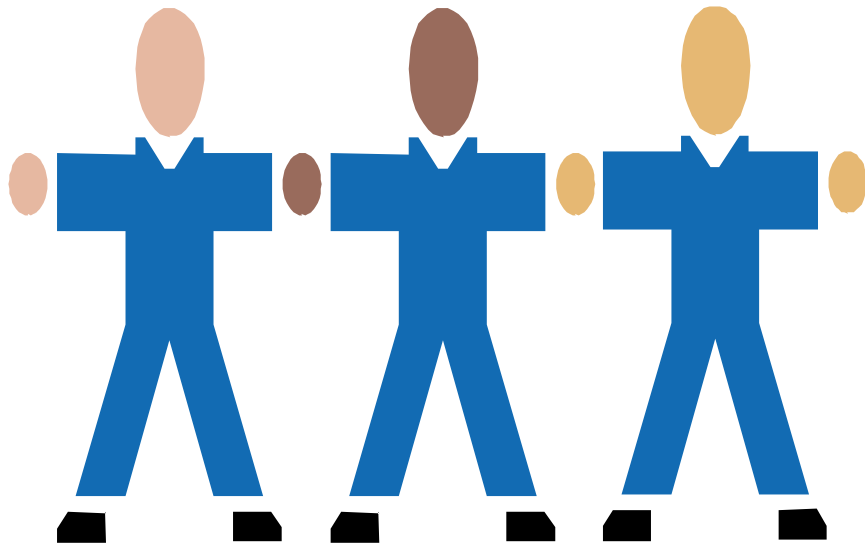




# THE CHURCH: What is it?

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- The “universal Church”, “collective Body”: Acts 2:41, 47; I Cor. 12:12-14
- The “local church”, congregation: Rom. 16:16, Rev. 1:11



# THE LOCAL CHURCH

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- **CHURCH AT:**

- **Jerusalem**  
*(Acts 8:1)*

- **Antioch** *(Acts 13:1)*

- **Cenchrea**  
*(Rom. 16:1)*

- **Corinth** *(I Cor. 1:2)*

- **CHURCHES OF GALATIA** *(Gal. 1:2)*

- **Lystra** *(Acts 14:20-23)*

- **Iconium** *(Acts 14:20-23)*

- **Antioch** *(Acts 14:20-23)*

- **Derbe** *(Acts 14:20-23)*

**\*Continues to be a local church when not assembled**



# **THE LOCAL CHURCH**

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- **Assembles (Heb. 10:25)**
- **Assembles to worship – L.S. (I Cor. 11:22ff, Eph. 5:19)**
- **Has overseers – Bishops (Acts 14:23)**
- **Has Treasury (I Cor. 16:2)**
- **FUNCTIONS AS ONE- UNIT:**
- **Disciplines (Matt. 18:17, I Cor. 5:4)**
- **Writes letters (I Cor. 16:3)**
- **Sends Messengers (Phil. 2:25)**
- **Pays preachers, elders (I Cor. 9:14, I Tim. 5:17)**



# THE LOCAL CHURCH

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- Not a Denomination; is autonomous: elders, bishops, pastors in every church ([Acts 14:23](#), [Phil. 1:1](#), [Acts 20:17,28](#))
- Christians will seek it in a locality to work and worship with its members ([Acts 9:26,28](#); [Act 20:7](#))
- Each member commits to worshipping, encouraging, and working with the church

**Next week:**



# **“PLACING MEMBERSHIP”**

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**What is it?**

**Do we find it in the Bible?**

**Is it necessary?**