



ONE CHURCH

Ephesians 4:1-6

¹ I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ² with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. (Ephesians 4:1-6)

CHURCH STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Our ultimate goal is to exalt Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in everything we are, say and do.

THE PERSONALITY OF THIS CHURCH STATEMENT:

This purpose has a personality that has been, is, and will continually be reflected in this Body of Believers. Within this statement there are words that describe the atmosphere that we desire at church: words that point to Christ as the Head of the Church are also intentionally used in our Church Statement.

A. THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE CHURCH

- 1. We want to be a growing church.** Adding to the kingdom such as would be saved.
- 2. We want to be a magnetic church.** Right after Jesus gave us the Beatitudes in Matthew 5, He made two interesting statements concerning Christians. He said, “*You are the salt of the earth*” (v. 13) and “*You are the light of the world*” (v. 14). Jesus’ expectation of our lives is that we should be a preservative to our society. Our lives should, as salt, make those around us thirsty for Jesus. We ought also to be light on the path of a darkened, troubled world. We become beautiful when our attitude toward Christ, others, and ourselves is right. An attitude is nothing more than “an outward expression of an inward feeling.” When we are inwardly attractive, we become an outwardly beautiful demonstration of love to those around us.
- 3. We want to be an encouraging church.** Hebrews 10:25 states that we are not to “*forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching*”.
- 4. We want to be a church with multiple ministries — a dynamic ministry serving.** To minister is to reach out and meet needs. Jesus taught us that the highest form of ministry is service to others. We do injustice to the word “ministry” by restricting its use to pastors or ordained ministers. The importance of lay ministry is demonstrated in Matthew 26:6-13. A woman came, poured perfume on Jesus, and expressed her devotion to Him. Others complained about the cost of the perfume—evidence that they did not understand that ministry to others is more important than cost or status (for she was a lowly woman). Jesus was so touched by her ministry

to Him that He declared, *“Wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her”* (v. 13).

B. THE ATTITUDE OF THE CHURCH

1. Reach the lost for Christ. *“For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost”* (Luke 19:10).
2. Preach the doctrine of entire sanctification. *“For God did not call us into uncleanness, but unto holiness”* (1 Thessalonians 4:7)
“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 5:23).
3. Equip believers for a dynamic, spirit fill ministry (Ephesians 4).

C. THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE CHURCH

1. Disciple believers in God’s Word. A disciple of Christ is one who loves and obeys the Lord’s teachings.
2. Start home bible study (cell groups) and house prayer (Acts 13:49).
3. Provide a climate for spiritual growth. The only thing beautiful about our church is Jesus. When, as congregation, we sense His presence in our services, then all is well. When He comes, lives are changed, hurts are healed, and joy is full.
4. Grow a great church in our city and beyond for God’s glory.

Our Statement of Ministry will be a faithful guide into the future. This Statement of Ministry will infuse direction, prayer, and God’s life into the Body of Christ. As we pray, fast and worship together, God will honor and bless our resources in order that we might reach a hurting and lost world for Christ.

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