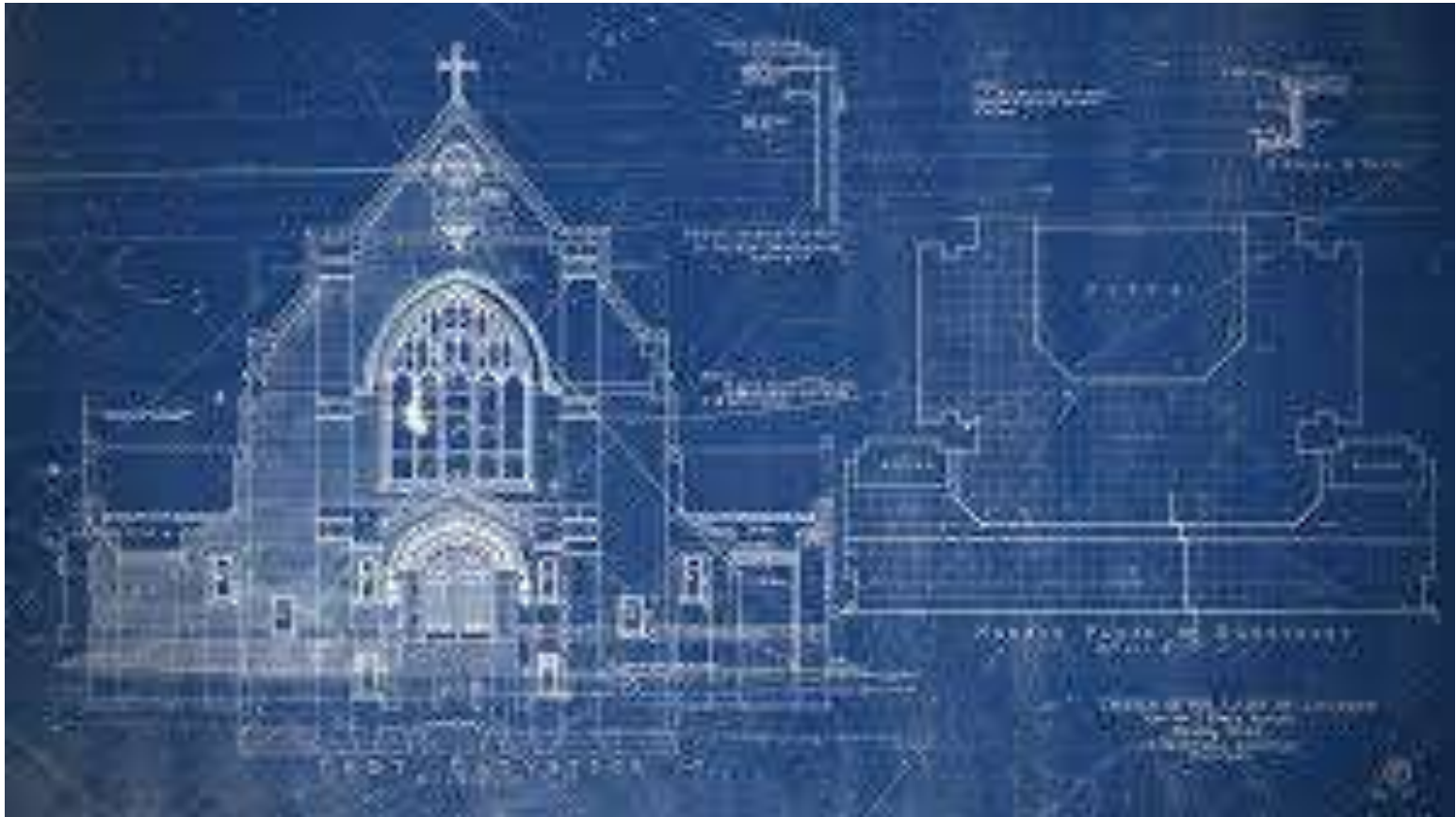


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