

WHAT ON EARTH ARE WE DOING HERE? God's Agenda for Our Church – and for You

I. THE "WHY" OF CHURCH: To share the news

that **people matter to God**

John 3:16; Colossians 1:22 (TEV)

II. THE "WHAT" OF CHURCH: we are to:

A. Love God with your whole being

"One of them, an expert in the law, tested Him with this question: 'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?' Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" [Deuteronomy 6:5].

This is the first and greatest commandment."

Matthew 22:35-38

B. Love others, who are made in God's image

"And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself' [Leviticus 19:18]." Matthew 22:39

C. Go and make disciples (Evangelism)

"Jesus came and told his disciples, 'I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations'" Matthew 28:18-19 (NLT)

D. Baptize them (Bring them into Fellowship)

"... baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" V. 19

E. Teach them (Discipleship)

"Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." V. 20

**THE PURPOSE OF TRINITY COVENANT CHURCH IS:
TO INVITE PEOPLE TO ENTER INTO
PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST
AND INTO HIS FAMILY,
TO ENABLE THEM TO GROW
IN CHRISTLIKE CHARACTER,
AND TO EQUIP THEM FOR THEIR MINISTRY,
SO AS TO BRING HONOR TO GOD.**

III. THE "HOW" OF CHURCH: Getting practical

HOW DID JESUS' ORIGINAL FOLLOWERS DO THIS?

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" Acts 2:42-47

HOW DO WE PROCEED TO DO THIS?

In the near future:

- * Inquirers' Class
- * "Discovering Spiritual Maturity"
- * "Discovering My Ministry"
- * Using our gifts!

In the coming days:

1. Study our purpose statement
2. Ask, "Where am I in this statement?"
3. Ask, "Who do I know – who is not active in another church – who I can invite into this process?"
4. Ask, "How can I help others grow in this process?"