

How to Set Up a New Testament Church in your Home

**If the Church of Christ does not exist in your community, you should start now
Worshipping in your home and asking others to come meet with you. As Jesus said**

**Luke 14: 21 ... Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in
hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.**

**The Church of Christ is not a building ... the Church of Christ is the people of
Christ who have come to Christ biblically in the appointed way.**

The Church of Christ is not a denomination,

it is the one true fellowship you read about in Romans 16:16

**John 17:20-21 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe
on me through their word; 21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, [*art*] in
me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that
thou hast sent me.**

**I Corinthians 1:10-18 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and [*that*] there be no divisions among
you; but [*that*] ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same
judgment. 11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them
[*which are of the house*] of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. 12 Now
this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of
Cephas; and I of Christ. 13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were
ye baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you, but
Crispus and Gaius; 15 Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.
16 And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I
baptized any other. 17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel:
not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.
18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us
which are saved it is the power of God.**

The subject is division, which leads to denominations, which leads to unbelief.

**I Corinthians 3:4-6 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I [*am*] of
Apollos; are ye not carnal? 5 Who then is Paul, and who [*is*] Apollos, but
ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? 6 I have
planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.**

If the Church in its true form exists where you live, check them out and see if that fellowship works for you ... on the other hand if there is not a Bible believing faithful congregation in your area ...

or if you just don't fit: as an example Jesus saves all kinds of people, we have a biker with a bunch of tattoos off in east Texas and he stopped attending because he is rejected wherever he goes ... if you have stopped assembling for any reason or there is no faithful Church of Christ in your area ... you certainly do not want to join yourself to false teachers ... then you have the responsibility to begin worshiping God properly yourself and thereby establishing the Church in your home

Jesus did not commission us to go into all the world and build gothic cathedrals or church buildings ...

Most Congregations of the Churches of Christ are small country Churches with little or no staff and part-time preachers or Elders who do the preaching and teaching.

Church buildings are a handy convenience for some medium to large congregations

The building is an absolute necessity for large and big "mega-churches" ...

But that is not who we are reaching out to as we follow the Great Commission with our 21 World Wide Radio broadcasts and our 6 national broadcasts, as we follow the Great Commission: Jesus said cf:

Mark 16:15-16 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

The vast majority of people we reach with our World Wide Radio broadcasts are not found in affluent America but rather in Africa, India, China and other 3rd world countries and it is to these great masses we primarily direct this lesson ...

So do as Jesus said: bring in to your home, house, hut, shack, tent or igloo "the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind." Ask such people, they'll come. All people should worship God, the poor, maimed, halt and the blind need God

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [*is*]; but exhorting [*one another*]: ...

You must approach God reverently:

Hebrews 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

Reverence here is from “aidos” having the idea of downcast, bashfulness, modesty towards God, awe, shamefacedness

James 4:7-10 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse [*your*] hands, [*ye*] sinners; and purify [*your*] hearts, [*ye*] double minded. 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and [*your*] joy to heaviness. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up

Worship is not a light show rock and roll wild party, worship is reverently coming before the King of Kings and Lord of Lords not our buddy or pal ...

When God revealed Himself no one jumped around, nor were they entertained ... the reaction of everyone was reverence fear and awe ... when people realized they were in the presence of God they do not run and grab center stage and turn the spotlight on themselves but rather they turn the spotlight on God.

When people realize they are in the presence of God they do not turn the volume up they get reverently quiet ... such as when we take the Lord's Supper ... When people realize who God is, they tremble and fall prostrate before Him.

Genesis 17:1-3 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I [*am*] the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. 2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. 3 And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, 4 As for me, behold, my covenant [*is*] with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations

Isaiah 6: 1-6 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. 2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3 And one cried unto another,

and said, Holy, holy, holy, [*is*] the LORD of hosts: the whole earth [*is*] full of his glory. 4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 Then said I, Woe [*is*] me! for I am undone; because I [*am*] a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts

Daniel 10:7-9 And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. 8 Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength. 9 Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

You might say: Preacher “that’s the God of the Old Testament ...

Jesus is all peace and love” O REALLY ? So, Jesus is a different Lord ?

Have you forgotten about the about the apostle John who ate the Last Supper leaning on Jesus’ breast like a “bosom buddy”? That’s pretty close and familiar:

John 13:23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.

That same disciple John “fell at his feet as dead” when he saw the exhaled resurrected Christ.

Revelation 1:17-18 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: 18 I [*am*] he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

John 4:23-24 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God [*is*] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [*him*] in spirit and in truth.

