rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him - you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. -1Peter 2:4-5*

God has called The Living Stone Church to be “a church for the city.” Out of 3 million people living in Denver, 2 million openly claim to have no religion whatsoever and just 12% are connected with a local church. We are passionate about being a church that offers the hope of Christ to the people of this great city. We long to see the Gospel impact Denver in such a way that it resonates across the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains, eternally impacting millions of lives.

Therefore, we are committed to being a Gospel-centered church that makes disciples who make disciples. We are a church committed to being outwardly focused, intentionally relational and unashamed to stand for truth of the Gospel.

We are passionate about becoming a missional family of believers living in community and dedicated to serving . Our goal is for those living in darkness and stranded in sin to fully know and experience the hope that comes from knowing Jesus, The Living Stone (1Peter 2:4-5).





*We desire the encounter of God over entertainment, intimacy with Christ over industry, the presence of God over presentation, people over position... And most of all, we desire Jesus above everything.*

## Mission

We are imperfect people in love with a perfect God. We are passionate about seeing people encounter God through the freedom and hope that comes through knowing Jesus.

## Vision

We long to see the people of our city come to an understanding of who Jesus is and what He has done for us.



# STAFF TEAM



**The Baldrige Family**

Keith and Sherri have been married for 14 years and have 3 incredible little girls; Avery, Eden and Emma Kate. Keith will be serving on staff as the Lead Pastor. The two met in college and have enjoyed serving in ministry together for the past 17 years.

**Lead Pastor**



**David & Baylee Dover**

David and Baylee Dover are newlyweds, married May 30th, 2015. David will be serving on staff as Pastor of Operations. He will oversee the executive matters of the church. The two met in the Baldrige's college ministry while attending Texas Tech University.

**Pastor of  
Operations**



**Nate & Kelsey Harrison**

Nate & Kelsey have been married for 2 years. They met at FBC Lubbock while in college and have been serving in ministry together for four years. Nate has been leading worship for the past 10 years at various churches & camps throughout Texas.

**Worship/Associate  
Pastor**

The Staff and Core Team of The Living Stone Church are committed to relocating to Denver, finding jobs and helping to plant the church. The Living Stone will launch weekly services beginning August, 21 2016. Pray for us, that God would work through us, that He would bring many people into a relationship with Jesus.

# CORE TEAM



Ryan Haymaker



Nicole Bieda



Lauren Henry



The Francis Family



The Taliaferro Family



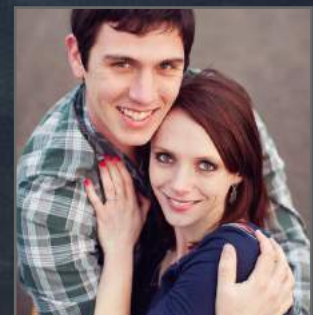
The Duncan Family



Parker Brown



Camille Frances



The Mobley Family



# A DECLARATION OF WAR

Denver is the largest city in Colorado with over 3 million people living in the immediate area.

Denver is ranked 14th as the most post-Christian Cities in America. Ranking just behind Seattle, Denver is one of the top US cities that have a lack of Christian identity, presence, belief & practice.

A recent survey of 100 of the largest US cities that are the "most biblically-minded" cities; Denver is a low 81. Ranking close to New York City & Washington DC.

Gallup recently ranked Denver as the 4th largest city of people who have no religion. Two-thirds of the population has no religion whatsoever.

You can make an eternal difference when you partner with new Gospel-centered church plants.



A few members of our Core Team praying and dedicating Monarch High School where we will launch in August 2016. Altogether there are 33 people moving to Denver to help us launch The Living Stone Church.

Denver is a place where most people are generally happy and satisfied with the quality of life; however, there is a dark spiritual grip on the city and its people. On April 20, 1999, America watched in horror, as two teens went on a shooting spree at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. After killing 13 people and wounding more than 20 others they turned their guns on themselves. The crime was the worst high school shooting in U.S. history.

Just 15 miles away, on July 20th, 2012, another mass shooting occurred inside a movie theater in Aurora, Colorado. A gunman set off tear gas grenades and shot into the audience with multiple firearms, killing 12 people and injuring 70 others. It was the deadliest shooting in Colorado since the Columbine massacre.

On November 6th, 2012, on the heels of President Obama's reelection bid, Colorado and Washington broke formation with the rest of the United States and legalized marijuana cultivation and sales. Today, as you drive around Denver, marijuana distribution



centers thrive under the banner of raising tax dollars for education. Denver continues to set the tone for dark trends that spread across the US. What happens here affects the nation's culture so we must not remain silent.

