

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Pastor Jim Mead

July 26, 2026

Prelude
Song What a Friend we Have in Jesus
Song Everlasting God
Welcome and Opportunities
Song In Christ Alone
Worship in Giving **
Scripture: II Corinthians 4:1 – 18
Message: What does effectiveness demonstrate?
Closing Song: Family of God
Postlude

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PRAYER REMINDERS

Genevieve Ferrari, Judy Paulson, Lynn Conklin, Virginia Carlson, Matthew Bergman, Dave Mead, Paul Clark, Gary Pruisman, Violet O’Neal, Chris Bauer, Karen Richey, Doran Erickson, Lydia Dozier, Chad Mohr, Sue Bergman, Doug Miller, Jerry Chally, Morgan Jensen

Holding the Rope for: Craig Sorley
Care of Creation
Kenya

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Broadcast of our worship service on Cable Channel 14
AUGUST 10	1:00 p.m.	Ladies’ Fellowship
SEPTEMBER 27		Hymn Stories
OCTOBER 7	6:00 p.m.	CIA/WL4G
DECEMBER 20	10:00 a.m.	Family Christmas

**Online giving available on our website and Facebook Page.

What does it look like for our daily lives to revolve around Christ? That does not mean that we look for Mary in our toast, or images of Jesus in the water stains on the sidewalk; it means that everything we do, every day of our lives is filtered through this lens: does this reflect Jesus to others. That begins as we put His church in the center of our everyday lives.

“When the Method of Worship becomes more important than the Person of Worship, we have already Prostituted our Worship...” – Judson Cornwall

“If you’ve ever said, ‘I didn’t get anything out of worship today,’ you worshiped for the wrong reason. Worship isn’t for you, it’s for God.” – Rick Warren

What does Effectiveness demonstrate?

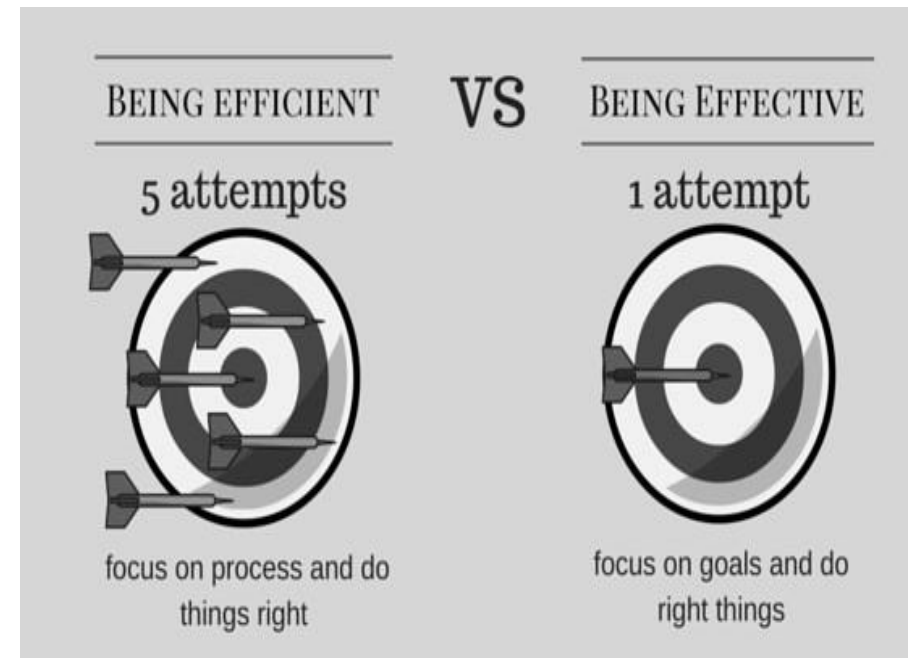
Scripture: II Corinthians 4

Proposition: Demonstrate our commitment to His ministry...

I. Demonstrate that the ministry is more important

II. Demonstrate that His ability is more important

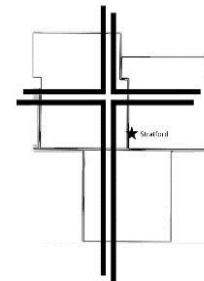
III. Demonstrate that faith is more important



“...For our light affliction...is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory...For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal...”

II Corínthians 4:17, 18

What are we demonstrating?



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