

Marks of a Healthy Church 7  
Membership  
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- Marks of a Healthy Church
  - What is the Church - God's people Gathered around God's word for God's glory.
  - Expository Preaching - God's people are created by God's word, and we regularly gather for expository preaching from God's word.
  - Biblical Theology - The local church guards biblical theology in anticipation of Christ's return.
  - Gospel - The local church reminds itself of the gospel and proclaims it.
  - Conversion - The local church teaches and expects conversion.
  - Evangelism - Evangelism is faithfully sharing the gospel and depending on God to do the spiritual work. (Goal of evangelism is saving but disciples)
  - Biblical Understanding of Membership
  - Biblical Understanding of Discipline
  - Biblical Discipleship and Growth
  - Biblical Church Leadership
- The Most Important Group
  - Matthew 16:18-19
- Takeaway
  - Local churches, define and tend to their membership
- Our Covenant
- Structure
  - John 17:1-5 Father-Son Prayer
  - 5-19 Father-Son-Apostles Prayer
  - 20-26 Father-Son-Church Prayer
- Comment
  - V1 Glorify the son - John 7:39; 12:23; 13:31; 14:31
  - V2 Give eternal life... given him - Matt 11:27; John 3:35; John 6:37
  - V6 People whom you gave me out of the world - Matt 10:22; John 7:7; 15:19; James 4:4; 1John 4:4
  - V6, 8, 14, 16, 20 Word - John 8:51; 14:21, 23, 26; 15:3

- V11 They may be one, even as we are one - John 7:33; 13:1; Psa 79:9; Acts 15:6; 1Cor 15:1-3
- V12 Except the son of destruction... scripture might be fulfilled - Psa 41:9; John 6:39; 13:18; 18:9; Acts 1:16; Luke 22:21; Matt 26:23
- V15 Keep them from the evil one - Matt 6:13; Luke 22:32; 1John 1:13; 3:12; 5:18-19
- V18 I have sent them into the world - Matt 10:5; John 3:17; 4:38; 20:21
- V20 Those who will believe in me through their word - John 10:16; Acts 2:41; Rom 10:14; 2Peter 3:15-16
- V21 All be one... so that the world may believe - Jer 32:39; John 3:17; 13:35
- V24 May be with me where I am - John 6:39; 12:26; 14:3; 1Cor 13:12; 2Cor 3:18; Matt 18:20
- V26 You have loved me may be in them - John 13:34; 15:9
- Membership Matters
  - “Getting the last three marks [Gospel, Conversion, Evangelism] will help with getting this mark correct... Less will Christians regard their churches with come-as-you-please and get-what-you-want attachment” Dever p. 96
- Membership Matters: Known - Acts 2:41; 1Tim 5:9
- Membership Matters: Discipline - Matt 18:17
- Membership Matters: Discipleship and Attendance - Heb 10:24-25
- Membership Matters: Endorsement - 1John 2:19; 1Cor 5:9-11; 2Thess 3:6
- Membership Matters: Malachi 3:18
- Takeaway
  - Local churches, define and tend to their membership
- How to Join FBC Yoakum
  - Membership Class, Questionnaire
  - Pastor Follow Up
  - Present to Congregation
- Closing
  - Member - Do you value church membership? If you are a member, how do you live out your responsibility to the body?
  - Non-member - What holds you back from uniting with Jesus’ church? Have you believed the “me and Jesus” lie?