Simply put, planting a church is a declaration of war against Satan and his agenda. We deeply desire to be a light for those living in darkness and we long to breathe life into those who walk in death. The Living Stone Church is committed to partnering with like-minded believers and churches as we push the darkness back and advance the Kingdom. We are passionate about proclaiming freedom for the captives, offering hope to the hopeless and pointing people to Jesus, the only One who can set the captives free! Are you ready to join us on this great mission?





# STAFF & CORE TEAM TESTIMONIES



We began to plan and dream about what our marriage and ministry life would look like in the near future. We had felt unsettled in Lubbock for quite some time and knew God was taking us in a fresh direction. As we prayed, God soon began revealing that planting a church. As Keith and Sherri began moving forward with planting a church through NAMB, we had a peace and knew the Lord was calling us to come alongside them. Doors continued to open wide and we had a tremendous peace about following as the Lord led. We can't imagine doing anything else with our lives and God continues to reaffirm every step as we move forward!

David & Baylee Dover  
Pastor of Operations



We knew that big changes were coming, we just didn't know what, or where God would lead us. Our desire for being in the community and church planting was growing. The passage God kept putting on our hearts was the Great Commission, Jesus tells His disciples to "GO and make disciples... baptizing them... Teaching them to obey everything I've commanded." It was in that moment we knew God was calling us to go all in! We are so very excited to be a part of what God is doing in northwest Denver.

Jake & Jill Duncan  
Mechanical Engineer - Core Team Members





For the past few years I knew God was calling me to do something far greater than I could ever imagine doing on my own. God had really began stretching and growing my faith through college and now I was ready to follow Him wherever He needed me. After committing my life to the Lord, He soon revealed that He was calling me to relocate to northwest Denver to be a part of The Living Stone Core Team. I know God has called me to serve, lead and launch this church plant. I gave my life completely over to Him, followed His lead and I am now living in northwest Denver. God has been so faithful and I am honored to be a part of this church plant.

Nicole Bieda  
Accountant - Core Team Member



Two years ago, God placed a calling on our hearts to church plant in an urban area with a very low percentage of people who know Jesus Christ. When Keith approached us with the possibility of Denver, we had very little apprehension. This really was God's answer to our prayers to reach the lost. After months of praying - God clearly gave us the go-ahead. We can't wait to move our family to a place full of people who are about to meet the love of their life, Jesus Christ.

Nate & Kelsey Harrison  
Worship Pastor



# TIMELINE & STRATEGY

## Core Team Assimilation

**January-August 2015**

- Begin recruiting Staff and Core Team while in Lubbock

## Core Team Development

**March-August 2015**

- Begin weekly Core Team meetings and videoconferencing with core team members in other cities for meetings.

## Core Staff Moves to Denver

**August-December 2015**

- Begin reaching out to build relationships with the community, school district, city government & local organization leaders in Denver.
- Develop partnerships with local leaders of influence, seeking people of peace in Denver.

## Mobilizing Core Team & Mission Groups

**January-August 2016**

- Conduct door-to-door surveys to the residents living in the Denver suburbs of Broomfield, Louisville, Lafayette and Superior.
- Host block parties, sports camps and public events with visiting mission teams from Partnering Churches.
- Begin weekly team meetings for building community, encouragement, bible study & vision casting.
- Identify and develop new local leaders in Denver.
- Continue to build community relationships through local service and outreach projects.
- Design and implement plans for going public.
- Launch 1st of 3 monthly, high profile, preview services.

## Launch Weekly Services

**August 2016**

- Launch weekly worship services.
- Continue to build critical mass and momentum with special services and events.
- Continue to develop leadership by involving Core Team leaders and identifying new leaders.





In early 2015 we toured different areas of Denver with Dave Howeth, the City Missionary for the North American Mission Board (NAMB). As we progressed through several suburbs and neighborhoods, nothing seemed to make our hearts pound, until we came to northwest Denver. For us, the ground shook when we came to a hilltop overlooking tens of thousands of homes and apartments, reaching all the way to downtown Denver, but we could not see a single church. After we committed this area to prayer, the Lord made it evident, this is where we plant!

The suburbs in northwest Denver are connected by the Denver-Boulder Turnpike. This area is in the beginning phases of new growth and development. In 2016, Denver's commuter rail line will extend a line from Union Station, in downtown Denver, all the way out to Boulder and Longmont. This means tens of thousands of young adults will soon be able to live in the suburbs and work downtown. Additionally, many hi-tech companies are beginning to relocate to "Interlocken," a large business park. This area is already experiencing explosive growth, bringing with it a multitude of Millennials and young families. The projected population for the immediate area is expected to double in the next 5-10 years, with hundreds of thousands of people living and working in northwest Denver.

