

### Media and Graphics Notes

<b>Sermon Starter Video?</b>	Yes
<b>Sermon Notes?</b>	There is one picture at the beginning of the sermon and two videos to be played.
<b>Other Notes</b>	At each service we will be receiving new members and say the Apostle's Creed responsively.

### Key Questions, Metadata and Outline

#### ***What is this sermon about?***

This sermon is about buying in to God's plan for our life. It connects the story of Oil Hill with the opportunity to worship.

#### ***Why is this sermon important?***

This sermon is important because it helps us put worship in context of God's plan for our life. It is a reminder of the importance of worship.

#### ***What is the context of this sermon?***

This sermon is the second of the Discipleship #1 series which is a collaboration between First United Methodist Church and the Kansas Oil Museum.

#### ***What are the next action steps?***

Take the next step in your worship life.

Let it be a priority.

Maybe you come every so often and once a month would be a next step for you.

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You might be here every week and look for ways to worship every day

#### ***What is the good news (bottom line)?***

The good news is that Christ offers a firm foundation for life. When we worship, we create an opportunity for God to change us.

#### ***Metadata***

1. Topic(s)
  1. Worship
  2. Making Disciples
2. Sermon Books of the Bible
  1. Matthew



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3. Tags

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Worship brings humility

Worship bring closeness to God.

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## Matthew 7:24-29, CEB

[Jesus said,] “Everybody who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise builder who built a house on bedrock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house. It didn’t fall because it was firmly set on bedrock. But everybody who hears these words of mine and doesn’t put them into practice will be like a fool who built a house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house. It fell and was completely destroyed.”

### Response to Scripture

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

All: Thanks be to God!

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## Introduction

### Sermon Starter Video

Play sermon starter video.

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### 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.

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## 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.

## Visit to Stapleton #1

Yesterday afternoon, our family went out to take a look at Stapleton #1. Here is a picture from our visit:

[Show Conard family picture](#)



It was great to see this piece of living history right there in the county. While we were there, I looked around and tried to imagine the scene 100 years ago. It was a different time and place, yet perhaps not so different from today.

## Series Review

Today, we continue our series, Discipleship #1: Oil Fields and Faith. From discovery of oil at Stapleton #1 in 1915 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 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

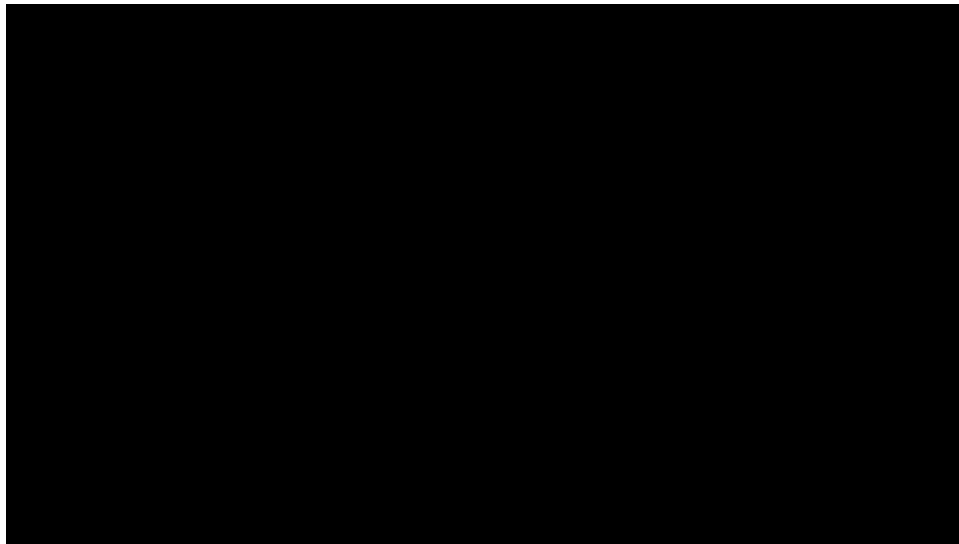
When we went out to see Stapleton #1 yesterday, we also stopped at the site of Oil Hill. Today we hear the story of this community from Warren Martin, Executive Director of the Kansas Oil Museum.

Let's take a look...

## Oil Hill

### Video Illustration: Story of Oil Hill

Play 2015-08-23 Sermon 4 - Story of Oil Hill Video



### Response to Video

Where do you have “buy in” in your life?  
So, what is at the foundation of your life?  
What is at the center of how you understand yourself and the world?

### Transition

Let’s take a closer look to see what we can find in the scripture for today.

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## The Story of Two Builders

The story of two builders is at the conclusion of Jesus great sermon - the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain. We find this story in both Matthew and Luke.

### Two Ways

This is “a splendid example of unadorned art, exquisitely symmetrical, the second half repeating the first almost verbatim. ... The small changes in the second half of the parable bring into sharp profile the “two ways.”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Leander E. Keck, ed., *Matthew*, vol. VIII of *The New Interpreter’s Bible* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2002, 218.

