

**A “church ... OF CHRIST”**

**Rom 16:16; 1Th 1:1**

**Universal Mt 16:18; Ac 2:47; Eph 4:4**  
**NO earthly overseers, treasury, assembly**

**Local 1Th 1:1; Rom 16:16; Php 1:1**  
**Earthly overseers, treasury, assembly -  
fellowship in given locality**

**Work?  
Activities?**

# **DUTIES are BASED ON RELATIONSHIPS**

- **Benevolence - neighbors Lk 10:27f...36**
- **Provide for family - parents, children, grandchildren 1Tim 5:8**
- **Pay taxes - citizens Rom 13:1...7**
- **L.S., sing, pray - Christians 1Co 10:16-17**

# COLLECTIVES are BASED ON RELATIONSHIPS

- **March of Dimes** - based on relationship as neighbors
- **Democratic/Republican party** - based on relationship as citizens
- **Local "church of Christ"** - based on relationship to Christ as Christians  
**1Co 1:2; 2 Th 1:1**

# **DUTIES of a COLLECTIVE *grow out of* RELATIONSHIP ON WHICH IT BASED**

- **March of Dimes** **Duties? Activities?**
- **Demo./Repub. party** **Duties? Activities?**
- **Local "church of Christ"** **Duties? Act?**
  - ❖ ***General ("neighbor") benevolence?***
  - ❖ ***Entertainment?***
  - ❖ ***Civil & social?***

**Every ex. of a church "OF CHRIST"  
acting *harmonizes with this principle* -  
"IN CHRIST" duties, activities!**

- **Php 4:15,16**
- **1Co 11:20...23f**
- **Col 3:16**
- **1Co 16:1,2**

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**Contrast a “church”...**

**Ac 7:38; 19:32,39,41**

*What kind of a “church” should you attend/be part of if your aim is to have fellowship “IN CHRIST”?*

Calling it a “Church OF CHRIST” doesn’t make it one!

Travelling...  
Moving ...  
College...