

Ends Policy

The church exists:

- To bring glory to God (the chief end)
- To be a covenant community that models God's design for a redeemed humanity...
- Made up of maturing disciples who strive to obey all that God commands (the subsidiary ends)

These two subsidiary ends cannot be separated. There is no covenant community without maturing disciples and no maturing disciples who are not part of the covenant community.

The marks of the covenant community are:

- Public honoring of God through corporate worship
- Commemoration of the Lord's Supper and baptism of regenerate believers
- Local and non-local evangelism
- Biblical teaching
- Intentional discipleship
- Corporate holiness and moral purity
- Redemptive and restorative discipline
- Physical and spiritual care for one another

The marks of the maturing disciple are:

- Authentic faith in and reliance upon the Triune God
- Baptism in obedience to the Lord's command
- Faithful participation in public worship and the Lord's Supper
- A life of prayer
- Study of and meditation upon God's word
- Joyful and willing obedience to the commands of God
- Use of one's gifts, time and resources in the service of the church and world
- Sharing the gospel with those outside the church
- For those called to marriage, faithfulness and commitment to one's spouse
- For those called to parenting, love, grace and zeal in modelling the Christian life and guiding one's children to Jesus

The beneficiaries of the church's work are:

- God, in respect of the glory he receives
- Believers, in respect of the equipping, support and encouragement they receive
- Unbelievers, in respect of their opportunity to hear the gospel and the acts of service which overflow from church into their lives

The church uses whatever gifts, time and resources God provides through his people to achieve these ends.