

# The Organizational Structure of the Church

**CHRIST IS THE HEAD  
OF THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL  
THE BODY  
(Ephesians 1:22-23)**



## THE LOCAL CHURCH

### Elders

**(I Peter 5:1-4, Titus 1:5-9, Acts 20:17-30)**

- Oversee all of the local work
- Shepherd the flock of God
- Keep the church pure
- Serve and protect each member from the snare of Satan and apostasy

### Deacons

**(I Timothy 3:8-13, Acts 6:1-6, Philippians 1:1)**

- Execute the command of another (the elders)
- Placed in charge of specific jobs – elders oversee the work to make sure it is done by God's authority
- Carry out all work that would otherwise hinder the growth of the local church (care for the widows, needy, etc.)

### Evangelists

**(II Timothy 4:1-4, II Timothy 2:2, Ephesians 4:11-16, Jude 3)**

- Take the saving message of Christ to the local area and to the world
- Help edify the local church with the "good news" of Christ (strengthen the saints, build up the body)
- Defend the faith (also a job of each member)
- Train others to do the same

### All Members of the Local Church

**(Matthew 28:18-20, Titus 2, Hebrews 10:22-25)**

- Take the saving message of Christ to the local area; especially others they personally know in the world (fulfill the mission).
  - Older women – be examples to younger women and teach them
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  - Younger women – heed the instruction of the older women
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  - **EXPAND THE BORDERS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD – SAVE SOULS!**
- } Encourage one another daily