

## ***HOW Are We Doing? And HOW?***

*The Church exists to make God's love and mercy for all known in the world, not just to teach us how to be good and holy people, so we get to go to heaven when we die. The Church doesn't exist just for the sake of our personal, individual salvation. Rather, we exist as Church to make known to the world God's love and mercy for all, which is our salvation. When Jesus called his first followers he didn't say "I will make you good and holy men, better people than you are now, so God will love you." Rather, when he called them he said, basically, I have work to do, and I need your help to do it! Yes, I know your own lives are in many ways all messed up, but I know, love, and accept, choose and send you just as you are. And as you do my work of serving and caring for others whose lives are messed up, your own messed up lives will be changed. So, let's get to work! So, HOW are we doing as Church at this work Jesus gives us to do, and HOW can we do it even better?*