

# Let the Church be the Church!

EPHESIANS 1:1-14



# The Mission of the Church

- ▶ “Make disciples of all the nations
  - ▶ “Preach the gospel to every living creature...” (mark 16:16)
- ▶ “Baptize them in the name of the father and of the son and of the holy spirit
  - ▶ He that believes and is baptized will be saved
- ▶ “Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;”

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*” Amen.

(Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV)

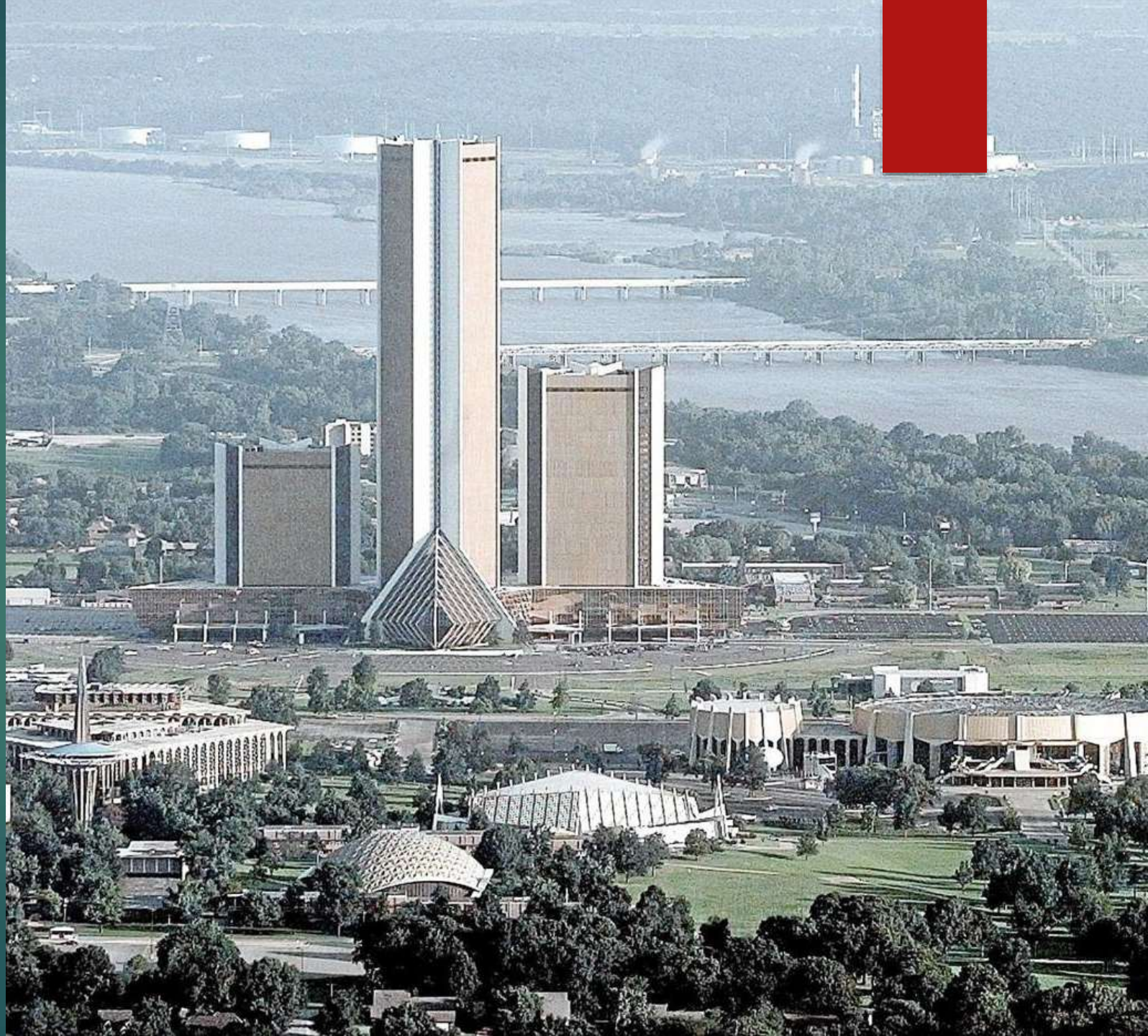
# The Thirteenth Tenet of Humanism

“Religious humanism maintains that all associations and institutions exist for the fulfillment of human life. The intelligent evaluation, transformation, control, and direction of such associations and institutions with a view to the enhancement of human life is the purpose and program of humanism. Certainly religious institutions, their ritualistic forms, ecclesiastical methods, and communal activities must be reconstituted as rapidly as experience allows, in order to function effectively in the modern world.”



# Church Hospitals

- ▶ City of Faith, Tulsa, OK
- ▶ Its impact on the Oral Roberts Ministry
- ▶ Countries Top Hospitals
- ▶ But WHO will preach the gospel?  
Acts 16:6-10





# Church Universities

- ▶ Liberty University
- ▶ Impact of Liberty University on the Falwell Ministries
- ▶ Countries Top Universities



Rank	University	Times Higher Education		Academic Ranking of World Universities	
		THE *	ARWU *	QS *	US News
1	Harvard University	2	1	2	2
2	Stanford University	3	2	3	5
3	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	4	4	1	7
4	Princeton University	5	6	6	1
5	California Institute of Technology	1	5	6	10
6	Yale University	8	9	4	3
7	University of Chicago	7	8	5	5
8	Columbia University	10	7	9	4
9	University of Pennsylvania	12	13	8	7
10	University of California, Berkeley	6	3	14	20

\* Ranking figure is relative to other US universities

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Enrollment</b>
Public 4-year institutions	629	6,837,605
Private 4-year institutions	1,845	4,161,815
Public 2-year institutions	1,070	6,184,229
Private 2-year institutions	596	303,826
Total	4,140	17,487,475
Undergraduate		14,473,884
Graduate		2,097,511
Professional		329,076

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2 Cor. 4:1-10







# Church Entertainment

- ▶ Top Music Acts
- ▶ Top “Christian” Rock Bands
  - ▶ Most Observers Believe the Contemporary Movement has peaked
- ▶ But WHO will preach the gospel?  
Matthew 9:35-38

# Other Services

- ▶ Nursing Homes
- ▶ Orphan Homes
- ▶ Pregnancy Counselling
- ▶ Carnivals
- ▶ Movie Studios
- ▶ Gymnasiums
- ▶ Child Care
- ▶ Homeless Shelters
- ▶ Nursing Facilities
- ▶ Publishing Houses

- ▶ WHO will preach the gospel?
- ▶ Let the Church be the Church!
  - ▶ 1 Timothy 3:14-16
  - ▶ Romans 1:16,17
  - ▶ 2 Corinthians 5:9-11





I WILL BUILD  
MY  
CHURCH

Psalm 127:1

1 Unless the LORD builds the house,  
the builders labor in vain

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