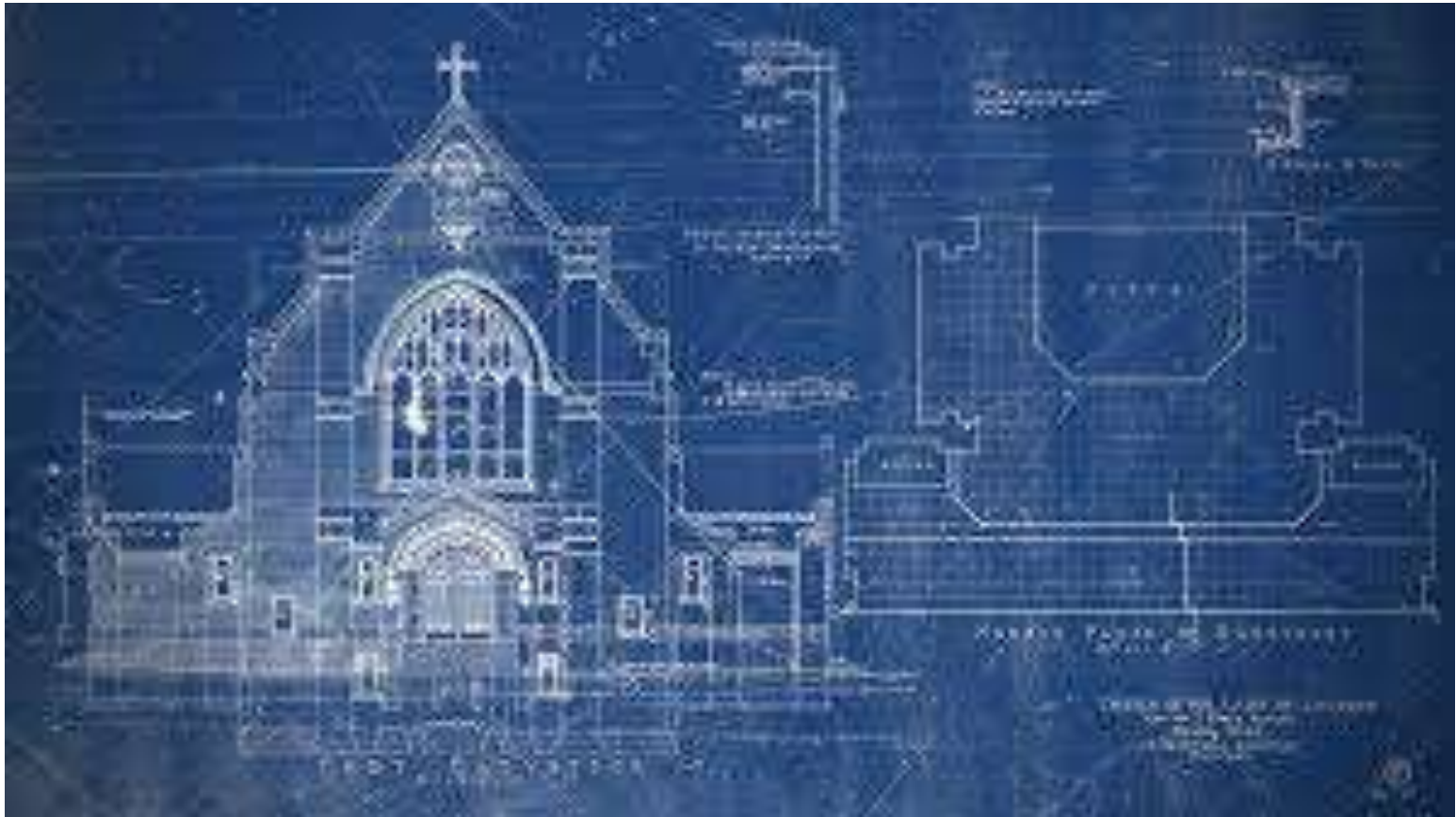


