

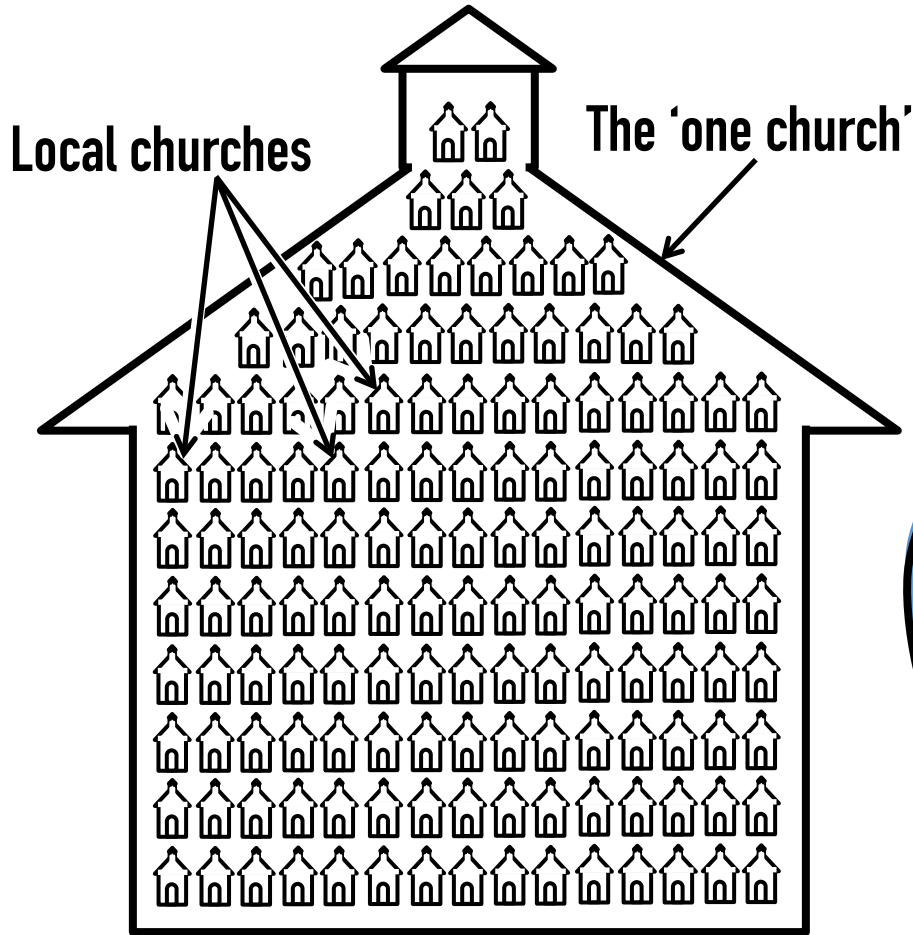
# THE CHURCH: LOCAL *vs.*



# UNIVERSAL

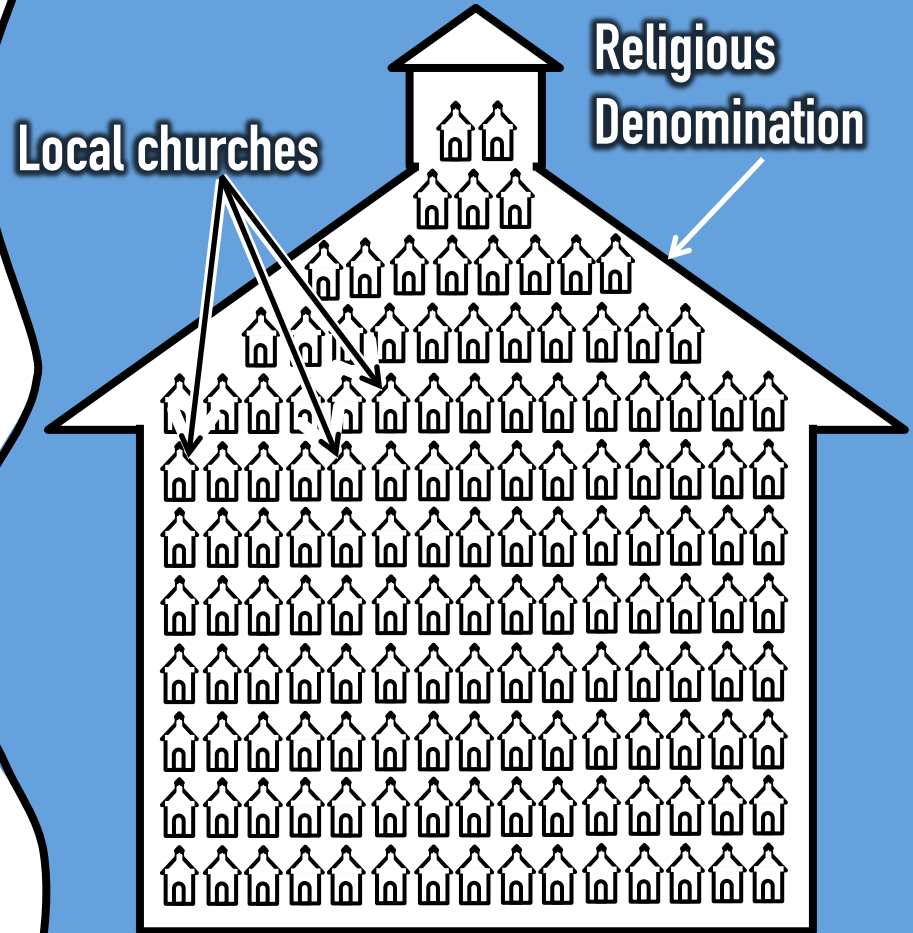


# HOW IS THIS DIFFERENT?



- Many churches make up the universal church.

# DENOMINATIONALISM



- Many churches make one denomination.

# FELLOWSHIP

- **The Universal Church**

- *Primarily, With God*

**1<sup>ST</sup> JOHN 1:5-7; 2<sup>ND</sup> TIM. 2:19; ACTS 2:47**

- *Abstractly, With All*

**2<sup>ND</sup> PET. 1:1; 1<sup>ST</sup> PET. 5:8, 9**

# FELLOWSHIP

- **The Local Church**

- *Those Among Us*

**1<sup>ST</sup> COR. 14:23; ACTS 20:7; 9:26, 27;  
2<sup>ND</sup> JOHN 1:9, 10**

- *With Brethren Elsewhere*

**PHLP. 4:15; 2<sup>ND</sup> COR. 11:8, 9**

# ORGANIZATION

- **The Universal Church**

- *Christ Its Head*

- MT. 28:18; EPH. 1:20-23; COL. 1:18

- *Beyond That, No Worldwide Organization*

- *No Division Possible*

# ORGANIZATION

- **The Local Church**

- *Shepherds and Deacons*

**1<sup>ST</sup> COR. 12:27; EPH. 5:24; PHLP. 1:1;  
1<sup>ST</sup> PET. 5:2**

- *The Flock*

**ACTS 20:28; 1<sup>ST</sup> PET. 5:1-4**

- *Division IS Possible*

**1<sup>ST</sup> COR. 1:10, 11; 3:3; 11:18**

# WORK

- **The Universal Church**
  - *Its Nature Precludes A Universal Work*
  - *But Men Have Tried!*

# WORK

- **The Local Church**

- *Teaching And Preaching the Word*

- 1<sup>ST</sup> THESS. 1:7, 8; ACTS 13:1-3;

- 2<sup>ND</sup> COR. 11:7, 8; PHLP. 4:15

- *Edification*

- EPH. 4:11-16; 1<sup>ST</sup> COR. 14:26

- *Benevolence*

- ACTS 4:32-35; 6:1; 2<sup>ND</sup> COR. 8:1-4, 19;

- 2<sup>ND</sup> COR. 9:12-14; 1<sup>ST</sup> TIM. 5:16



