

THE MARKS OF A MISSIONAL CHURCH

State of the Church: 2026

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[Acts 2](#)

The “church” (*Ekklesia*) is a local gathering of God’s [PEOPLE](#) committed to fulfill God’s [PURPOSES](#).

A HEALTHY CHURCH IS...

1. FUELED BY THE POWER OF [THE HOLY SPIRIT](#).

“On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. [And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit](#) and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.” (Acts 2:1–4, NLT)

“‘Not by might nor by power, but [by my Spirit](#),’ says the Lord Almighty.” (Zechariah 4:6b, NIV84)

2. BEAUTIFULLY [DIVERSE](#).

“When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear [their own languages](#) being spoken by the believers.” (Acts 2:6, NLT)

A Healthy Church Embraces:

- Every [RACE](#).

“At that time there were devout Jews from [every nation](#) living in Jerusalem.” (Acts 2:5, NLT)

- Every [GENERATION](#).

“‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people...Your [young men](#) will see visions, and your [old](#) men will dream dreams.’” (Acts 2:17, NLT)

- Both [GENDERS](#).

“In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—[men and women alike](#)...” (Acts 2:18, NLT)

UNIFYING FACTOR: [JESUS](#)

"God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this. Now he is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, at God's right hand. And the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today." (Acts 2:32–33, NLT)

"[Christ] is the Head of the body made up of his people—that is, his Church—which he began; and he is the Leader..." (Colossians 1:18, The Living Bible)

3. FAMILY FOCUSED.

"Those who accepted his message were baptized. About 3,000 people JOINED the believers that day." (Acts 2:41, NLT)

"Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are MEMBERS of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you BELONG in God's household with every other Christian." (Ephesians 2:19, The Living Bible)

4. GROWS LARGE AND SMALL AT THE SAME TIME.

"They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—" (Acts 2:46, NLT)

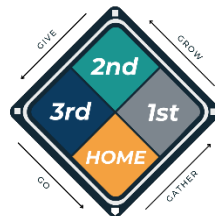
"The churches here in the province of Asia send greetings in the Lord, as do Aquila and Priscilla and all the others who gather in their home for church meetings." (1 Corinthians 16:19, NLT)

5. NEXT STEP DRIVEN.

"Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38, NLT)

Change your mind -> Humble your heart -> Submit your body -> Receive His gift!

"With each of you we were like a father with his child, holding your hand, whispering encouragement, showing you STEP-BY-STEP how to live well before God, who called us into his own kingdom..." (1 Thessalonians 2:11–12, The Message)



6. LEADER LED AND VOLUNTEER RUN.

*"Then **Peter stepped forward** with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd...
"In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people..."
(Acts 2:14,17, NLT)*

*"Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to **equip God's people to do his work** and build up the church, the body of Christ." (Ephesians 4:11–12, NLT)*

*"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. **Use them well to serve one another.**" (1 Peter 4:10, NLT)*

7. JOYFULLY GENEROUS.

*"They sold their property and possessions and **shared the money** with those in need." (Acts 2:45, NLT)*

*"**Give, and it will be given to you;** a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over—will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." (Luke 6:38, CSB)*

8. RADICALLY COMMITTED.

*"Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, **what should we do?**" (Acts 2:37, NLT)*

"I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth!" (Revelation 3:15–16, NLT)

ACTION STEPS

1st BASE – Next Sunday!
RECOMMITMENT COVENANT

*"[Josiah] went up to the Temple of the Lord with...all the people from the least to the greatest. There the king read to them the entire Book of the Covenant...and renewed the covenant in the Lord's presence. He pledged to obey the Lord by keeping all his commands, laws, and decrees with all his heart and soul...**and all the people pledged themselves** to the covenant."
(2 Kings 23:1-3, NLT)*