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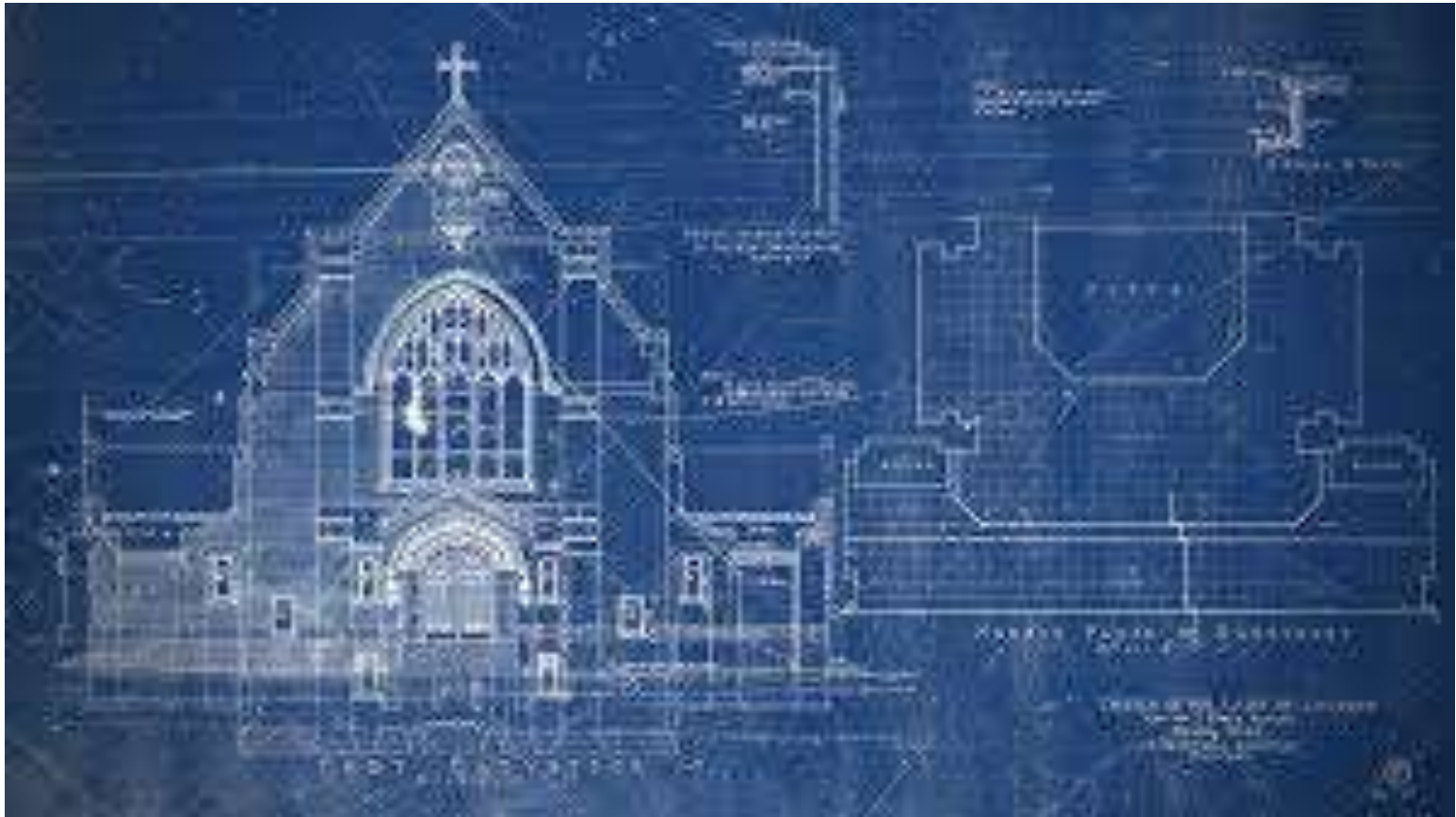
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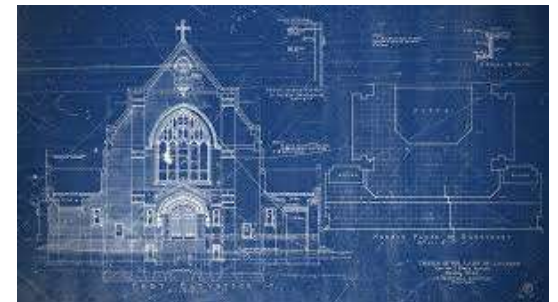
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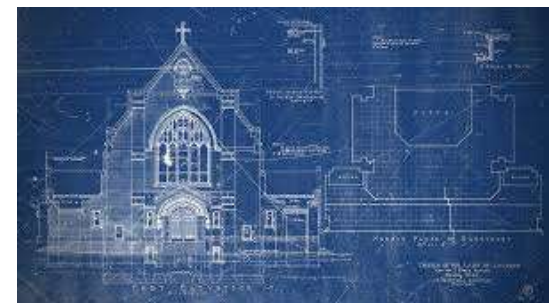


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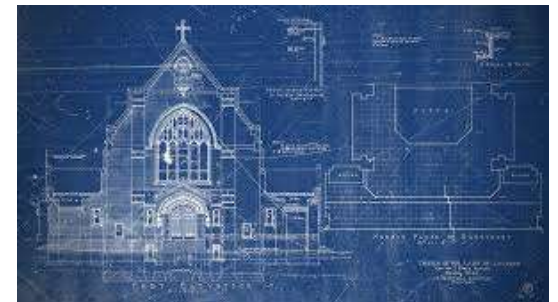






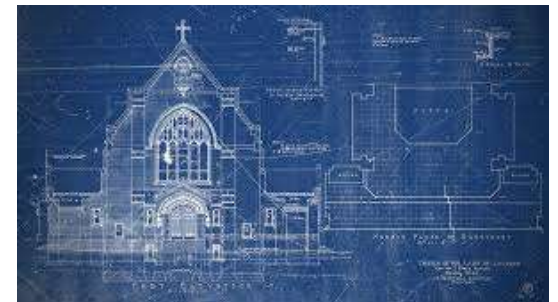
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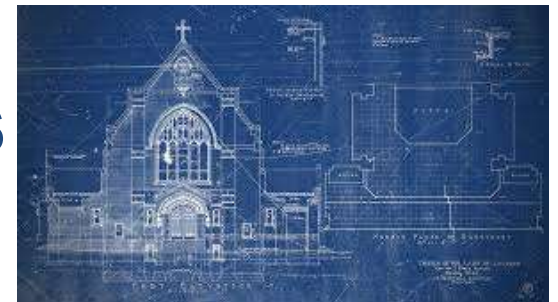
What we learn from Jesus about the church

