

Media and Graphics Notes

Word of Witness Video?	No
Sermon Starter Video?	Yes
Sermon Notes?	There will be a five minute video illustration as part of the sermon today.
Other Notes	Before Joys and Concerns, there will be a Back-to-School blessing video. I will invite teachers, educators and students to stand to be recognized. Then I will introduce the video to be played.

Key Questions, Metadata and Outline

What is this sermon about?

This sermon is about the legacy that we have as followers of Jesus Christ.

Why is this sermon important?

It is important because we have received a legacy from Christ and the very first followers, which we have the opportunity and responsibility to pass on to the next generation.



What is the context of this sermon?

This sermon is the first of the Discipleship #1 series which is a collaboration between First United Methodist Church and the Kansas Oil Museum. It is preached after two weeks of guest preachers at First United Methodist Church. It is “Back to School” Sunday.

What are the next action steps?

So, let's leave a legacy of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Let's leave a legacy of transforming the world so that El Dorado is a little more like God's kingdom because we are here.

Let's leave a legacy that you, me, all of us, actually live like disciples.

What is the good news (bottom line)?

The good news is that we are part of the legacy of those whom Christ who sent to go and make disciples. We are filled with the same Spirit.

12th Sunday after Pentecost
Discipleship #1 - Legacy of an Oil Boom
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Metadata

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 1. Matthew
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Matthew 28:16-20, CEB

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. 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, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

Response to Scripture

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Introduction

Sermon Starter Video

Play sermon starter video.

*** Start Sermon Timer ***

Sermon Notes and Scripture Study

I invite you to open your bulletin to a place where you can take notes during the message today. Today, I hope that you will hear:

- Something new or find new questions
- Perspective on your life or something in your life that gives additional meaning to the message today.
- Guidance about how to live as a disciple of Jesus.

I invite you to write down some of the things that you hear in the sermon today and take your bulletin home as a tool to grow in your faith outside of worship. You can reflect on what you heard today, pray for people of our congregation and read scripture to prepare for worship next week.

Opening

Prayer

Will you pray with me? O God, use these words to speak good news so that as individuals and as a congregation we will fear nothing but sin, desire nothing but you and live as part of your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Series Review

Today, we begin a new series, Discipleship #1: Oil Fields and Faith. Many of you know the story of the discovery of oil 100 years ago at a well called Stapleton #1. From the 1910's through the 1950's oil permeated every aspect of life in Butler County and continues to be an integral part of our life today.

During this series, we are going to remember some of the stories from the oil fields to see what they can teach us about our faith. We are collaborating with the Kansas Oil Museum to bring you some of these stories. Each week, we will focus on a different aspect of our oil history, connect it with the story of scripture and consider how what we find can help us grow as followers of Jesus Christ.

Transition

Today we begin with the legacy of an oil boom.

Leave a Legacy

Definition

One of the definitions in the dictionary of a legacy is "a thing handed down by a predecessor." We have things handed down to us in a variety of settings. You can think about the legacy of:

- Family - parents, grandparents
- Community - El Dorado, Butler County
- Sports Teams - Grizzlies, Wildcats, Shockers, Royals

Good and Bad - Kansas City Royals

Legacies can be good and bad. They are not necessarily one or the other. Think for a moment about the Kansas City Royals. For many years the legacy of the Kansas City Royals – a thing handed down by a predecessor - was a losing team. It was not a lot to be excited about. This is what was handed down.

In the past few years, this has changed. They made it to the World Series last year and right now, they have the second best record in baseball. This is a very different kind of legacy.

Your Legacy

So, here's my question for you.

What kind of legacy will you leave?

What will you pass down to those who come after you?

Transition

Today we are going to take a closer look at the legacy that has been left for us here in Butler county and in our lives of faith.

First, let's consider the scripture passage and legacy in our lives of faith

Legacy of Discipleship

Mission

Our mission as a church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We live as a disciple by engaging in spiritual practices to worship, grow, give, serve and share.

We did not just make this up.

This is who Jesus sent us to be.

This is the legacy that we have received from those who have gone before us.

Jesus says, “Go to this Mountain”

I want to remind you of the context of the scripture passage which was read a few moments ago. Jesus has been crucified, resurrected and appeared to his disciples.

Disciples—That’s what we are trying to make, right? We start off with eleven.

Jesus told these eleven disciples to travel to this particular mountain

This is where they go.

This is the legacy that we have received.

