

The Church

Ministry Structure for the Church

Jesus Christ, *The Head of the Church*

Colossians 1:18 *He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything.*
Ephesians 1:22 & 23 *And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fulness of Him who fills all in all.*

The Body

God places each member in the body as He desires

1 Corinthians 6:15 *Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?*

1 Corinthians 12:14 & 18 *For the body is not one member, but many. But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.*

Ministries Appointed by God

Ministries Appointed by men, through the direction of the Holy Spirit

Leadership Ministry of the Church (Regional Baptist Ministry Council)

The Five Equipping Ministries:

Pastors through the office of:

**Apostle
Prophet
Evangelist
Pastor (Shepherd)
Teacher**

1 Corinthians 12:28 *And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers,...*
Ephesians 4:11 *And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,*

These ministries work together for the good of the church...

Acts 15:6 *And the apostles and the elders came together to look into this matter.*

Overseers or Bishops Elders

[Regional Baptist (1) Deacon Representative, (2) Lydian Representative, (3) Ministry Group Representative, (4) Church Member Representatives]

1 Timothy 3:1 *It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer (Bishop), it is a fine work he desires to do.*

Philippians 1:1 *Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:*

Acts 14:23 *And when they (Paul & Barnabas) had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.*

Service Ministries of the Church

*These appointed ministries operate through
Regional Ministry Groups*

1. Miracles (Works of Miracles)
2. Gifts of Healings
3. Helps
4. Administration
5. Kinds of Tongues & Interpretation
6. Service
7. Exhorts
8. Gives (Imparts)
9. Leads (Takes the lead)
10. Mercy

1 Corinthians 12:28 *And God has appointed in the church, ...then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.*
Romans 12:7 & 8 *if service, in his serving;... or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.*

Deacons or Deaconesses (Regional Lydians)

Acts 6:3 *"But select from among you, brethren, seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task.*

1 Timothy 3:13 *For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.*

Romans 16:1 *I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchræa;*