



THE CHURCH



Ekklesia – the called out ones



**The Church is called out by Jesus
to biblical doctrine.**



**The Church is called out by Jesus
into covenant community.**

Acts 2:42 (ESV)

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.



**Koinonia – fellowship, partnership,
sharing, participation**



**Covenant community begins with
the covenant love of God.**

John 13:34-35 (ESV)

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”



**Covenant community means we
belong to one another
as the body of Christ.**

1 Corinthians 12:12 (ESV)

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.



Covenant community grows in health through biblical leadership.

Acts 20:28 (ESV)

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

Acts 6:2-3 (ESV)

...“It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.”



**Covenant community equips every
believer for ministry.**



Ephesians 4:12 (ESV)

**...to equip the saints for the work
of ministry, for building up the
body of Christ...**



**Covenant community carries
burdens and restores the fallen.**

Galatians 6:1-2 (ESV)

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.



**Covenant community practices
loving accountability and church
discipline.**

Matthew 18:15-17 (ESV)

**If your brother sins against you,
go and tell him his fault...if he
does not listen, take one or two
others along with you...If he
refuses to listen to them, tell it to
the church...**



**We must reject Lone Ranger
Christianity.**




**Village Chapel must grow smaller
relationally as we grow larger
numerically.**



**Commercial Point new church
start must start with biblical DNA
(resembling Village Chapel).**



**Our witness begins with covenant
love here.**



**The Church is a covenant
community called out of isolation
and into life together.**



B.L.E.S.S. ONE in the family



Begin with prayer
Listen
Engage
Serve
Speak Jesus



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