





# SANCTUARY

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5 commitments of a community church





**GOD COMFORTS HIS PEOPLE**



I, even I, am He who comforts you.

**ISAIAH 51:12**



I will ask the Father, and He will  
give you another Helper, that He  
may be with you forever.

**JOHN 14:16**



Our English word *comfort*  
is from Latin *confortis*  
from *con* 'together' + *fortis*  
'strong'.











1. The strengthening comfort of the Word.
2. The strengthening comfort of holiness.
3. The strengthening comfort of fellowship.

**The kind of comfort a church gives**



**What is your only comfort in life  
and in death?**

**Heidelberg Catechism #1**









**GOD COMFORTS HIS PEOPLE  
THROUGH A COMMUNITY CHURCH**







1. "Night and day on the open sea..."
2. "Not inferior to the eminent apostles..."
3. "We were perplexed, but not in despair..."

**The kind of suffering Paul endured**



1. Through internal strength of the Spirit. *1 Cor. 10:12*
2. Through individual believing friends. *2 Cor. 7:6*
3. Through the community church. *1 Thess. 3:7*

**The kind of comfort God provided**







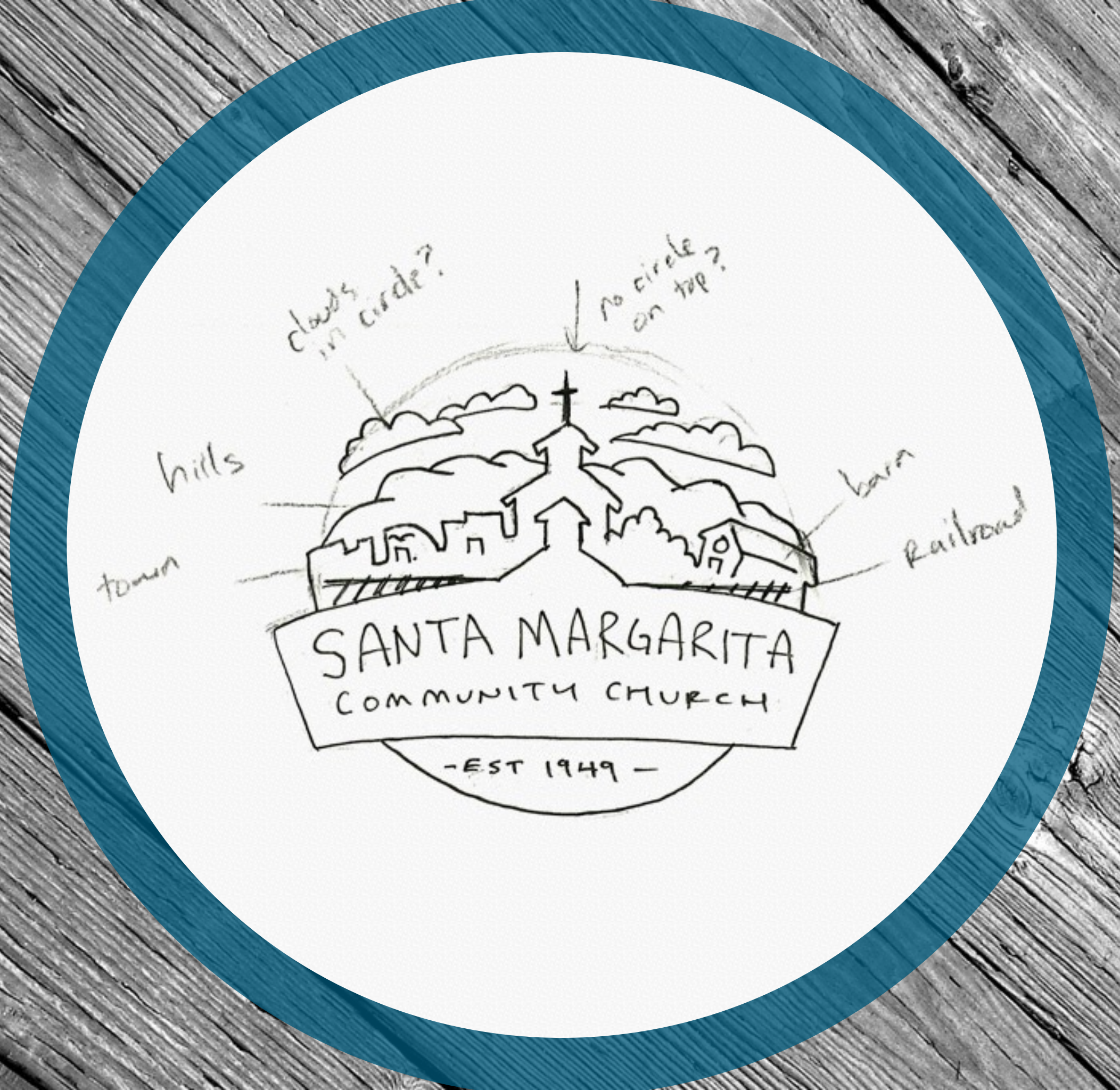
...forgive and comfort him,  
otherwise such a one might be  
overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

**2 CORINTHIANS 2:7**









clouds  
in circle?

no circle  
on top?

hills

town

barn

railroad

SANTA MARGARITA

COMMUNITY CHURCH

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