

Who do
you think you are?





**"I will build my church, and
the gates of hell will not
overcome it."
Matt 16:18**

**A community of radical
followers of Jesus**



Free church: *I will build
my church*

Free from
ecclesiastic
al hierarchy



free from
political
power



Believers church: *you
are Peter and on this rock*

What is the church built on?

Peter's person? He is the rock

Peter's faith? His confession of Jesus is the rock

William Knibb
1803-1845



The cursed blast of slavery has, like a pestilence, withered almost every moral bloom. I know not how any person can feel a union with such a monster, such a child of hell. I feel a burning hatred against it and look upon it as one of the most odious monsters that ever disgraced the earth"

We commit to membership/
partnership

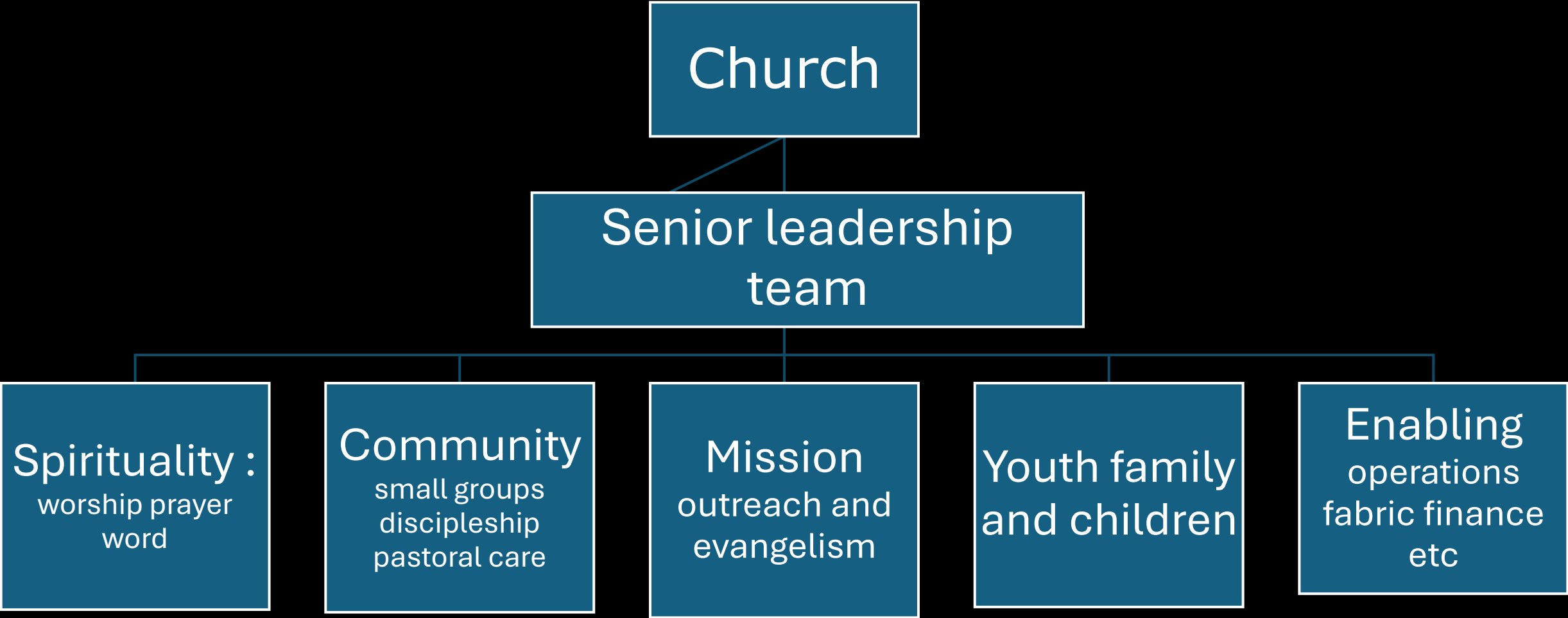
We seek the lord

We recognise leadership and spiritual
authority

1. over seen from outside
2. ruled by a plurality of elders
3. compelling leader takes all decisions
4. rule of Christ exercised through all the people together;

Modes of leadership and governance

Church



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graph TD; Church[Church] --> SLT[Senior leadership team]; SLT --> Spirituality["Spirituality :<br/>worship prayer<br/>word"]; SLT --> Community["Community<br/>small groups<br/>discipleship<br/>pastoral care"]; SLT --> Mission["Mission<br/>outreach and<br/>evangelism"]; SLT --> Youth["Youth family<br/>and children"]; SLT --> Enabling["Enabling<br/>operations<br/>fabric finance<br/>etc"];
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The diagram is an organizational chart for a church. At the top is a box labeled 'Church'. A line connects it to a box labeled 'Senior leadership team'. From the bottom of the 'Senior leadership team' box, a horizontal line extends outwards, with five vertical lines connecting to five separate boxes below. These boxes are labeled 'Spirituality :', 'Community', 'Mission', 'Youth family and children', and 'Enabling'. Each of these boxes contains a list of activities or sub-functions related to that area.

Senior leadership
team

Spirituality :
worship prayer
word

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small groups
discipleship
pastoral care

Mission
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**Militant and missional
church** *The gates of hell
will not stand*

Militant

the crisis of the modern world is not a crisis of technology or politics or greenhouse gasses. It is a spiritual war. ...our culture's rejection of its spiritual core has opened us up to powers and principalities that we have no idea how to manage, or even understand."

- Paul Kingsnorth

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church
missional

