

## ANNUAL "STATE OF THE CHURCH" ADDRESS

Matthew 28:18-20

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### **INTRODUCTION:**

- A. New Logo: Three key words to describe our church...
- B. Today is the annual "State of the Church" address.
- C. God's Word should be the foundation of our discussion.

### **I. IS OUR CHURCH A HEALTHY CHURCH?**

***[Mat 28:18-20 NIV] 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."***

#### **A. ARE WE FOLLOWING JESUS CHRIST OR A HUMAN BEING?**

*"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."*

#### **B. ARE WE GROWING OR DYING?**

*"Therefore go and make disciples..."*

##### 1) Attendance

\* 2016 avg. weekly worship attendance: 1,214

\* 2017 avg. weekly worship attendance: 1,424

17% growth!

##### 2) Membership: 154 new members!

3) Baptisms: 93 baptisms!

### **C. ARE WE REACHING OTHER CULTURES OR ONLY OUR OWN?**

*“...make disciples of all nations.”*

San Jose Pinula Christian Church – Guatemala City

### **D. ARE WE MAKING DISCIPLES OR JUST MAKING CONVERTS?**

*“...baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”*

### **DISCIPLESHIP HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1) Small Group Leader Training Program: “Real Life Discipleship”
- 2) Student Pastor Robbie Rutherford
- 3) Care Pastor Chris Heiss

### **E. DO WE TRUST IN THE PRESENCE OF JESUS OR ARE WE AFRAID OF THE FUTURE?**

*“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

- 1) Create long range plans for double impact.
- 2) Improve the technology in the main auditorium.
- 3) Hire additional staff.
- 4) Train small group leaders.
- 5) Maximize current space.

### **II. FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

- 1) Our congregation has been so generous! We’re financially strong.

- 2017 total tithes & offerings: \$1,690,00.94,
- 21% increase over 2016!
- Indebtedness has continued to decrease. \$2.88 Million.

2) There's so much more we could do if we had more resources.

3) Let's continue to be wise stewards of the money, knock down the debt, get creative with the space, and be as generous as possible to reach the 100,000 with the Gospel.

### **CONCLUSION:**

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. [Eph 3:20-21 NIV]*