

THE LOCAL CHURCH

I. DEFINITION of the local church

A. Bible Statements

Acts 2:36-47

1. (Acts 2:41a, 47; Matt. 16:16-18)
2. (Acts 2:42, Jude 3)
3. (Acts 2:41, 42; Matt. 26:26-30, 28:19)

Acts 5:42-6:7

4. (Acts 20:7; Heb. 10:25; John 20:19, 26; 1 Cor. 16:2)
5. (Acts 14:23, 15:4,6; 20:17, 28-35; Phil. 1:1, 1 Tim. 3:1-13)

Acts 4:19-20; 8:4; 1:8

6. (Matt. 28:18-20)

B. Definition

II. PURPOSES of the local church

A. Bible Statements (true of universal; but done locally)

1. Acts 2:42
2. Acts 2:42
3. Acts 2:42
4. Acts 2:42
5. Acts 2:44-45, 6:1-3; Rom. 12:13; 1 Tim. 5:3-16; 1 John 3:17
6. 2:47, 5:42, 8:4
7. Acts 14:21-23
8. 1 Cor. 10:23, 14:4-5, 12; Eph. 4:10-16

B. Transition

- How do we fulfill God's purpose for us, His church? Who, what, where, when, and how do we show and tell about Jesus to other church members and to the lost?

III. ORGANIZATION of the local church

A. Bible Statements

1. Acts 2:41, 4:4
2. Acts 2:41, 4:4, 20:7; Heb. 10:25; John 20:19, 26
3. Acts 6:5-6
4. Acts 14:23, 20:17, 28; Phil. 1:1-2; 1 Tim 3; Titus 1:5-9
5. Matt. 18:17,
6. 1 Cor. 5:4, 5, 13
7. Rom. 15:26, 1 Cor. 16:1-2
8. Acts 18:27, 2 Cor. 3:1, Rom. 16:1
9. 1 Tim. 5:9, Acts 6:1
10. 1 Cor. 11:16
11. Acts 2:41-42, 46; 1 Cor. 11:23-26
12. 1 Cor. 14:40, Col. 2:5
13. Acts 2:41, 47; Matt. 28:19,

IV. OFFICERS in the local church

A. Bible Offices (See “deacon manual”)

(see above) Acts 14:23, 20:17, 28; Phil. 1:1-2; 1 Tim 3; Titus 1:5-9

1.
 - a. (*presbuteros*)
 - b. (*episkopos*)
 - c. (*poimen*)
2.
 - a. (*diakonos*)

B. Purposes:

- Acts 20:28; 1 Cor. 9:7; 1 Pet. 5:2
- Acts 15:6, 22; 1 Tim. 5:17; 1 Pet. 5:1-5
- Acts 15:22; Rom 12:8; 1 Thes. 5:12; 1 Tim. 3:4-5, 12; Heb. 13:17, 24
- 1 Cor. 4:1-2; Eph 4:12; Col. 1:7; 1 Tim. 1:12, 3:13, 4:6; 1 Pet. 4:11
- 1 Cor. 4:15-17; (Eph 5:1; 1 Tim. 1:2, Titus 1:4); 1 Pet. 5:3;

APPLICATION:

Practice “*Pursuing what Pleases the Lord*”: imitation of God, submission to Christ, true discipleship

1. Accept:
2. Commit:
3. Submit: