



HICKORY GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

**The Holy Catholic Church,
The Communion of the Saints**
The Pastors' Class | Wednesday, March 25, 2020

Theme: The Foundation of the Church

1. Founded by Jesus

Matt 16:15-19 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build my church**, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

2. Founded upon a Confession

Matt 16:15-16 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**"

3. Founded on Truth

2 Tim 1:14 By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

4. Founded in Power

Matt 16:18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

5. Founded with Authority

Matt 16:19 **I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,** and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

The Identity of the Church

1. One
2. Holy
3. Universal
4. Apostolic

The Communion of the Saints

1. Past Saints
2. Present Saints