<b>Builder</b>	wise	foolish
<b>Foundation</b>	rock	sand
<b>Response to Jesus' words</b>	doing	not doing
<b>House in a storm</b>	not fall	fall

## Experience the Storm

“Although both builders seem to be getting along well in the present, only the one who has built with the coming storm in mind is secure.”<sup>2</sup>

“Notably, the house on rock suffers the same tribulation as that on the sand—yet it survives. Thus, Jesus does not indicate that his faithful followers will be spared any of this world’s adversity, but rather that they will endure and ultimately be saved.

### *Transition*

The communities of El Dorado and Oil Hill took two different paths in history. The scripture today offers two ways to respond to God. So, how do we follow the God’s way for us? How do we build a firm foundation?

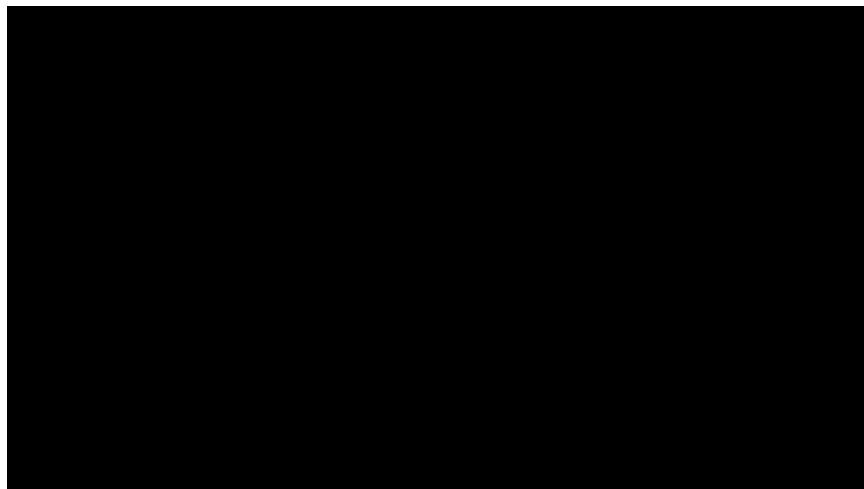
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## Firm Foundation

### Video Illustration: Buy In

Warren Martin shares one of the ways to build a firm foundation for organizations - buy in. Let’s take a look.

[Play 2015-08-23 Sermon - 4 - Buy In Video](#)



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## **Our Mission**

Our church is dedicated to make a long term impact in the lives of people and the community by making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

This is our mission. This is why we exist.

Each generation has to buy in to set the firm foundation for the next generation.

## **Discipleship Pathway**

Here at First United Methodist Church, we invite everyone to be part of our mission by living as a disciple – someone who seeks to worship, grow, give, serve and share. These spiritual practices will help you build a strong spiritual foundation.

### ***Transition***

During this series, the stories of oil history help us understand more about our discipleship pathway. Today we focus on worship.

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## **Worship**

The truth is, that we don't always worship God. We can worship our job, family, or money. During the oil boom, the possibility of discovering oil filled many with emotions of excitement, anticipation and hope. This is also one of the ways that we would describe worship.

### **Power of Worship**

You see, our hearts and our minds are formed by what we worship.

We spend our time and energy on the things that matter most to us.

We worship them.

What do you worship?

### **God changing me**

Worship is one of the ways that God's grace is at work in our lives.

You see, I believe that God is trying to change us. God is trying to change me.

God wants me to have buy in to the life that really is life.

God desires for us to be on the path of discipleship

### ***Confession***

I do too... Most of the time...

There are times when I act like I have it all put together, but I know its not true.

There are times when I ignore the needs of others,

put my desires ahead of everything else

and don't really care about those that are in need.

God desires more for us.

God invites us to perfect love of God and neighbor.  
This won't happen without worship.  
Worship changes us.

### ***Transition***

There are at least two ways that God transforms us through worship: humility and proximity.

### **Worship brings humility**

When we worship we come into God's presence and declare God to be God.  
When we worship God, we realize that God is so big and we are so small.  
We humble ourselves in response to the awesomeness of God.  
This changes us.

### **Worship bring closeness to God.**

When we worship, we come close to God.  
We place ourselves close to the most good and righteous being in the universe.  
This place was designed to remind us that God is close.  
The stained glass, the soaring ceilings - just being here reminds us that when we gather for worship – God is close at hand.

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## **Conclusion**

### **Good News**

The good news is that Christ offers a firm foundation for life. When we worship, we create an opportunity for God to change us.  
When we worship, we buy in to God's way.  
We buy in to all that is good in the world.  
Worship matters.

### **Call to Action**

In the weeks ahead, I invite you to take the next step in your worship life.  
Let it be a priority.  
Maybe you come every so often and once a month would be a next step for you.  
Maybe you come a few times a month and being here every week could be next.  
You might be here every week and look for ways to worship every day.

### **Invitation**

Worship builds a firm foundation for your life.  
Your life can be changed just because you show up on any given week.  
When we gather for worship, we buy in to God's mission for us together.

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### **Closing Prayer**

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Amen.