



Church Defined: How God Sets Up the Local Church

1. Jesus is the Senior Pastor of the Church

Every local church needs to begin with good **Christology** (understanding of Christ).
At Life Church, we preach a BIG Christ who is completely and totally in control:

Then Jesus came close to them and said, “**All authority of the universe** has been given to Me.” (Matthew 28:18)

For in the Son **all** our sins are canceled and we have the release of redemption through His very blood. (Colossians 1:14)

The authority of the name of Jesus **causes every knee to bow** in reverence!
(Philippians 2:10)

If the scope of Jesus’ supreme greatness is not exceptionally clear, the church will eventually become very sick.

- Jesus is the apostle who plants a church (Hebrews 3:1)
- Jesus is the senior pastor who leads the church (1 Peter 5:4)
- Jesus is the head of the church (Colossians 1:4, 2:10, 19)
- Jesus grows and builds a church (Matthew 16:18)
- Jesus shuts a church down for becoming faithless and/or fruitless (Revelation 2:5)