We believe that a local Church is a congregation of immersed believers, associated by covenant of faith and fellowship of the Gospel; it is self-governing in its policy, practices, worship and work; its officers being that of Pastor (elder, bishop) and Deacons.

- Acts 2:41, 42 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized. And the same day there were added about three thousand souls. 42 And they were continuing steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, and in fellowship and in the breaking of the loaves, and in prayers.
- I Cor. 11:2 Keep the doctrines as I delivered *them* to you.
 - Phil. 1:1 Paul and Timothy, the <u>servants of Jesus Christ</u>, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, <u>with the overseers and deacons.</u>
- **Eph. 1:22, 23** And He has put all *things* under His feet and gave Him *to be* Head over all *things* to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.
- **Eph. 4:11** And truly He gave some *to be* apostles, and some *to be* prophets, and some *to be* evangelists, and some *to be* pastors and teachers,

Acts 20:17-28 vs.28

Therefore take heed to yourselves, and to all the flock in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to feed the church of God which He has purchased with *His* own blood.

I Tim. 3:1-13 Qualifications for Pastors and Deacons

- **Col. 1:18** And He is the Head of the body, the assembly, who is *the* Beginning, *the* First-born out of *the* dead, that He be preeminent in all things;
- **Eph. 5:23, 24** Because a husband is head of the wife, as also Christ *is* Head of the assembly, and He is *the* Savior of the body. 24 But even as the assembly is subject to Christ, so also the wives to their own husbands in everything.
- Acts 15:13-20 Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: 20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and *from* fornication, and *from* things strangled, and *from* blood.

We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only two Church ordinances.

Matthew 26:26-29; I Cor. 11:23, 24

Communion of the Lord's Table

Matthew 28:19, 20

Baptism of new believers