- Go where Jesus tells us to go.
- Know what Jesus knows.
- Be like Jesus

Your Legacy and Your Mission: Make Disciples

Then he sent them on a mission.

Jesus said, you don’t need to ask to speak to the manager or talk to the owner.

Jesus says, I’m it. I am the top guy – all authority on heaven and earth has been given to me. Here is what I want you to do, this will be your legacy:

Go.

Make Disciples.

Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I’ve commanded you. This charge, which Jesus gives to these eleven disciples, has left a legacy over 2,000 years later.

This is what our church wakes up every day to do—to follow that commandment.

First United Methodist Church is part of the legacy of this scripture.

You are part of the legacy of this scripture.

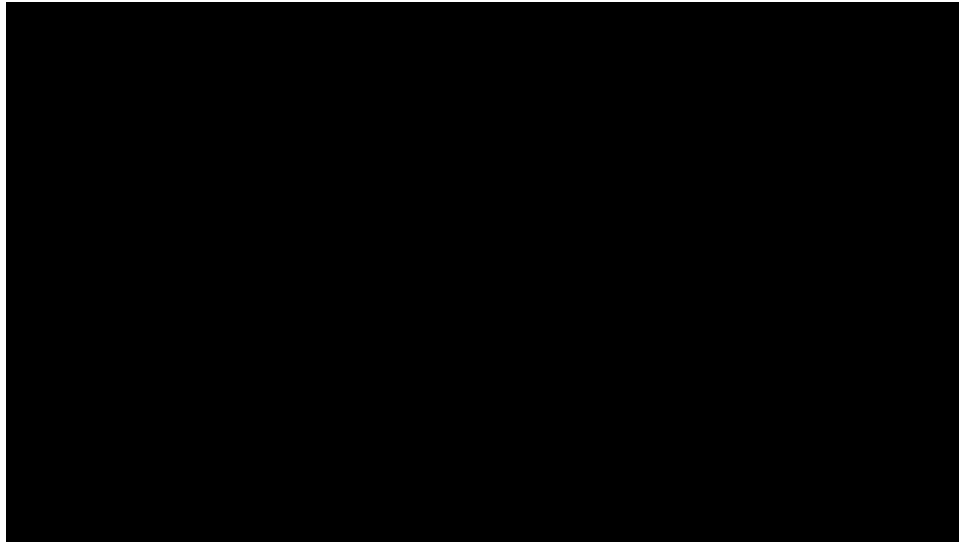
Transition

In every one of these sermons, we are going to overlay the story of our faith with a story from the history of the oil fields in Butler County.

Legacy of an Oil Boom

I am grateful to Warren Martin, Executive Director of the Kansas Oil Museum for putting together the videos for this series. Let's take a look...

Play 2015-08-16 Sermon - 2 - Video Illustration for Legacy of an Oil Boom



Respons to Video

The oil boom that began with Stapleton #1 created a new way of life for the people of Butler county. It was fueled by the innovation, investment and risk-taking of entrepreneurs whose actions initiated a legacy that would have far reaching implications. The legacy of this oil boom was a fundamental change of the way of life for the people of El Dorado, Butler County and the world.

Transition

100 years later we are still telling these stories.

100 years later the legacy of those early oil workers lives on.

Conclusion

100 years from now, what stories will be told about you?

What kind of legacy will you leave?

What will you pass down to those who come after you?

Legacy as a Church

What kind of legacy will we leave as a church?

Years before the oil boom in El Dorado, this congregation was organized.

We will celebrate our 146th birthday as a congregation this year.

100 years from now, in 2115, what stories will be told about us?

What legacy will we leave for the people who aren't even born yet who will one day be part of First United Methodist Church?

Good News

The good news is that we are part of the legacy of those whom Christ who sent to go and make disciples. We are filled with the same Spirit.

Call to Action

So, let's leave a legacy of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Let's leave a legacy of transforming the world so that El Dorado is a little more like God's kingdom because we are here.

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Invitation

Jesus left his legacy in the hands of these eleven disciples,
these anybodies,
these fishermen.

The last thing he said to them was "Go and make more disciples."
He leaves this mission all in their hands and they do it.

Christ leaves this mission in our hands.
Will you do it?

Let's pray together.

Closing Prayer

Jesus, I want to be part of your legacy.
I want to follow you with all of my heart, soul, mind and strength.
Forgive me for the ways that I mess up.
Wash me clean and make me new.
Thank you for your love for me, O God.
I believe in you, Lord Jesus.
Fill me with your Spirit.
and give me strength to live for you.
Amen.