

Section 1

Church Membership

What the church is not:

1. The church is not a _____
2. The church is not a _____ from 6-8PM
 - 2.1. We use the word _____ because we are gathering together to worship God.
 - 2.2. We use the word _____ because we are here to serve one another.
3. The church is not a club offering _____ and _____ fixes.
4. The church is not simply "Where 2 or more are gathered."

We are members of one body: Ephesians 1:15-22; 2:11-22

What is a local church?

The local church is a community of _____ believers who confess Jesus Christ as Lord. In obedience to Scripture they organize under _____ leadership, gather _____ for _____ and _____, observe the biblical sacraments of _____ and _____, are _____ by the Spirit, are _____ for holiness, and _____ to fulfill the great _____ and the great _____ as missionaries to the world for God's _____ and their _____.

8 Elements of a church

1. Regenerated church membership
2. Qualified leadership
3. Preaching and worship
4. Rightly administered sacraments
5. Spirit Unity
6. Holiness
7. The great commandment to love
8. The great commission to evangelize and make disciples