Acts 2:37-47 Now when they heard [*this*], they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men [*and*] brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all

that are afar off, [*even*] as many as the Lord our God shall call. 40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added [*unto them*] about three thousand souls. 42 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. 46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

On one hand the Church of Christ is a sleeping giant, there are almost no limits on its potential to again conquer the World for Jesus Christ and this little congregation proves the fact that God can do anything with absolutely nothing cf:

I Corinthians 1:26-27 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, [*are called*]: 27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen

On the other hand, the American Church of Christ is much like the passengers in first class on the Titanic when: far below decks water was just beginning to flood in to the steeage compartments. ...

Today all still looks fabulous among the affluent and the high and mighty as they brag about changing Churches of Christ ... the band continues to play with the spellbinding light show and dazzling entertainment at the enormous Hills ...

What a Legacy ... they clap to their hands to their hearts content as they sing ...

Before the judgment day who will ever remembers the one lone brother, a true saint that they continue to dis-fellowship because he's got that "old time religion" and he dared to stand against their change movement ...

On the Titanic the affluent in first class danced, chatted and partied down never dreaming the waiters were delivering their last meal.

It was the same before the fall of the Roman Empire, things looked very good and prosperous in Rome when England could no longer be held and the Roman Legions were withdrawing back to the European continent.

Today in Bible colleges they rejoice in their innovations as they dabble in the affairs of the brotherhood haply proclaiming themselves to be “professors” and “post-modern, mystic, pantheists haply situated in the Churches of Christ” Shame on you Randy ... this question would I ask you “professor” what exactly does it take to get a Twiddle DD today ... how many ungodly souls have you personally disciplined and led to Christ ... or have you just preyed upon the unsuspecting children ... asleep parents have entrusted to your care for a Godly education.

Jeremiah 6:16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where [*is*] the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk [*therein*].

Isaiah 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, [*it is*] because [*there is*] no light in them.

II Timothy 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also

Are we seeing a glimpse of our future when we look at the deserted, beautiful, great gothic Protestant and Catholic cathedrals in Europe? Magnificent beautiful buildings with no people, most deserted, some in decay and falling down in ruin.

Others of the more grand and opulent are tourist traps to be visited like museums, viewed but no longer used. The Church loses its power and vitality when its people view the Church as a building rather than an Greek Word ek-klessia a called out group fellowship of brethren. This is the summary of original primitive worship:

Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

There is great diversity in today's Churches of Christ. Some mega congregations are extremely rich and powerful with many members; So was the Church of the Laodiceans cf:

Revelation 3:14-19 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would

thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and [that] the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

But on the other hand a great many are struggling congregations just getting by who hire a preacher and his staff ... pay the note on the building ... and the words evangelism world missions and missionaries are forgotten or ignored ...

A brother let's call him "Buzzy" sent me a letter saying I want every penny of my money spent on World Wide Preaching ...

Most Churches of Christ are small simple country congregations who have part time preachers or no preachers ... If you can't afford a preacher contact us and we will send you free of charge DVD's to play at your assembly and you can become one of our many satellite autonomous independent congregations.

The Priesthood of the Believer

Each and every one of you listening can practice the first century biblical teaching of the priesthood of the believers cf:

I Peter 2:5-9 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Ye also, as living stones ... This is a figure of speech for the spiritual temple of God. Just as Christ is the living stone, so also are the Christians. And why "living"? Because the Lord is the living One, and the life-giving One, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

We as members of Christ's spiritual body, are called Christians and we partake of the same nature as their Lord. We too are "living stones," endowed with a measure of the Spirit which shall raise us up from the dead at the last day.

Are built up a spiritual house ... It is important to note that house here bears the idea of a temple. Jesus himself used the word in that same sense when he declared, "Behold your house is left unto you desolate" (Matthew 23:38).

In this statement, Peter gave the same teaching that Paul gave, who said, "Ye are a temple of God" (1 Corinthians 3:16f), and "being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief corner stone" (Ephesians 3:20)

I Peter 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. (cf: Isaiah 28:16 & Ephesians 2:19-22)

Behold I lay in Zion ... Zion is the poetic name for Jerusalem; Isaiah prophecy is that: The laying of this precious cornerstone in Zion for a foundation signifies that the Church of Christ, the new temple of God, was to begin in Jerusalem just as it did on Pentecost in 30AD .

A chief corner stone ... It was the stone at the extremity of the angle which controls the design of the building in this case the temple. In the church, Christ is both the foundation stone (1 Corinthians 3:11) and the cornerstone.

