



People's Church

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"To Him be glory in the church, and in Jesus Christ throughout all generations, for ever and ever!" Ephesians 3:21

Jesus said, "...I will build my church, and the gates of Hell will not overcome it." Matthew 16:18

FOUR PURPOSES

I. WE EXIST TO CELEBRATE **GOD'S PRESENCE**

Worship - **EXPRESSING OUR DEVOTION**

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul ...this is the first and greatest commandment." Matthew 22:37

"Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only." Matthew 4:10

"...the Father seeks worshippers...and His worshippers must worship Him in spirit and in truth." John 4:23-24

Our Church's Style:

CELEBRATION (Psalm 122:1)

INSPIRATION (Isaiah 40:31)

PREPARATION (Ephesians 4:11-12)

II. WE EXIST TO COMMUNICATE **GOD'S WORD**

Evangelism - **SHARING THE GOOD NEWS WITH THEM**

"His intent was that through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known..." Ephesians 3:10

"...you will be my witnesses..." Acts 1:8

"The Good News...will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." Matthew 24:14

"The Lord...is patient, not wanting anyone to perish, but wanting everyone to come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9

III. WE EXIST TO EDUCATE **GOD'S PEOPLE**

Discipleship - **TEACHING BELIEVERS TO GROW SPIRITUALLY**

"Let us...go on to maturity..." Hebrews 6:1

"Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18

"(God has given) ...some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of ministry, so that the Body of Christ may be built up until we all...become mature ...like Christ." Ephesians 4:11-13

Our Teaching:

- **PRACTICAL**
- **PERSONAL**
- **POSITIVE**

IV. WE EXIST TO DEMONSTRATE **GOD'S LOVE**

Ministry - **MEETING NEEDS AND HEALING HURTS**

"By this shall all men know that you are my disciples - that you have love for one another." John 13:35

"Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ...Faith, if it is not accompanied by actions, is dead." James 1:22, 2:17

"Now God gives us many kinds of special abilities...and there are different kinds of service to God ...All of you together form the one Body of Christ and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:4-5 and 27 (LB)

