

**We Are the Church—1
3 Mindsets for a Better Year**

09:55 am 5 Min. Count Down - VIDEO

10:00 am **LIVE Worship –

10:25 am **LIVE In House Welcome –

WELCOME to The Peak CC

Welcome our Church Online Platform –

We are so glad you could join us as we worship the Lord & expound on His Word.

If this is your 1st time or perhaps you've been with us before but haven't engaged... Please fill out

***Online Connect Card * -> RightNow Media**

10:30 AM **Announcements Video - Tithing

10:32am LIVE SHOT – Welcome - Pastor Self Intro -

The Peak Journey: 9am Sundays @ Balcony - Breakfast & Talk

Sunday School: 1st things 1st 9am Sundays 2nd floor.

Life Groups Home Groups 7pm Mon Nights - 7/3/2023 - Sam Awuku

Men's Fellowship 8:30 am 1st & 3rd Saturday - Breakfast

**AUGUST 1st Next Tuesday NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Pugslye park 4pm
VENDOR Table**

STAY TUNED :

**The PEAK Journey next outreach being planned
Pre-planning HARVEST FEST RIVERFRONT Oct 21st.**

Praying, fasting, volunteering. - please reach out evelin@

The Church is _____ ?

fill in the blank... UNIVERSAL / United / religious / corrupt?

The Church is..... ?

**Growing up... saw the Church had good intentions —
Boring — Disconnected — Annoyingly Safe**

**Served as an Altar boy - service - wine
Had an early introduction with little depth or meaning**

But then in a place of my rock bottom. Born again exp.

I started to READ the Bible

Read about J—Nothing safe about him!

Touched lepers—Befriended prostitutes—Enlisted tax collectors.

Some in church—Narrow-minded—Judgmental—Hypocritical.

J—Loved those hated him!

Blessed those persecuted him—

Welcomed those who religion rejected.

Problem started—When I started reading the B—Church paled.

**7 yrs ago next month— We set out on a Goal—Start J-Honoring church!
Break the STRONGHOLDS over this city**

Everyone Welcome— Needed— Changed!

Mission—To lead people to become fully devoted followers of X.

The Mission

To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ without compromise. Preaching the full council of God under the anointing of The Holy Spirit. To see the people in the city of Peekskill come into a personal relationship with God, and to disciple and train them for the work of the ministry

Jesus didn't come to condemn—Save world—Life & Life MORE abundantly... to full.

The Vision

To create an environment where the community can come together in an atmosphere of live worship that will be culturally relevant. To see a community united on the unshakable, immutable, indisputable, inerrant Word of God.

Opening Prayer

As we seek to please G as his Church——

New sermon series

We Are the Church

Acts 2—After resurrection of J—Peter preached—3000 saved!

**Everyone who says numbers aren't important.. The Bible sure did quantify
didn't it?....**

Acts 2:42-47

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

**46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,
47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.**

Problem started—Read in Scripture— This is NOT what the church looked like

This is what I saw in church!

They were devoted to their comfort, happiness, personal goals, dreams, and bucket lists. No one really noticed the Christians because they focused on themselves. Very few of the believers were together, and when they were, they fought about stupid things. If they sold anything, they used the money to buy something better for themselves. They claimed to love God, but they didn't even love each other. So they felt empty, alone, and depressed. As a result, most people disliked them and very few lives were changed. Acts 2:42-47 MDV

**Obviously—God has something better for his church.
Differ result—Differ mindset—**

3 Mindsets for our church in Acts 2

We will be an intensely devoted church.

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42

**1 of most import words—All of NT—Word translated “*devoted.*”
*Pros—Car—Terry—O***

Proskartereo—to live in a constant state of relentless pursuit; persistent, ongoing, obstinate devotion. (Imperfect tense/Ongoing action)

Your Pros—Car—Tereo—

Kids / Career / Hobby — Golf, Zumba, yoga*

Shoe game—Financial success—

People are devoted to their House—Vac—

Taylor Swift tix!

