

“What Is A Church?”

You can have a “Church” with things that are really “*Biblical Non-Necessities*” ... Membership Rolls ... Buildings ...
“*Order of Service*” ... Programs ... **TRADITIONS!**
- “Church” is to achieve the PURPOSE of the “Church”.

- 1.- **Fellowship and Encouragement** – **Heb. 10:25** – “*not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*”
- **1 Thess. 5:11** – “*Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.*”
- 2.- **Equipping The Saints** – **Eph. 4:11-12** – “*And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,*”
- **Eph. 4:14-15** – “*that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ —*”
- 3.- **Preaching The Word** – **Romans 10:14** – “*How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?*”
- **1 Peter 5:2** – “*Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;*”
- **SALVATION** – **Acts 2:41-42** – “*Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.*”
- **EVANGELISM** – **Acts 1:8** – “*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*”

Each **PROGRAM** is to accomplish each **PURPOSE** of the Church.