- A. The **FOUNDATION** of the church is **JESUS** -
“upon **this rock**”
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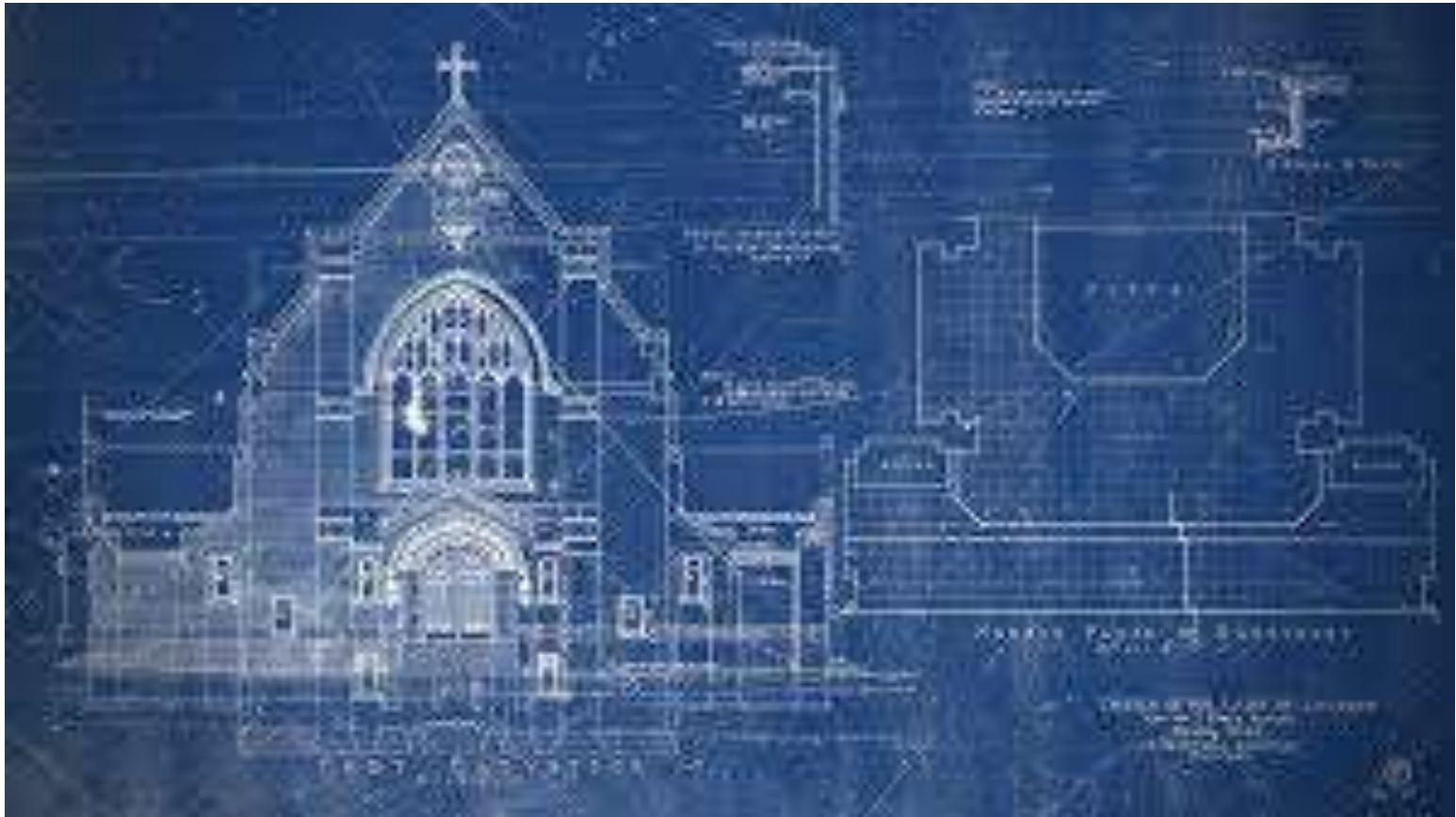


Predictions For American Churches

1. Increased church acquisitions
2. Decline in conversion growth
3. More mega-churches
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5. Increased emphasis on high-expectation church membership
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