

# Church - What It's All About

## A Look At House Churches Versus Conventional Churches



### ABOUT CHURCH



### Introduction:

Ecclesiology is the study of how the biblical church should function and operate and be structured. Basically, the church is the **assembly** of believers who truly belong to God. Having a correct and in-depth knowledge of ecclesiology is vital to understanding God's purpose for His people, as they live out their lives for the Lord Jesus Christ. On this page you will find many articles about church practices, church leadership, denominations, communion, membership, incorporation and what believers should be doing when they gather together.

What is the function or purpose of the biblical Christian Church? What are believers in Christ supposed to do when they gather together each week or however often? What are they to do when NOT gathered together - regarding things such as discipleship, evangelism and ministering to each other? - These are some of the many questions you will find answers to in the materials referenced on this page. May the Lord richly bless you as you seek to worship Him in spirit and in truth. — *RM Kane*

### A good place to start would be this article:

The Clergy System by Carl Ketcherside

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What is the Regulative Principle of Worship?

"HOW TO CHOOSE A GOOD PASTOR" Making a Mountain Out of a Myth

How should a church be led?

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## **The False "Church System" Deception**

## **Videos About House Churches And The Clergy System**

Is It In The Bible? - The Pastor Deception

What Is The Church?

Stop Calling Yourself "Pastor"

Is Your Church A Family Or A Clique?

The False Church System

Who Should Christians Follow?

The New Testament Organic Church Model - Frank Viola

The Pastor is NOT Biblical - Frank Viola

Pagan church Practices vs the Organic Church - Frank Viola

Pagan Hierarchical Church Leadership - Frank Viola

Rethinking Church - Frank Viola

It's Time to Rethink Church: Part 1 - Frank Viola

It's Time to Rethink Church: Part 2 - Frank Viola

The Problem with Seminary

Reimagining Church - Frank Viola

What Constitutes A Real Church?

Are Today's Churches REALLY Churches?

Is Today's Church Leadership Backwards?

New Testament Restoration Foundation (NTRF) house church videos -

Michael Clarke

Exposing the false "church-system". you NEED to see this...

The House Church - Simple Church Gatherings

House Churches – Steve Atkerson

House Church, the New Testament Pattern – Steve Atkerson

Churches Are Tax Exempt-PERIOD!

How to start an Unregistered Church

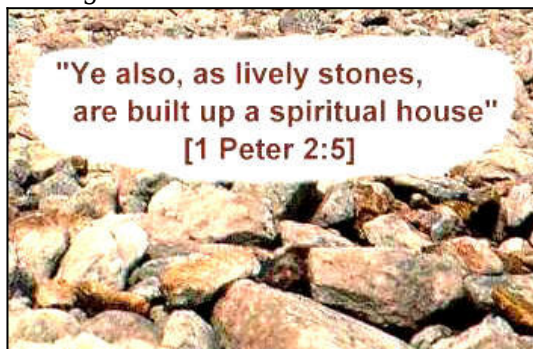
Training Ordained House Church Movement Leaders – Henry Reyenga

## **On-Line House Church Forums:**

Home Church Discussion List (HCDL): HCDL is an internet discussion forum about home churches.

New-wineskin: (recommended... lots of discussion on this forum) The New Wineskin is a community of house church folks who seek fellowship centered around Jesus Christ alone. We believe that the place most conducive for gatherings is in the home setting. We hold to the view that Jesus instructed His disciples to model servant leadership through an attitude of humility and service. We reject the modern hierarchal model of church, which creates division within the Lord's body. We don't believe in official titles or positions that create a clergy/laity division within the Body of Christ. This community is a place where unorthodox views are shared and discussed

Virginia Home Church Network: (not a real active forum but its here to let you know about region-specific groups) The Virginia Home-Church Network is an email group designed to connect believers in SE Virginia who are seeking to know their Lord Jesus in a real and personal way, and who believe He is best found within a community of believers rather than an institutional church setting



## **House Church Publications:**

Rethinking The Wineskin (on-line book on home church theology)

House Church Network (on-line newsletter/magazine on home churches)

Toward A House Church Theology (on-line book about house churches)

## **Directories Of Actual House Churches:**

Christ Fellowship Of Kansas City

Simple Church – A New Testament House Church Network

Christian Home Church Online

House Church Central

House Church Connect

House Church Directory at meetup.com

House Church Directory at findahousechurch.com

King James Bible House Church Directory

New Covenant Living

NT Restoration Foundation (house church ministry)

Present Testimony Ministry

Searching Together

The House Church Network (network of house church ministries)

## **Video: Are Church Members Just Customers Now?**

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