

# The Church

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## 1 Cor 12:12-13

*<sup>12</sup> For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. <sup>13</sup> For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.*

Rom 16: 3-4, 15-16

*<sup>3</sup> Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, <sup>4</sup> who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles; <sup>5</sup> also greet the church that is in their house... <sup>15</sup> Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. <sup>16</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.*

- Ekklesia – definition of a local church

An assembly of invited guests called out from amongst the people of the world based on their profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to form a congregation of believers in a specific location, city, or house.

**1. Is our church anchored in the Scriptures?**



- **How can we know the Bible is the Word of God**

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  - The Bible claims to be the Word of God

## 2 Tim 3:14-17

*<sup>14</sup> ...continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

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    - 3 Continents
    - 3 languages
    - 1500 Years
    - 40 Authors
    - 1 Unified Book – no contradictions

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    - Over 300 concerning Jesus Christ
    - Predictive prophecy

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    - In you
    - In all that are saved

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    - 100's spent time with him

## 1 Cor 15:6-8

*<sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.*

- **How can we know the Bible is the Word of God**
  - The Indestructibility of the Bible

# **1. Is Friendship Church anchored in the Scriptures?**

**2. Does our church have a sense of community?**

Heb 10:24-25

*<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*



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- 1 Thes 5:11 <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

- Col 3:12-13 <sup>12</sup> *Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.*

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- Gal 5:13 <sup>13</sup> *For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.*

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- 1 Cor 12:25-26 <sup>25</sup> that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.



- 1 Pet 4:8-10 <sup>8</sup> Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup> As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another...

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- James 5:16 <sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

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- 1828 Webster's: to adore; to pay divine honors to; to reverence with supreme respect and veneration; to honor with extravagant love and extreme submission; to perform acts of adoration.



## Rom 12:1-2

*<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

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**4. Does our church provide opportunities to serve?**

## Joshua 24:14-15

*<sup>14</sup> “Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”*

Psalm 100: 1-2

*<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! <sup>2</sup> Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!*

## 1 Peter 4:10-11

*<sup>10</sup> As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: <sup>11</sup> whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.*

Matt 20: 26-28

*<sup>26</sup>But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, <sup>28</sup> even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

## Rom 12:4-8

*4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup> Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup> the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.*



# Ministry Teams

- Fellowship Team
- Discipleship Team
- Evangelism Team
- Worship Team
- Administrative / Facilities Team

**4. Does Friendship Church provide opportunities to serve?**

**5. Does our church build men?**

Gen 1:27

*27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

## Eph 5:22-28

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*25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her... 28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.*

## Eph 5:22-28

*<sup>1</sup>Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives*

*<sup>2</sup>when they see your respectful and pure conduct...*

*<sup>7</sup> Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.*

Eph 6:4

*4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*



1 Tim 5:8

*<sup>8</sup> But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

1 Tim 3:1-7

*<sup>1</sup> The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup> Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup> not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money...*

## 1 Tim 3:1-7 (cont.)

<sup>4</sup> *He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup> for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?*

<sup>6</sup> *He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup> Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.*

**5. Does Friendship Church build men?**

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