

Sermon Questions: State of the Church Address

1. What do you like about Virginia Beach United Methodist Church?
2. Describe your fondest memory of church, either at VBUMC or some other church that was part of your faith journey.
3. Why do you think active participation in the life of the Church is important?
4. Why is it important to get connected into a church beyond just attending worship services on Sunday morning?
5. Pastor Mark shared some encouraging news about increases in worship attendance and financial giving at VBUMC. Why do you think the majority of United Methodist Churches in America are declining in attendance and giving patterns?
6. Why do you think it is important for the Church to offer meaningful ministry to children?
7. The church is more than a building, but if a church owns facilities, it should invest the money to keep the facilities looking nice and in good repair. How do you feel about spending money on replacing roofs and spending millions to rebuild the North Wing?
8. Pastor Mark mentioned that demolition of the old North Wing will begin in just a few weeks. Share any fond memories you have of how that space was used in the past. Why do you think it is important to rebuild the North Wing?
9. How do you feel about the potential development of the Dome site and the possibility that a large wave pool with restaurants, shops and apartments will be located directly across the street from our facility?
10. VBUMC is going to develop a 5-year strategic plan this year. Do you think a strategic plan is helpful? How does a church balance the need for strategic planning with the need to be flexible and open to respond to unexpected opportunities and changing realities?
11. Pastor Mark suggests that while VBUMC has had a glorious past worth celebrating, we also have an exciting future worthy of our best energy, prayers and support. Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?
12. We often talk about placing our faith in God. But Pastor Mark suggests that we must also remember that God has placed His faith in us. How does that realization impact your commitment to the future of VBUMC?