

“Then Is Now” 25th Anniversary Celebration

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Celebrating the Generations

We have much to celebrate, but we also have much to do.

- Matthew 25:28-29

Accepting Reality

Change has occurred and is occurring everywhere we look.

- Globally
- Culturally

The Church Has Changed

- Definition is different.
- Formats are different.
- Music is different.
- Clothing is different.
- People are different.
- People are to be different:

Different from ourselves over time-we are growing.

Different from the culture-both individually and corporately.

Change Raises Hard Questions

- Who adapts to whom?
- Which format works best to generate change?

The Constant

- To know Christ and make Him known.
- Past, present and future come together here.
- Revelation 2:1-6

Knowing Christ Is the Foundation For Everything

- Matthew 7:24-27
- Matthew 7:21-23

Therefore . . .

- Knowing Jesus is the key!
- Without Him as the foundation, the house will ultimately fall.

And Make Him Known

- John 6:60-68

Making Him Known

1. Living together well

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! Psalm 133:1

2. Supporting and serving missions

“ . . . and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

3. Serving the community

Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:14-16