Back to the clause in verse 6 "And he that believeth on him shall not be confounded or put to shame ... the view here is the eternal shame which attaches to the Jewish nation for the rejection of the Messiah, the shame being: the very Christ whom they contemptuously rejected was chosen by God to be the head of the new Israel; and the Father gave him "a name which is above every name" (Philippians 2:9). On the other hand, steadfastness, fidelity to Christ and being faithful brings honor and glory to the believer, since he partakes of the honor and glory of Christ Himself.

I Peter 2:7 Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, (cf: Psalm 118:22, Matthew 21:42 & Acts 4:11).

The stone which the builders disallowed or rejected, the same is made the head of the corner ... It should be pointed out that this famous line is founded upon an actual event. In the building of Solomon's temple, the first stone that came down from the quarry was very remarkably shaped, having been marked and cut at the quarry. The builders of the temple did not know what to do with it, and it was dragged to a place apart and became finally hidden by debris and rubbish. "It was afterward found to be that on which the completeness of the structure depended, the chief corner stone where the two walls met and were bonded together

I Peter 2:8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. (cf: Isaiah 8:13-17 & Romans 9:33)

A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence ... Peter putting these two passages from the Psalms and Isaiah together, is exactly as Paul did in Romans.

Peter was present no doubt and heard the Lord Jesus Christ himself put the two passages together in exactly the same manner cf:

Luke 20:17-18 And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner? 18 Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

Therefore, neither Peter nor Paul was dependent upon the other, their teachings, as in the case of all the sacred writers, goes back to Christ himself, the fountain source of the entire New Testament.

I Peter 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

But ye *are* a chosen generation ... at the very right time in history Christ came ...

Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

I Peter 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

“ ... a royal priesthood ...” Priests teach, pray and offer sacrifice for the people

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [*which is*] your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [*is*] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

“ ... an holy nation, Christ established a government and a Holy Nation when He established His Church for the prophet says Cf:

Isaiah 9:6-7 6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of [*his*] government and peace [*there shall be*] no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

a peculiar people ...” anyone who is in Christ is a new creature and can’t help being peculiar in comparison to what they use to be like.

Here are repeated one after another all of the glorious titles which once belonged exclusively to the old Israel, the Hebrews, the children of Abraham; but here Peter trumpeted the bestowal of all those titles upon the new Israel, now no longer restricted to those of Abrahamic descent, but available to Jew and Gentile alike "in Christ Jesus."

In Christ, the Law of Moses ended; and the gospel began.

In Christ, the Old Testament culminated; and the New Testament began.

In Christ, all history split into B.C. and A.D.

In Christ, the wicked find their doom, and the saints find their salvation.

In Christ, the old Israel perished, and the new Israel the Church of Christ began.

In Christ, the infinite past and the infinite future met.

In Christ, God and humanity came together.

In Christ, God's humiliation and man's glory united.

In Christ, the destiny of every man is turns ... which way do you choose to go?

Those on the right entering his joy forever, and those on the left departing from his presence forever cf: Matthew 25:31ff

Appeal to our Radio Audience Start a Church in your own Home

We have 21 International Radio broadcasts and 6 National broadcasts blanketing the entire world’s population 7 times each Sunday. Our internet website counter proves we have helped establish over eight Thousands internet House churches, or “Churches of Christ” in the “homes of brethren in the United States, and World Wide. Each week they assemble together and get their preaching and advanced bible study by our extensive internet library.

If we have that many on the internet ... let your mind wander and imagine how many there are this Lord’s day assembling around radios all over the world listing to our 21 international and six national broadcasts.

We know there are 1 million Radios with hand turn generators in Africa in little villages who can now only receive our station's signal and broadcast because Gene Scott bought them before he crooked ...

Some are in China, where brethren are not yet free to worship as they please. Some congregations are in Iran, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and other nations under the ISIS and the Moslem boot of oppression. These brethren face penalty of death for their faith or even if their singing is overheard. Often they are called "Family Churches". This term is used to describe an independent assembly of Christians who gather in a home.

Sometimes this occurs because the group is small, and a home is the most appropriate place to gather. Sometimes it is because the group is a member of an underground Church of Christ dedicated to the simple restoration of original primitive Christianity. These simple brethren are otherwise banned from meeting, as in China, North Korea and all the Islamic states.

House churches was one of the patterns in the first century especially after persecution by the Jews in the first century and then the persecution by the Roman Government developed under Nero in 64 AD.

House Churches were not the exclusive primitive model because the brethren also meet in the Temple beside houses to house ... and in one case a school cf:

Acts 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

Acts 5:19-20 But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, 5:20 Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

Acts 5:42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

Paul taught in one school house or building cf:

Acts 19:8-10 And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God. 19:9 But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spoke evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus. 19:10 And this continued by the

space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

In the first century most people in Rome lived in 3 to 5 story apartments above an “insulae” which were small street front shops, surrounding a center courtyard many of which made up a city block.

