

The State of the Church

2022

What is Church?

Who are we?

What do we do?

What is our purpose, mission, goals, identity?

Church

Matthew 16:18, 1st Cor 1:2, etc. =

ἐκκλησία (ekklēsia) = Called Out Ones

- a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into some public place, an assembly.

Hebrews 10:25 =

ἐπισυναγωγή (episynagōgē) = Assembly

- a Christian meeting (for worship), a gathering together in one place, to come to the side of.

Church

Gave gifts for all to participate in the “gathering”

- [Ephesians 4:11-13](#), [1 Corinthians 12:28](#)

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. - [Hebrews 10:23-25 NKJV](#)

Identity and Institution

Identity:

The Body of Christ - Belonging to Him - Synonymous with all Christians. To glorify God, to individually grow more in to Christlikeness.

Institution:

Called out Ones of a public gathering, a local assembly of believers to worship and serve, to be in relationship to love God and others. To be a disciple, that makes disciples, that make disciples.

1. **Matt 28:19-20 NKJV** "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, [even] to the end of the age." Amen.
2. **Mark 16:15 NKJV** And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.
3. **Act 1:8 NKJV** "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1-2

A group of believers meeting together on a regular basis to fellowship, worship, and follow out the commands of Jesus, operating in a culture of:

A dependency on the Holy Spirit

Unity and prayer

Be a witness / a heart for the lost/ purpose

(Acts 1:8)

Churching in Acts 2 (2:42)

Continued Steadfastly = Daily and Dedicated

Apostles Doctrine = Bible

Fellowship = Real Sharing of Lives

Breaking of Bread = Communal and
Communion

Prayers = Individual and Corporate

Changed hearts and shared lives

Churching in Acts 2

1. Evangelism
2. Water Baptism
3. Teaching the Word
4. Fellowship/Community
5. Communion
6. Prayers
7. Baptism of the Holy Spirit
8. Corporate praise/worship

Motto: Love God Love Others

Mission Statement:

- 1.** To be a community of believers that brings people into a personal relationship with Jesus,
- 2.** To grow Christians into maturity,
- 3.** To reach out locally and around the world.

Vision Statement:

1. To give every person of our community an opportunity to receive Jesus,
2. To see our church engaged in ministry or life groups,
3. To see people raised up and sent out on a regular basis.

The Heart of Service: **John 13**

- Humility, Holiness, and Heart

Humility

John 13:3-5 NKJV - 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. 5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

Holiness

John 13:6-10 NKJV - 6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?" 7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this." 8 Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me." 9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!" 10 Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."

Heart

John 13:12-17 NKJV - 12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 "You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. 14 "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 "For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. 16 "Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17 "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Heart

John 13:34-35 NKJV - 34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

'And you shall **love the LORD** your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.

"And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall **love your neighbor** as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

-Mark 12:30-31 NKJV

“I will build My church,
and the gates of Hell
shall not prevail against it.”

- Jesus

Matthew 16:18

