

Marks of the Healthy Church

Characteristic	Looks like	Scripture	Action steps
Word Faithfully Applied	Expository preaching & applicable teaching Regular small group application 1 with 1 application Doctrinal unity	2 Tim. 3:14-16 Acts 1:42	
Desperate in Prayer	Multiple prayer options Real “messy” prayers Fasting Prayer partnerships Prayer month emphasis	Acts 12:5-17 Matt. 6:16-18 Matt. 18:18	
Spiritually Alive	Evident fruit of the Spirit attitudes God is with us! Spirit led Unity of the Spirit Glory to glory changes	Galatians 5 Acts 2 John 14-16 Ephesians 4 2 Cor. 3:18	
Adoration of God: Father, Son, Spirit	Gospel focus Expressive praise Sacrificial giving	Luke 7:38ff 1 John 4:19	
Love for One Another	“One Anothers” studied and applied They “like each other” Able to exhort, loving dealing with problems	Romans 12 1 Cor. 13 John 13:35	
Smart Outreach Strategies	Church happens outside the walls Conversations about Gospel conversations “Progressing Gospel relationships” Connecting with people in town Connecting to needs in town Deliberate sacrificial Missions agenda	Acts 16:13 John 4	
Intentional Discipleship	Helping others follow Christ A-New Believers Basics B-How to Bible Study C-Leadership Journey	Matt. 28:19 2 Tim. 1:2-13 2 Tim. 2:2 1 Tim. 4:6-16	
Joyful Atmosphere	Congregational Worship Participation Genuine happiness in the Gospel	John 4:24 Col. 3:16 Psalm 100	
Pacesetting Leadership	Positive Pastoral vision Deacons supportive Ministries led and guided by non-pastors Strong Men’s ministry Value Stream Mapping	Acts 20:28-32 1 Peter 5:2-4	
Administratively organized	Members using their gifts Effective communications Facilities well maintained Accountability on expectations	Romans 12 1 Cor. 14:40 1 Peter 4:10	