

The Power of Church
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The Power of Community Part 2
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Romans 12:5b ...Christ makes us one body and individuals who are connected to each other. (GW)

The Bridge Church Slogan: CONNECTING WITH GOD AND PEOPLE

The Benefits of Being Connected to a Church

1. IT PROVIDES THE LOVE I NEED

That's why the church is called a **FAMILY**

1 Peter 3:8 ...You should be like one big happy family, full of sympathy toward each other, loving one another with tender hearts and humble minds. (LB)

Romans 12:10 Love each other like brothers and sisters. (NCV)

2. IT PROVIDES THE PROTECTION I NEED

That's why the church is called a **FLOCK**

Psalms 100:3 God made us, and we belong to him; we are his people, we are his flock. (TEV)

1 Peter 5:2 Take care of God's flock, His people... Watch over them... (ICB)

3. IT PROVIDES THE GROWTH I NEED

That's why the church is called a **BODY**

Ephesians 4:25b In Christ's body we're all connected to each other... (MSG)

Romans 12:4-6 Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given us... (NIV)

Colossians 2:19 For we are joined together in his **body** by his strong sinews, and we grow only as we get our nourishment and strength from God. (NLT)

Ephesians 4:15-16 If we live by the truth and in love, we shall grow completely into Christ, who is the head ¹⁶ by whom the whole **Body** is fitted and joined together, every joint adding its own strength, for each individual part to work according to its function. So the body grows until it has built itself up in love. (NJB)

4. IT PROVIDES THE SUPPORT I NEED

That's why the church is called a **HOUSE**

Ephesians 2:20-22 We are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. ²¹ We who believe are carefully joined together, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. ²² Through him you Gentiles are also joined together as part of this **dwelling** where God lives by his Spirit. (NLT)

How can I get connected to The Bridge Church?

2 Corinthians 8:5 First they **gave themselves to the Lord**; and then, by God's will they **gave themselves to us** as well. (TEV)