

Sermon Series: FORWARD IN FAITH

Sermon Title: "The Church Still Stands"

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-18 (NIV)

INTRO: The _____ (Church) of Jesus Christ is the greatest & grandest _____ (institution) of all time! _____ (People) come and go, _____ (Pastors) come and go, BUT THE CHURCH STILL _____ (STANDS)!

1. OUR MESSAGE IS _____ (PURE)
-our message is Jesus: He is our...
 - a. _____ (Savior)
 - b. _____ (Sanctifier)
 - c. _____ (Sustainer)
 - d. _____ (Provider)
 - e. _____ (Helper)
 - f. _____ (Healer)

2. OUR METHODS MUST BE _____ (PROGRESSIVE)
-geared to the times, anchored to the Rock, _____ (same) message, _____ (different) methods
 - a. Dwight Gunter (1987-1994)
 - b. Scott Ostendorf (2000-2006)
 - c. Kyle Poole (2010-2018)

3. OUR MANDATE IS _____ (POWERFUL)
-we have a call to action, Jesus said...
 - a. go make _____ (disciples)
 - b. all power & _____ (authority) is mine
 - c. I will _____ (build) my Church

CLOSE: Our _____ (dreams) must be greater than our _____ (memories)!

"Never plan your vision based upon the budget you've been given!" (General Superintendent Carla Sunberg)

LET'S MOVE FORWARD IN FAITH!