

The People of the Church

Where is the church?

Who is the church?

Tone of the church.

Growing the church.

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Who needs forgiveness and redemption?

Accountability

Where Is the Church?

The church exists **wherever two or more gather** in His name. This unity fosters true community, emphasizing the difference between simply attending services and actively embodying the church's mission through relationships, service, and shared faith experiences.

Who Is the Church?

Everyone

We all contribute unique gifts to the body, reflecting God's diversity and purpose in our community.

Not Everyone

Some may feel disconnected or unsure how to engage, highlighting the need for encouragement and support.

Setting the Tone

The tone of our church is shaped by **everyone's contribution**. It is essential for each member to reflect Christ's love. The more we reflect Christ's love, the more evident it will be as we welcome visitors and new members. It will draw people here!

Who Grows the Church?

Planting

Planting seeds of faith is essential for spiritual growth within the church community.

Watering

Watering involves nurturing relationships and supporting each other in faith journeys to foster growth.

Shepherding the Church

The pastor plays a crucial role in our church community, guiding us spiritually and fostering growth. Supporting our leadership through prayer, encouragement, and understanding creates an environment where everyone can thrive in their faith and service to one another.

Jesus' Redeeming Grace

Extending Grace Through Humility in Community

Everyone has sinned and needs **God's grace**.

Remembering this allows us to extend
compassion and understanding to others.

Praise vs. Correction

Praise

Praise fosters encouragement and strengthens relationships, making individuals feel valued and appreciated within the church community.

Correction

Correction, while necessary, can be challenging; it requires humility and openness to growth in faith and character.

Embracing Correction Through Accountability

No one enjoys being corrected, yet it is essential for growth. Humility allows us to receive guidance and learn from our mistakes, fostering a community where support and understanding thrive, leading to spiritual and personal development for everyone involved.

Closing

As **the church**, we are called to set the tone for our community. This week, consider how you can take one concrete action that embodies belonging and purpose, fostering a sense of unity and growth within our congregation.
