

**In an organization, “maintenance” becomes the focus,
but in an organism, “ministry” is the focus.**

The responsibility of leadership is to prepare and release
people for ministry. Ephesians 4:11-12

V. THE CHURCH IS A _____.

John 10:1-30; Matthew 26:31, 25:33; John 21:16-17

Therefore, it is to be cared for and led by
_____ (pastors).

**Three different terms are used in the New Testament
to refer to the same church leaders:

“*poimen*” =

“*presbuteros*” =

“*episcopos*” =

These three terms are used interchangeably to refer to the
same individuals. 1 Peter 5:1-2; Acts 20:17-18, 28

**There were a group of individuals in the early Church known
as Deacons or Deaconesses (servant leaders - the Greek term
“*diakonos*” means servants). They are men and women who
helped the pastors so they could remain focused on their
responsibilities. i.e., Acts 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 3:8-13

They helped with:

1. Feeding the church spiritually from God’s Word, a nutritious,
well balanced diet.
2. Overseeing and caring for the ministries of the church. 1 Pt. 5:1-2
3. Being an example of a godly life. 1 Peter 5:3; 1 Timothy 4:12
4. Making decisions related to purpose and direction.
1 Timothy 5:17; Hebrews 13:17
5. Helping maintain doctrinal purity. Acts 20:28-30; Titus 1:9
6. Preparing and training of others for ministry. Eph. 4:11-15
7. Praying for and encouraging the hurting and the sick. Js. 5:14-15
8. Overseeing the finances of the church. Acts 11:29-30

HOW OUR CHURCH IS STRUCTURED Part #2

The structure of the church is not to be determined by
culture, business practices, or even denominational traditions,
but the nature of the church determines its structure.

Who the Church is should determine what the church does!

I. THE CHURCH IS _____. Colossians 1:26-29
Philippians 2:3-4; Romans 12:10

Everything we do, we want to do with people in mind, of how
can we help people to be all that God wants them to be.

II. THE CHURCH IS A _____. Acts 2:42;
Ephesians 4:3; Romans 14:19

A top priority in a fellowship is _____
and _____.

**A good church structure promotes unity
and down plays differences.**

III. THE CHURCH IS A _____. 1 Peter 3:8;
Galatians 6:10; Hebrews 2:10-12; 1 Peter 4:17; 1 Timothy 5:1-2; 3:2-5

We are to operate on the basis of _____
not _____.

IV. THE CHURCH IS THE _____.
1 Corinthians 12:24; Ephesians 5:23, 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18, 2:19;

**We are a body - not a business!
We are an organism - not an organization!**

Romans 12:4-6; 1 Corinthians 12:7

We function on the basis of _____ and abilities
rather than being elected to an office.