Whatever is taking the majority of your time, heart, affection, DEVOTION

**1st C Xians—Weren't Casual — Comfort —
NOT Cultural Xians.**

1st C Xians – Full on—All in—Sold out—

Fully Devoted Followers of X

In PURSUIT of the world - landing in prison — Radically changed by Jesus!
EVERYTHING CHANGED

(Pros-Car-Tereo Shift)

devotional shift --- my *persistent pursuit* changed

Many of those who come to @ThePeakCC come for depth, Bible study, preaching/teaching, digital platform - consistently ministering to the Bronx / Louisiana / Chicago / Phili / Atlanta / Ohio / Florida, Puerto Rico / Ghana / Europe / Nepal

The Peak app -

904 DL, 17,545 Launches, 107,234 app impress

Many would ask,,,, HOW?

2x convicted violent felon - 5 years State prison - 12 years Parole

NOW - Pastor/Chaplain/Contractor/Fitness Instructor

**How?—Why? DEVOTION —
Pros-Car-Tereo—shift - focus WORLD to WORD**

Because of who J IS..... What He's DONE

- (1) We will be an intensely devoted church.**
 - (2) We will be an irrationally generous church.**
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Remember—Sold possessions to give to anyone had need...

Acts 4:33-34

33 ...And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all 34 that there were no needy persons among them.

Church was meeting people's needs...

resources & TEACHING - accountability

A place of healing to independence to service to giving

GROWTH PROCESS.....

Not Gov meeting needs— FREE handouts w/ NO accountability.

Started @thepeakcc —Nothing—No office—Instruments—Church phone!

--- NO MONEY

**Free Resources— Devotionals - RightNow Media - Website & App - Content
Creation**

This is what we do—We are the church!

We will lead the way with irrational generosity.

Because we truly believe it is more blessed to give than to receive.

- (1) We will be an intensely devoted church.**
- (2) We will be an irrationally generous church.**
- (3) We will unapologetically share the love of J.**

See in Acts—Believers Pros-Car-Terrio!

And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:47

Every week— I try to Present gospel!

We will do anything short of sin to reach people who don't know Christ.

To reach people no one is reaching, we will do things no one is doing.

**As THE CHURCH We will abandon the "common model" & step out of the
comfort zone.**

We are faith-filled, big-thinking, ALL-IN risk takers.

We'll never insult God with small thinking or safe living.

RiverFront Gospelfest - LIVE WORSHIP - Spoken Word - Food Trucks - inflatables - prayer station - face painting - games & giveaways

Too big?—Just getting started!—

as long as there is One person doesn't know X! 1 person who is addicted, 1 person who's depressed, suicidal, broken, hungry, cold, lost, trapped in human trafficking as long as there is 1 PERSON who's NEVER heard the gospel...

WE WILL NOT STOP

Invite you to be a part—Join in! What can you Do?

**Change object of your devotion—
One thing toward Jesus!**

**Read God's Word Be careful—God's Word is alive! - transformative -
Serve in church Be careful—Serving is addictive! find your gift & making
impact..**

**Join our SmallGroup Be careful—Visit sick—Local missions - deeper
insight**

**Start tithing Be careful—Heart follows where you give! - partnership - dare
to care**

Pray daily Be careful—Miracles—See God move!

Fall in love w/ work of God in his Church!

We are not spiritual consumers. We are spiritual contributors.

*The church doesn't exist for us.
We are the church. And we exist for the world.*

Church is not a place we go—Who we are! WATC! Body of X.

What can we do together as God's Church?

All believers together—

No needy—Meet needs local community and around the world.

While Teaching INDEPENDENCE - LENDER not Borrower - HEAD & NOT tail

Create Content that will reach the WORLD

THE WORD - Give it away—Eradicate Bible poverty in our generation -

DRIVE Devotions - Start another Life-Giving Church

**Proclaim the good news ... Jesus came to seek, save, & set the captive
FREE!**

WATC!!! Come w/ doubts, fears, brokenness and sin ...

**Come to Jesus in his church — Safe place to believe before we can
belong!**

**20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or
imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be
glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever
and ever! Amen. Eph 3:20-21**

CALL TO ACTION

**The Lord says draw near unto Him... & He'll draw near unto you... It's up to
YOU to make that move... Are you ready to be set free?**

Would you give me an opportunity to pray for you right now? This altar is open.. for you..

C l o s i n g P r a y e r

**“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you,
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”**

**I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit...
Amen!!**