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"We aspire to be Christ-like people who are; Focused on Jesus, Building Community and Impacting the World"

The Church – "Ekklesia" is a Greek word defined as "a called-out group of people". A group of people functioning together with a common cause or purpose.

The Church belongs to Jesus – The Bride of Christ "Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior." Ephesians 5:23

The Vital Components of the Church

• The Presence of Jesus – His Holy Spirit

"For where two or three gather in my name there am I with them." Matthew 18:20

Evidence of His Presence – The Heart of Jesus

"Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Matthew 9:36

"If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world."

John 12:47

• Obedience to the teachings of Jesus

"Go and make disciples of all nations. Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to do everything I have commanded you.".

Matthew 28:19-20

Evidence of Obedience - Our Love

"...you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 13:35

The Church is a continuation of Jesus Ministry, Message, and Priorities.

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and <u>gave us the ministry of reconciliation</u>: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us."2 Corinthians 5:14ff

"Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent." Luke 5:31-32