

The State of the Church

2023

Apprenticeship

Disciple = apprentice

μαθητής (G3101) (mathēteuō)

- intransitively, to become a pupil;

transitively, to disciple, i.e. enrol as scholar:

—be disciple, instruct, teach.

(See **Mat 28:19**)

18 Jesus came near and spoke to them, “I’ve received all authority in heaven and on earth.

19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, - **Matthew 28:18-20 CEB**

20 teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age.”

- Matthew 28:18-20 CEB

So those who hear me and do what I say
are like those intelligent people who
build their homes on solid rock, where
rain and floods and winds cannot shake
them. - **Matt 7:24–25**

Train them to do everything I have told
you. - **Matt 28:20**

Church =

ἐκκλησία (ekklēsia) = Called Out Ones

- a gathering of people called out from their homes into some public place, an assembly. (See **Mat 16:18**, **1st Cor 1:2**, etc.)

ἐπισυναγωγή (episynagōgē) = Assembly

- a Christian meeting (for worship), a gathering together in one place, to come to the side of. (**Heb 10:25**)

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 (Mark 12:30-31)

Mission Statement:

1. To be a community of believers that brings people into an interactive-love-based 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 know and walk with Jesus
2. To see every person in the church engaged in ministry or life groups
3. To see people raised up and sent out on a regular basis

Core Values

- Humility, Holiness, and Heart (**John 13**)
- Love is our motivation
- Christlikeness is our goal

'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

Recommended Reading on Discipleship:

1. The Divine Conspiracy by Dallas Willard
2. Following the Master: Discipleship in the Steps of Jesus. By Michael J. Wilkins.
3. The Anatomy of a Disciple: So Many Believers. So Few Disciples. by Dr. Rick Taylor

