

## About the Church

Pastor Anthony J. Shetley, POL 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025

### The Church Defined

Matthew 16:18–19 (NASB95) <sup>18</sup> “I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. <sup>19</sup> “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.”

Ephesians 2:19–22 (NASB95) <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household, <sup>20</sup> having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

### Saved Out of the World and Placed Into the Church

1 Corinthians 12:13, 18 (NASB95) <sup>13</sup> For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>18</sup> But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.

### Sanctified Unto God

1 Corinthians 6:9–11 (NASB95) <sup>9</sup> Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, <sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor *the* covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

### From a Life In Sin Unto a Life of Righteousness

Romans 6:13 (NASB95) <sup>13</sup> and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

### A Fruitful / Abundant Life

John 15:8 (NASB95) <sup>8</sup> “My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

### A Warning

Matthew 7:21 (NASB95) <sup>21</sup> “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*.

### The Expectation

John 14:1–3 (NASB95) <sup>1</sup> “Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> “In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> “If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also.