

# STATE OF THE CHURCH

State of the Church – May 28, 2017  
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*Philippians 3:12-14, Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

## **Past, Present and Future Faith**

- Our faith is *anchored* in the past
- Our faith should be *alive* in the present
- Our faith must be *looking* to the future

**The State of the Church sermon is a challenge for us to assess where we are currently as a church and look to the future.**

*Haggai 1:5-7, Now, therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes. Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways.*

## **The church must constantly assess 5 key areas:**

1. Evangelism - *Are we telling the good news?*
2. Discipleship - *Are we teaching others to be more like Christ?*

3. Outreach - *Are we serving the community and one another?*

4. Community - *Are we living in love and unity?*

5. Worship - *Are we focused on God's worth corporately?*

*Each local church has a unique approach to what they feel is best to accomplish these 5 areas of ministry.*

**When a church walks together they are unstoppable!**

### **A Call to Our Church**

*Ephesians 5:14-17, This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.*

#### **Wake up!**

- We must constantly be thinking about lost people.
- We must learn to balance conservative and aggressive thinking.
- We must be willing to do our part to resource the ministries.

#### **Live Wisely**

- Live with purposeful intention.
- Be willing to pray New prayers.

#### **State of the church...**

*We are chosen and equipped by God to bring His kingdom here to earth and as we walk out into the world we carry the good news in our hearts and lives.*

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