

How to use the Internet to benefit The Church

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Church Websites:

- Serves The Church's needs, and is used to "Reach Out to The Lost".
- Allows Sermons to be posted to Teach & Edify.
- Provide information about the local congregation, and their activities.
- Provide contact information to Brethren new to the community, as well as People who are not Christians, but are searching for The Truth.
- Lets people know what to expect when visiting for Worship Services.
- Serve as a platform to bring local congregations together.
- Let visitors know where the local congregation meets.

Social Media Platforms:

- Social Media Platforms like facebook & twitter, can benefit The Church when they are used with Christian Morals & Standards.
- They can also be used to: Promote upcoming Church Events & Activities, share Scriptures, welcome & introduce New Christians to The churches of Christ, request Prayer, let Brethren know they are being Prayed for, post links to Biblical Teaching Videos & Christian Study Resources, and much more.

“Just Remember to spend God’s Time Wisely when using Social Media”

Email:

- Can be used to: Communicate with other Christians, local & long distance congregations, reach out to prodigals, and to reach out to The Lost.
- Is a great tool to use for: Sending Church Event & Activity information & Reminders.
- Can be used for: Sending Bible Study Material to anyone & everyone, and letting your local congregation know you are sick and need Prayer.
- Can help the Elderly & Disabled ask for help from Church Members for assistance with Anything they need help with.

Note: Most People who own Smart Phones, receive email on their phone.

Blogs:

- For those of you familiar with Blogs, and what they are, Blogs can be a very important part of Christian Evangelism – More Than We Know.
- If a Blog is promoted well & kept updated, People locally & from different countries can visit the Blog to learn The Truth about God's Word.
- Blogs can also be used to meet Christians, both local & far, to help & edify each other.
- They can also be used to have discussions about Biblical Matters.

Note: When Blogging, always remember to be kind in your discussions.

YouTube & Vimeo:

- Video Hosting Platforms such as YouTube & Vimeo, allow The Church to upload past Sermons and Bible Study Video, as well as have live streaming available for the members that are not able to attend Worship Services or Bible Study.
- These Platforms also free up website server space, by allowing The Church to embed the Video's html code into The Church Website for a smoother playback of the Video, which also keeps the website administrator costs down.

Church Bulletins:

- Most local congregations of The Lord's Church put out a weekly bulletin, which is made available to the members on Sunday Morning.
- The bulletin can be saved as a PDF File, and uploaded to the Church website for online viewing and made available for downloading to a computer, tablet, or cell phone, to reference at a later time.
- Church bulletins can also be made available in Blogs, through a link pointing to the bulletin PDF file.

Note: Always save the weekly Church bulletin for reference to past information, helpful scriptures, and Prayer Lists.

Skype:

- With today's technology, we can now have video conversations with other Christians who live a few miles away from us, and even a few countries away from us.
- This is all made possible with Internet Software Programs such as Skype, which is Free by the way, saving The Church time & money, by not having to travel to meet with Christians that otherwise, we would have to drive, or book a flight to meet with.
- Skype allows The Church to send computer files to another congregation that may need to be utilized for the benefit of The Kingdom.

Messaging:

- Messaging Programs such as facebook messenger, can be extremely helpful and beneficial to The Church, especially when we're not near a computer, and need an immediate response from the person you're messaging.
- The facebook messenger app can be installed on most smart phones, making sending and receiving messages instant, and allows for longer messages to be sent.
- The facebook messenger app also allows for multiple persons to be involved in a group messaging session, which can be very convenient.

Used appropriately, The Internet can be extremely beneficial to The Church.

In Conclusion:

Although The Internet has been, and is used for ungodly reasons, Christians must always use The Internet in a responsible Christian manner that is pleasing to God, no matter what reason we are using The Internet for.

If we embrace The Internet, and use it for God's Glory to benefit The Church, we can be assured that more and more people will Hear The Gospel, and hopefully one day soon, obey The Gospel and become Christians.

To God Be The Glory... May God Bless us all...