

What is the Church?

A Community of Gospel People on Mission

What is Church Membership?

Membership is a church body committing to take responsibility for you and you for a church body – to help each other follow (& proclaim) Jesus.

Who Leads the Church?

1) Jesus (*Ephesians 5:23-33*)

v23b “**Christ is the head of the church, his body. . .**

v24a “**the church submits to Christ. . .**”

v25b “**Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. . .**”

vv29-30 “**For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.**

2) Pastors/Shepherds who Follow Jesus (*1 Peter 5:1-4*)

“Obey your leaders and submit to them, **for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account.**” Hebrews 13:17