

The Present:

Over the last 9 years, our church has _____ in faith, love, leadership, and maturity:

1. Our Deacon board seeks God, serves His church, and moves forward in unity.
2. We are praying for, helping others move towards, and seeking salvation in the lives of those around us, and also those around the world.
3. Our Bible teaching is strong, Biblical, and contextual.
4. We are friendly, worshipful, generous, and outgoing.

Over these same 9 years, we have been plagued by the same shortcomings:

1. Mid-week discipleship (Wed night bible study, WND, Dinners, Studies, Etc)
 - a. Start with a _____, end in a _____ of smoke
 - b. Small percentage of participation, _____ conflicted with other events
 - c. Lack of _____ leaders
2. Children's ministry (Sunday School, Children's Church, AWANA, VBS)
 - a. Lack of people _____ to serve
 - b. Personality conflicts _____ over forbearance
 - c. **Personal desires** conflicting with plans and decisions of those who are in charge
 - d. Not following through when our _____ are answered
3. Consistent attendance / Making Sunday a priority
 - a. _____ not coming to Sunday School
 - b. Church not a **high enough priority** to bring about a "no thank you" to invites
 - c. Attendance has ranged from _____ to _____ this year alone.

The Future:

If we are to move forward as a church, and we are definitely called by God to move forward, we do not get the privilege to stop and rest. We do however continually strive to move forward, seeking God's will, and doing His work. **(Hebrews 12:1-3)**