We hope to ride the wave of change in this area as we plant The Living Stone Church in 2016. Studies have shown that people are more open to connect with a new church when an area is experiencing new growth and change, versus an established neighborhood where people routinely have a set rhythm for day to day life. We pray that the Lord will give us favor with people and families in this area.



We see a city in urgent need of a great awakening, a people living in darkness but open to the hope found only in Jesus. We see a city with great potential to impact cities across the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains resonating hope through the Good News of the Gospel.



We feel a deep calling to the people living in northwest Denver. We are passionate about leading those without hope and stranded in sin to the Ultimate Rescuer. Only Jesus can set the captives free from darkness into His marvelous light.



# NORTHWEST DENVER



Interlocken Business Park, a stone's throw away from where we will plant, is attracting tens of thousands of young professionals to northwest Denver. As high tech companies continue to move in, the immediate area is expected to double in population in the next 5 to 10 years.



Denver's passenger rail line will be extending out to Boulder and Longmont from Union Station in downtown Denver. The line is expected to open in 2016 and will pass within a quarter mile of where we plant. This allows people to commute easily to downtown Denver and out to Boulder and Longmont.





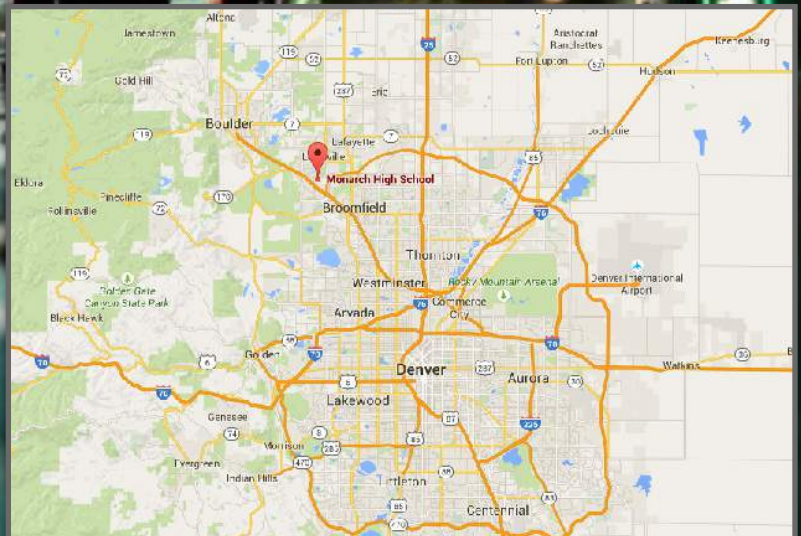
# WHERE WE PLANT

We are in the process of securing our Sunday morning meeting space in Monarch High School's auditorium. This is a central location situated between the suburbs of Lafayette, Broomfield, Superior, Louisville and Interlocken Business Park. There are no SBC churches in the immediate area.



God has called us to plant The Living Stone Church in this area of northwest Denver. The area is experiencing new and rapid growth. We believe the Lord is priming the area and the people for a movement of God that will echo across the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains. We deeply desire to see more churches planted, people coming to know Christ, marriages being strengthened and restored and lives forever changed... All for the glory of God!

With the expansion of the passenger rail line, each stop along the line is bringing with it new businesses, malls, apartment complexes and most importantly new people.





# PRE-LAUNCH & ANNUAL EXPENSES

## Pre-Launch Budget

Expense	Budget
Moving Expenses	\$6,500.00
Equipment	\$15,000.00
Mail Out/Marketing	\$20,000.00
Bulk Mail Permit	\$500.00
Website/Hosting/Online Giving	\$2,000.00
Scouting Trips (3)	\$2,000.00
Fundraising Expense (Travel, Printing, Postage)	\$3,000.00
P.O. Box	\$100.00
IRS 1023/501c3	\$2,000.00
Articles of Inc.	\$200.00
Signage	\$1,500.00
Church Insurance Policy	\$1,500.00
Payroll Setup for Staff	\$850.00
Computer/Software	\$5,000.00
Launch Team Meetings/Training	\$200.00
Publication Printing	\$1,000.00
Misc. Supplies (Cards, Letterhead, etc.)	\$1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62,350.00</b>

