

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

What We Believe in and Why!

What Is “The Church”?

❖ God’s People Collectively

- ❖ Kingdom = Church, **Matthew 16:18-19**
- ❖ The Body = Church, **Colossians 1:18**
- ❖ Churches of Christ, **Romans 16:16**
- ❖ Church of the Lord, **Acts 20:28**
- ❖ The church family, **Ephesians 3:15**

❖ God’s People Individually

- ❖ Christians, **1 Peter 4:6**
- ❖ Disciples, **Acts 11:26, 16:1**
- ❖ Saints, **1 Corinthians 1:2, 6:2**
- ❖ Brethren, **Galatians 6:1**
- ❖ Members, **1 Corinthians 6:15**
- ❖ Children of God, **Galatians 3:26**



The Nature of The Church

- ❖ *...Be united in God's word.*
- ❖ *...Let God's word be our standard.*
- ❖ *...Let God's word rule our conduct.*
- ❖ *...Reveal to others God's great mystery.*
- ❖ *...Love one another as Jesus loves us.*
- ❖ *...Worship Jesus as our Lord.*



What is The Mission of the Church?

Bring Glory to
Christ!

Ephesians 3:21, *“Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”*

How Do We (The Church) Accomplish This Mission ?

Be Christ's contacts with the world

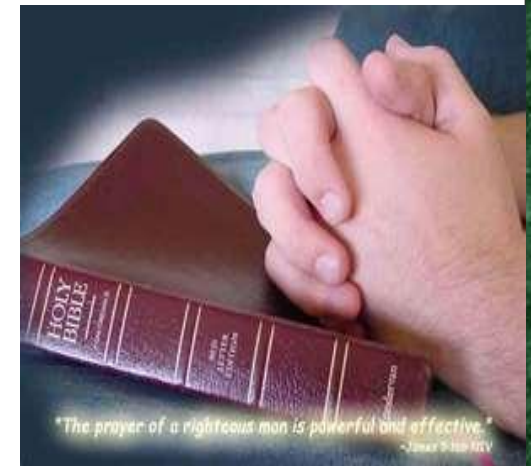
- ❖ **Romans 12:4-8**, "we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, ...Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us"
- ❖ **Ephesians 4:11-12**, "he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ"

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❖ **Mark 16:15**, *“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”*

❖ **Galatians 2:20**, *“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.”*



Contacts That Delivers...

❖ God's Message

❖ **1 Corinthians 1:18, 21**, *“the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God...it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.”*



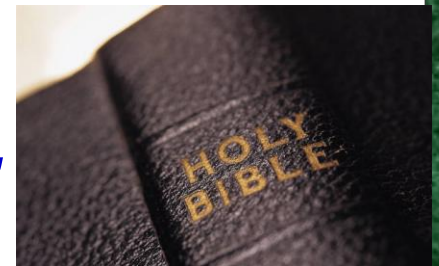
❖ **Mark 16:16**, *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”*

Contacts Who Set The...

❖ Example of Good Works & Purity

❖ **Titus 2:7-13** *"In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing incorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech that cannot be condemned ... showing good fidelity...living soberly, righteously, godly...looking for the blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our savior Jesus Christ"*

❖ **Matthew 22:37-38**, *"love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment."*



Contacts Filled With...

❖ Hope & Encouragement

❖ **Romans 14:19**, *“follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.”*

❖ **Hebrews 3:13**, *“exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”*

❖ **Hebrews 10:24**, *“let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works”*



Conclusion Of The Matter

- ❖ What is our Mission (The Church)?
“GLORIFY JESUS CHRIST”
- ❖ We accomplish our mission by delivering His message, setting an example of good works & purity, & being an encouragement others.
- ❖ We do these things by using our...
 - ❖ Feet to go where God needs us.
 - ❖ Lips to speak of His hope & salvation.
 - ❖ Hands to do His compassionate works.

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