The rich lived in “domas” houses which were again built around a center courtyard or atrium which acted as a reception and living area.

Breakfast and lunch were generally light meals purchased at street front shops which were the fast food or McDonald’s of the first few centuries AD.

Dinner was the main meal which was served at a tri-clin-i-um which was 3 couches arraigned around a square table.

Christians typically met in homes, because of persecution before the Edict of Milan in 313 AD. Rome did not allow the erection of public church buildings. Clement of Alexandria, an early church father, wrote of worshipping in a house.

Peter’s house in Capernaum was converted into a house Church in the 1ST century

The Dura-Europos church, was a private house in Dura-Europos in Syria. This Church was excavated in the 1930s and was found to be used as a Christian meeting place in AD 232, with one small room serving as a baptistry. At many points in subsequent history, various Christian groups worshipped in homes, often due to persecution by the state church or the civil government.

The Assembly of Christians to Worship is clearly taught in Scripture cf:

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

And there was a bunch of them, 3,000 converted on Pentecost in Acts 2 and 5,000 who were converted to Christ in Acts 3 ...

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Jesus and the Disciples meet in the Upper Room

Mark 14:15 And he will show you a large upper room furnished *and* prepared: there make ready for us.

Luke 22:12 And he shall show you a large upper room furnished: there make ready.

Acts 1:13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas *the brother* of James.

Meeting In Homes

Acts 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

Acts 12:12-14 And when he had considered *the thing*, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying. **12:13** And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda. **12:14** And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate.

Acts 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. **20:8** And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.

Acts 21:8-10 And the next *day* we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was *one* of the seven; and abode with him. **21:9** And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy. **21:10** And as we tarried *there* many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus.

Acts 28:16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was allowed to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

Acts 28:30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, **28:31** Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching

those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

Romans 16:3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: 16:4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. 16:5 Likewise *greet* the church that is in their house. Salute my wellbeloved Ep-a'ene-tus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.

1 Corinthians 16:19 The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

Colossians 4:15 Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house.

Philemon 1:2 And to *our* beloved Apph-ia, and Arch-ippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in thy house:

II John 1:10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into *your* house, neither bid him God speed:

There were also Large Group Public Meetings:

Acts 20:20 *And* how I kept back nothing that was profitable *unto you*, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

So there is obviously no one perfect model for all situations except the Model Jesus gave us that size and place does not matter cf:

Matthew 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

1 Corinthians 14:16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understands not what thou sayest?

Apparently the Church in Corinth met in a building or it was a large rich man's house because Paul says condemning the co-mingling of the Lord's Supper with a Love feast (fellowship meal) cf:

I Corinthians 11:22 What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise *you* not.

The 5 Fold Worship of the Church Worshiping God is our duty: cf:

John 4:23-24 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 4:24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

Lord's Supper:

Is an solemn act of worship in memory of the sacrifice of Christ in which we partake each and every Lord's Day or Sunday (first day of the week Acts 20:7). The purpose of the Lord's supper is described by Christ when He says:

The original Passover was but a shadow of the perfect sacrifice to come in which the blood of the lamb was placed on the door posts and lintels of their houses, Christ would have us figuratively put the blood of the Lamb on the door posts and lintels of our lives ...

Exodus 12: 1-15, 22-27 & 29-30,

Matt. 26:17-30,

Mark 14:15-26,

I Cor. 11:23-32;

Preaching:

Mark 16:15-16 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

I Corinthians 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

II Timothy 2:22 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

II Timothy 3:14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned [*them*];

II Timothy 4:5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Singing:

Matt. 26:30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

I Cor. 14:15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

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

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.

Heb. 2:12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

James 5:13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms

Notice in the old worship in the Temple the Jews played instruments of music until the sacrifice and after the sacrifice they sang only. The same was true in history. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us cf.

I Corinthians 5:7

The same was true in the original Church, they sang only and instruments of music were not introduced into the Church until Bonafice of Rome did so after 600 AD in the Catholic Church.

II Chronicles 29:25-30;

Praying:

Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Luke 11:1-13

Giving:

I Cor, 16:1-2 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. **16:2** Upon the first *day* of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as *God* hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

II Cor. 9:6-9 But this *I say*, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. **9:7** Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. **9:8** And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work: **9:9** (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.

Malachi 3:7-12 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept *them*. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? **3:8** Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. **3:9** Ye *are* cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, *even* this whole nation. **3:10** Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it*. **3:11** And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts. **3:12** And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.