



“The Revolving Door of the Church”

Closing the back door by

redefining th

front door

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Becoming A Member of the Body of Christ "The Church" John 3:3-5 / Acts 2:4,38



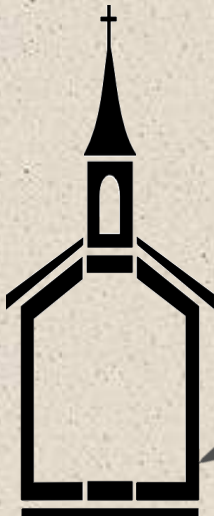
The Pastor

The Gospel is preached to the "**Solitary.**"
(Psalms 68:6)



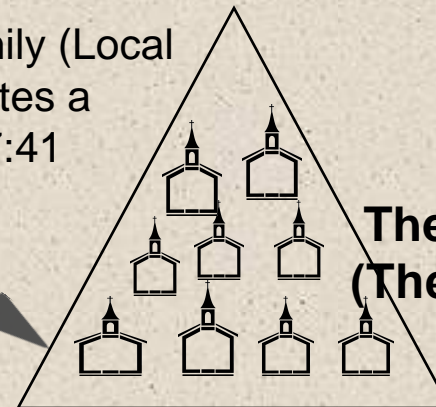
The Solitary Convert

He sets the solitary in "**Families.**" – The Local Church
Psa. 68:6



**The Local Church
(A Family)**

He takes the Family (Local Church) and creates a "**Flock**" Psa. 107:41

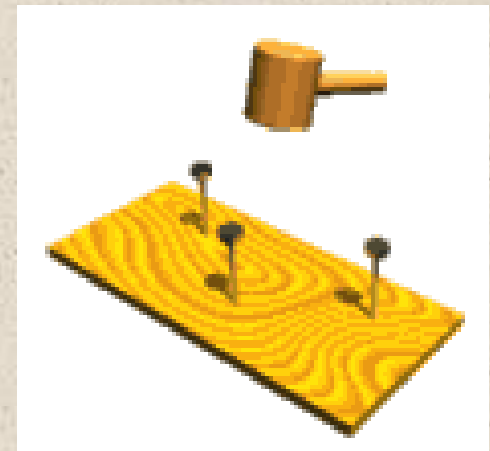


**The Body of Christ
(The Shepherd's Flock)**

EXCEPT THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE...

1 Corinthians 3:10 & 11

- According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.



New Testament Church Government

- Government = a system of rules by which a group of people (large or small) are governed in order to conduct their affairs in an organized manner under the authority of a central leadership.
- A system for the masses to cooperate as a single unit for the benefit of the whole.

REVELATION 3:8

- **I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an **open door**, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.**



CURB APPEAL

What's on Main Street?

First
impressions
really are
lasting!

- Well maintained building both inside and outside
- Adequate and well lit parking?
- Directional/Informational Signs?
 - ▶ *Are they Accurate?*
- Nursery/Child Care facilities?
- Stocked and Clean Bathrooms?

PASTORAL CARE

- Hospital/Home/Prison Visits
- Counseling Services
- Funeral/Bereavement Services
- Wedding Services
- Benevolence Fund



MINISTERIAL TEAM

- Number of ministers on staff?
 - ▶ Licensed?
- How are ministers trained and re-trained?
- Do ministers understand the doctrine? Are they rooted and grounded in the Word of truth? ▶ Can they clearly articulate it?

CONNECTIVE COURSES & MINISTRY SUPPORTS

- New Members Class
- Foundational/Doctrinal Classes
- Sunday School & Bible Class
- Connection Ministry
- Mentoring Program (all age groups)
- Church “Informational Booklet”
- Informational Website (kept current)
- E-news (electronic news letters)
- Sunday Bulletins & Public Bulletin Boards
- New Member Picture Board

Fellowship Opportunities

- Church sponsored dinners
- Concerts/Plays
- Kid's Fun Night
- Harvest Festival
- Volunteer projects

Fishers of Men

- How many “new” members are new to the Kingdom of God. How many are transplants from other churches?
- What type of efforts are in place to reach the un-churched population in your community.
- Can you declare a world-wide ministry when you have yet to impact your own community.



ATTITUDE of CONGREGATION

- Do you really want *new* members?
- What are the realistic pros & cons of growth? Do you have the resources to meet those challenges.
- Have you created a warm, inviting atmosphere or an exclusive “club” atmosphere?

CHURCH RESOURCES

- Identify community resources/contacts for various needs:
 - Shelters
 - Human Services
 - Feeding Programs
 - Professional Counseling & Legal services
 - Drug rehabilitation
 - Senior services

Mission & Vision

- Does your church have a clear Mission and Vision?
- Do you do what you “say” you do?