





Shopping





Why Shop for a Church?



Moving



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Moving

Seeking Opportunities



How to Choose

Car or Truck

Service, comfort, individual needs



How to Choose

New House

School District

Number of Bedrooms or Baths

Comfort Amenities



How to Choose



New Church?

What criteria?

Authority

Matt. 28: 18-20

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:** and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.



Authority



Matt. 28: 18-20

In 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: 27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.



Authority

Matt. 28: 18-20

Jn 15:26

Jn 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.



Authority



- ◆ Command
- ◆ Approved Example
- ◆ Necessary Inference



Worship Service



- ◆ Preaching
- ◆ 2Ti 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Worship Service

- ◆ Preaching

- ◆ 2Ti 4:2

- ◆ Gal 6: 6-10 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. 10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. 11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. 12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.



Worship Service

- ◆ Singing
- ◆ Eph 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord



Worship Service

- ◆ Singing
- ◆ Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Worship Service

- ◆ Lord's Supper
- ◆ Act 20:7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

Evangelism

- ◆ Paul and Barnabus sent to preach
- ◆ Acts 13:1-3 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, ... and Saul. 2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. 3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

Evangelism

- ◆ Philippi helped Paul
- ◆ Phil. 4:15-16 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. 16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.



Evangelism at West Main

- ◆ Summer Bible Training
- ◆ Sunday and Wednesday Classes
- ◆ We send support to evangelists in Africa, the Philippines, South and Central America and in the U.S.

Benevolence

- ◆ Christians sold properties to provide for needy saints.
- ◆ Act 2:42-45 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. 44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.



Benevolence



- ◆ Churches in Macedonia sent relief to needy saints.
- ◆ II Cor 8 & 9



Benevolence at West Main

- ◆ Families in the church have received help.
- ◆ Relief has been sent to
Africa and the Philippines

Collective Works

- ◆ Churches uniting in television or newspaper campaigns?
 - ◆ Command?
 - ◆ Approved Example?
 - ◆ Necessary Inference?

Worship Service

- ◆ Musical Instruments
- ◆ Praise Groups
 - ◆ Command?
 - ◆ Approved Example?
 - ◆ Necessary Inference?



Church Athletic Programs

- ◆ Softball or Soccer
- ◆ Camping Trips
- ◆ Command?
 - ◆ Approved Example?
 - ◆ Necessary Inference?

Want to Be Involved?

- ◆ Matt. 9:37 The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few
- ◆ Jn. 4:35 ...behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few

Want to Be Involved?

- ◆ Talk to the elders; There is work to be done.
- ◆ Bible classes to teach.
- ◆ Door-Knocking.
- ◆ Work-Group –
- ◆ Call Visitors ◆ Help the Sick



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What do you look for in a church?