## Projected Annual Operating Expenses

Expense	Budget
Staff Salaries: Pastor, Worship, Associates & Preschool	\$150,000.00
Medical	\$24,000.00
Facilities & Equipment	\$16,800.00
Accounting Fees	\$600.00
Small Group Ministry	\$2,000.00
Youth Budget	\$1,000.00
Children's Budget	\$5,000.00
Mail Outs & Marketing	\$16,000.00
Bulk Mail Permit	\$500.00
P.O. Box	\$100.00
Website/Hosting/Online Giving	\$1,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$2,000.00
Church Insurance Policy	\$1,500.00
Publication Printing	\$850.00
Computer/Software	\$5,000.00
Launch Team Meetings/Training	\$200.00
Publication Costs	\$1,000.00
Fellowships & Food	\$5,000.00
Community Outreach Events (4 per year)	\$20,000.00
Hospitality	\$2,500.00
Misc.	\$1,500.00
Bibles/Benevolence	\$2,000.00
NAMB/Missions/Church Plants	10% of tithes/offerings received
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$258,550.00</b>

**\$775,650 for the first 3 years**  
**\$1.3 million for the first 5 years**

"Spiritually strong, growing churches allocate around 10% to missions and evangelism, 50% to personnel (this ranges from 40% in large churches to 60% in smaller churches), 20% to the church's ministries, and 20% to the church's facilities." -Aubrey Malphurs in *The Nuts and Bolts of Church Planting*

Percentage breakdown of our projected annual operating expenses  
 Ministries and Evangelism - 22% // Missions - 10% of tithes & offerings // Personnel - 58% // Facilities - 7%



THE BEST IS YET TO COME





# IMPACT ETERNITY

## Partnering Financially

### Write us a check

Please make checks payable to:

"The Living Stone Church"

Your gift is **tax deductible** and you will receive a **year-end contribution statement**.

Please mail donations to:

The Living Stone Church

PO Box 176

Broomfield, CO 80020

### Give online

Make a secure online donation: <https://thelivingstone.givingfire.com>

### Got a question?

Don't hesitate to reach out.

(806) 290-1438

[keith@thelivingstone.church](mailto:keith@thelivingstone.church)

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*"Through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" 2 Corinthians 9:12-15*

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### COMMIT TO PRAY

- I would like to partner with The Living Stone Church through prayer & would like to be added to the email prayer list & receive quarterly newsletters!

### COMMIT TO JOIN

- Mission Team Commitment  
 Launch Team Commitment

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### COMMIT TO SEND

- One-Time Financial Contributor  
 Monthly Financial Partner  
 Partnering Church  
 Anchor Church

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed/Pledged \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# STRENGTH IN PARTNERING

## You can make a difference in ETERNITY

### COMMIT TO PRAY

*The prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective. Partner with us in prayer for this new mission in Denver.*

- **Prayer Partners:** Committing to pray regularly for Denver, The Living Stone Church & the Core Team. The Living Stone Church commits to send you a quarterly newsletter with photos, ministry updates & new prayer lists.

### COMMIT TO JOIN

*How beautiful are the feet of those who bring GOOD NEWS! Experience the work of God in a personal & life changing way.*

- **Mission Team Commitment:** Your church commits to send volunteers for a short-term mission trip for the next 3-5 years. The Living Stone commits to assist in the planning process as well as provide evangelistic community outreach & service mission projects.

- **Launch Team Commitment:** Is God calling you to plant your life in Denver, Colorado? Commit to live in Denver as a light in the darkness, seeking the Lord daily & serving as acting members of The Living Stone Church. The Living Stone commits to lead you, love you & empower you as we fulfill the Great Commission together.

### COMMIT TO SEND

*Neither by might, nor by power will this succeed; but only by the Spirit of God.*

- **One-Time Financial Contributor:** Commit a one-time gift to The Living Stone. The Living Stone commits to send you updates & a quarterly newsletter.

- **Monthly Financial Partner:** Commit to send monthly financial contributions to The Living Stone Church via check or online giving. The Living Stone commits to send you all publications so you can be up to speed with what is going on & where your contribution is going.

- **Be a Partner Church:** Your church commits to partner spiritually & financially with The Living Stone for 3-5 years. The Living Stone commits to send you quarterly newsletters & we commit to keep in contact with your church's leadership to update progress.

- **Become an Anchor Church:** (partnering over \$50,000 committed in a 3-5 year period) - your church commits to send a substantial financial contribution to The Living Stone Church. The Living Stone commits to send you regular updates, all church publications & maintain regular contact with your church's leadership to update on progress with everything the Lord is doing.





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