

CHURCH

Church... Connected Community!

When we think of church, we think of different things...

The Church is a called out group of people, an assembly of saints!

Romans 1:6; Ephesians 4:4

The Church is called...

- the children of God, so we are a family. Philippians 2:15
- living stones that make up a spiritual house. I Peter 2:4-5
- members of the Body of Christ. I Corinthians 12:12-13, 18

A common thread in these three illustrations- connected community!

Connected community...

- is entered by salvation. “those who had received his word” Acts 2:41
- is confessed in baptism. “were baptized” Acts 2:41
- is experienced through commitment. “continually devoting” Acts 2:42
 - first a heart attitude.
 - second a practical action.
- is dependant on God’s indispensable ingredients...
 - the Apostles teaching, the Word of God. Acts 2:42
 - fellowship, sharing in common. Acts 2:42
 - >the “one anothers” of the New Testament are a practical expression.
 - >this is where serving with our gifts occurs. I Peter 4:8-10; I Cor. 12:4-7
 - breaking of bread, worship. Acts 2:42
 - prayer, dependence on God. Acts 2:42
 - people being evangelized. Acts 2:47

The connected community, the church, gathers in two ways... Acts 2:46

- Large corporate gatherings.
- Small groups.

A word to the connected community... Hebrews 10:24-25

