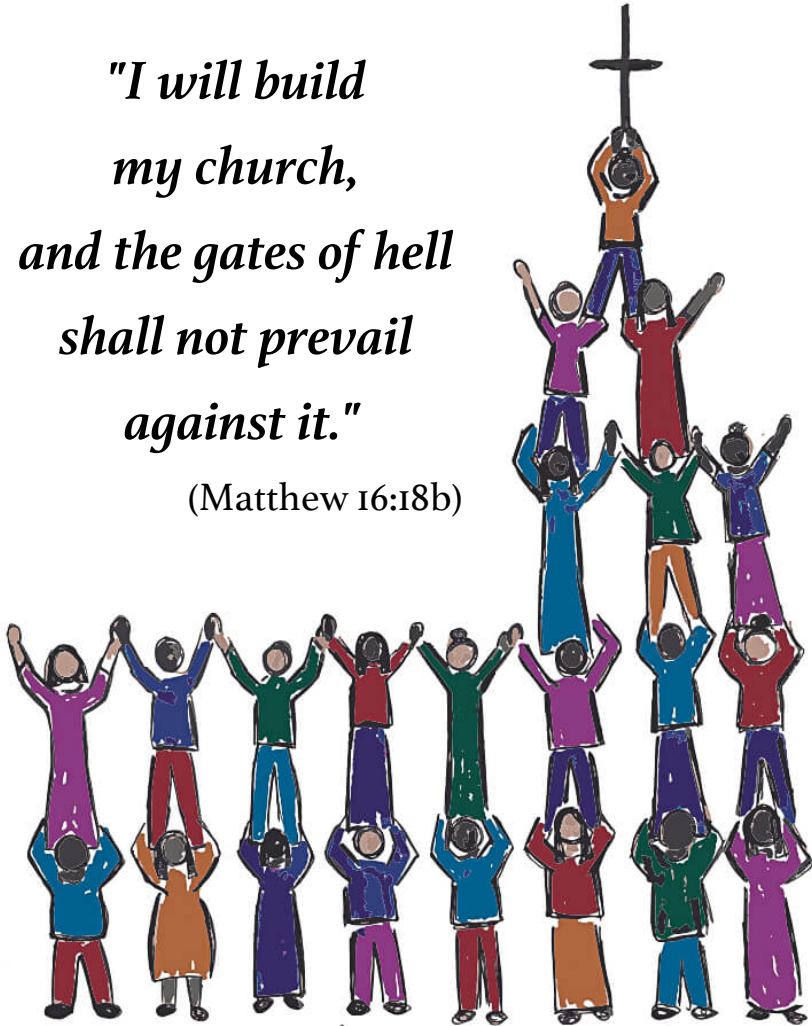


The Church ...

*"I will build
my church,
and the gates of hell
shall not prevail
against it."*

(Matthew 16:18b)



*A Redeemed People
Called to Follow Christ
As One Body*

"What is the Church?"

Selected Scripture

Critical Concept: The true nature and makeup of the church is a spiritual body of redeemed sinners brought together by their common bond of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ for their spiritual edification and for the spread of the gospel – all to the praise and the glory of God.

I. The Church: *A Mystery Revealed*

A. God's plan & the church

B. The birth of the church

II. The Church: *A Spiritual Body*

A. The local church in scripture

B. The universal church in scripture

What is God Saying to Me? (Personal Application)