

Two Opposite and Wrong Extremes

Some people find _____ but never really find the _____. Some find the _____ but never really find _____.

The Church: Invisible and Visible, Universal and Local

The Invisible Church - The church as _____ sees it from heaven. Includes all _____. (2 Timothy 2:19)

The Visible Church - The church as _____ see it on earth. (2 Thessalonians 1:1) Includes not only _____ believers, but some _____ believers. The Visible church is a covenant community that _____ the invisible Kingdom of God.

The Universal Church - Includes all true believers across the _____ who have submitted their lives to the rule and reign of Jesus.

The Local Church - Includes believers in a _____ committed to living in Covenant Community with one another under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the _____ of established church leadership.

The Church's Authority Within the Kingdom of God - Matthew 16:13 – 19

Ekklesia – was a term in use 500 years before Christ to describe a _____. Jesus sought to establish a hell shattering church that was invested with Kingdom _____.

Keys to the Kingdom – Keys are a sign of _____ and symbolize those who are given authority to _____ (_____) and _____ (_____) the doors of the Kingdom. Jesus entrusted to the Apostles (early church leaders) authority to act on His behalf, administering _____ into and the _____ of the church.

Church leadership - Authorized to _____ of the church to those showing biblical evidence of a Kingdom faith and lifestyle and _____ of the church upon those outside the Kingdom. Church Leaders _____ someone a Christian, or _____ discern whether someone is a

Christian, but does have authority to discern on biblical grounds whether one should be treated as a Christian. (Matthew 18, John 20:23)

Practical Applications

_____ in a local church is an expression of obedience to God through submission to elders and church leadership.

The church is to see itself as a _____ of the Kingdom God with power and authority to proclaim the Gospel, and to pray for the demonstration of God's power and authority on the earth.

What's happening at SCCC?

Welcome Visitors We are so glad you've chosen to worship with us this morning. Remember to grab a Visitor Guide packet from one of the Visitor and Information Counters located in the Atrium and outside the Main Foyer. If you have any questions, our Host Team is here to help. Look for them wearing badges near entrances. We hope you enjoy your time here and will grow closer to Jesus.

Fusion Youth Winter Retreat February 25-27 for 6th-12th grade students (and their friends) at Epworth by the Sea, SSI. The \$50 deposit is now due. The final payment of \$55 is due on February 20. (Total \$105) Space is still available. Registration forms are available at the Visitor and Information Counters. Questions? Contact shannon@sscommunitychurch.com.

The friendliest church we've ever visited!

Join us as we make our guests feel at home at SCCC. You could be the friendliest face they see all week, in the parking lot, ushering or greeting. Please call Jenifer at 912-634-7043 or sign up at the Visitor and Information counters.

Spring Women's Conference February 25 and 26 featuring Jennifer Rothschild and Stormie Omartian as speakers. We have a limited number of tickets left for \$29 that can be purchased here today.

Annual Business Meeting We will hold a brief church business meeting between services on March 27. At this time you will be presented with the 2011 budget and a 2010 ministry report.

Pray for the Haiti Mission Team They are preparing to leave on March 5. Team members are Gene and Phoebe Hoaster, Cheryl Nelson and Mike Banker.

Believers in Recovery Special guest speaker David Yarborough on February 18. Please note, Believers in Recovery meets every week on Fridays 6:30-8:00pm upstairs in the Loft. Questions? Contact leaders Todd (912-506-5001) or Ellen (912-506-8246) or tsweem1@yahoo.com.

Good Grief This recovery group meets at noon on Thursdays and welcomes anyone facing a painful loss. Grief Share, a 12 week DVD series will begin February 17. Led by Betty Smith, 912-635-3329.

Thank You! The shelves at Manna House were empty. From the food drive we provided enough food to feed people for a week. The shelves at Sparrows Nest and Emmanuel Methodist Church were also empty and they were very thankful to receive our donation, as they give out food on a daily basis. The \$1500.00 that was donated has been used to restock the shelves of local food pantries.