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1. **What is the purpose of the church?** The church is the body of Christ, called together to glorify God and love one another. The church is the family of God, where we are loved and loved by others. The church is the place where we grow in our faith and become more like Christ. The church is the place where we can find forgiveness and grace. The church is the place where we can find hope and peace. The church is the place where we can find life. **1 Corinthians 12:13** (New International Version) **“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—by the Spirit’s washing with water by the word of the Lord, so that we were all joined together and made one body, one with another.”**

2. **What are the signs of a healthy church?** A healthy church is characterized by love, unity, and growth. Love is the foundation of the church, and it is the love that binds us together. Unity is the result of love, and it is the unity that allows us to stand firm. Growth is the fruit of love and unity, and it is the growth that allows us to fulfill our mission. **1 Corinthians 13:1-3** (New International Version) **“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels and do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I play the harp or use a lyre and do not have love, I am only making a rowdy noise, like a clanging cymbal. If I sing with the Spirit and use psalms, hymns, and songs from the Lord, playing a lute or a harp, but do not have love, I am only making music to myself and others. My heart is being filled with music, but you do not hear me. If I give in charity and do not have love, I am like a tinkling cymbal. Love builds up, encourages, comforts, and reconciles; it is patient and kind. Love does not jealousy, boast, or brag; it does not get angry or keep a record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”**

3. **What is the role of the pastor?** The pastor is the shepherd of the church, responsible for the spiritual care and growth of the congregation. The pastor is the one who leads the church in prayer and worship, and who preaches the Word of God. The pastor is also the one who provides counseling and support to the members of the church. **1 Timothy 3:1-7** (New International Version) **“To be a bishop, you must be blameless, faithful, self-controlled, upright, and holy; your work must be approved by the church. You must manage your own household well, with Christ as head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior, the one who saves the church through his word, cleansing it with the word of water by the word of the cross so that he can present the church to himself in splendor, without stain or wrinkle or anything of the sort—so that he can show the church as the glorious church, not stained or wrinkled or anything of the sort.”**