

## STEP 4: PARTNER

“To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours.”

**1 Corinthians 1:2**

### WHY PARTNER WITH A LOCAL CHURCH?

Throughout Scripture, God develops relationships with people through covenants. A covenant is an enduring agreement which defines a relationship between two parties who seek out the good of each other.

#### Connection & Commitment

Every Christian everywhere as best as they can should be connected and committed to a local church. Therefore to be a partner of a local church is to agree to be connected and committed to that church. Obviously, like any relationship there are not only responsibilities in partnering with a local church but also benefits.

### OUR BELIEFS

- The Bible is the Word of God
- There is one true God who exists in three Persons: God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit
- God created all things for His glory
- Men and women were originally created in the image of God without sin
- Man rebelled against God, causing sin and death to enter the world
- All humans are now born completely sinful
- Jesus Christ came to earth to reveal God and redeem sinful man
- Salvation is from God’s grace alone, through Christ’s blood alone, by the Holy Spirit’s work alone
- At conversion, the Holy Spirit indwells believers and gives spiritual gifts to them for the glory of God
- The Church is the community of Christians for all time who have been loved and saved by Jesus to serve Him by making disciples of all nations
- The two church ordinances are Believer’s Baptism and Communion
- Jesus is returning to establish His Kingdom on earth
- Heaven is the eternal reality for those who surrender to Christ; Hell is the eternal reality for those who reject Christ

### THE CHURCH IS...

- Those individuals who have been saved by Jesus. The word “church” comes from the Greek word, ekklesia, which means “called out ones.” **(1 Corinthians 1:2; Colossians 1:15–22)**.
- The People of God
- Not a building, denomination, or even an organization, but rather, the church is a people. **(1 Corinthians 12:12–31; 1 Peter 2:9–10)**.
- Incorporated into the Christ’s body through baptism with the Holy Spirit
- Both Universal & Local
- The primary means by which God expands his kingdom into all of the world.
- Given Purpose – to Evangelize the lost, disciple the saved, worship God.

### WHO IS VINTAGE CHURCH?

- Our Vision: We are a multi-church, multi-city movement of Truth, Love, and Community
- Our Values: Truth, Love, and Community
- Our Mission: We exist for Gospel Proclamation, Gospel Transformation, and Gospel Multiplication
- Our Strategy: The Vintage Pathway: Gather / Connect / Partner / Lead / Send
- Our Hope: Live the Gospel. Serve the City. Be the Church.
- Our Leadership: Under the supreme leadership of Jesus, Vintage Church is a Pastor-led, Deacon-served, Partner-responding church.

### PARTNER IN FAITHFUL GIVING

- God has called us to be stewards of all we have, including our money.
- God has given us the opportunity to come alongside him and support the work of the church financially **(2 Corinthians 8–9; Galatians 6:6; 1 Timothy 5:17–18)**.
- Life is more joyful when we give because it is more blessed to give than to receive **(Acts 20:35)**.
- Your giving is used to resource our church ministry in Pittsburgh, and outreach through other ministries, church plants, and missionaries around the world. Your giving changes lives!

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