## WHO ARE WE?

Many may ask, who are these people at Sugar Grove Church. The word Church means the "called out ones," to assemble, worship and work in the name of Jesus Christ. The church is made up of Christians. Christians are people who have accepted Christ as Savior and been baptized into Him, rising to a new life.

The local congregation strives to pattern itself after the Christians of the New Testament era. The Bible is the only rule of faith and we call ourselves Christians only, for Christ is our creed and He is the head of the Church. Our lives as His disciples are based on the principles of Love and Humble Service.

There is no outside rule or authority over the congregation. We have no denominational affiliation, assembly or head. Leadership is chosen by local members in accordance with the Scripture. There are Elders or Bishops who are spiritual overseers and Deacons who serve the congregation in various capacities.

We are a part of an independent movement that began over 200 years ago to eliminate denominational barriers and strive to unite all Christians in order to carry out Christ's prayer of unity.

We understand that Christians are God's chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the family of God, made possible by God's grace and Christ's redemptive blood. Members strive to use their talents, gifts, money and influence to build up the body, and further the cause of Christ and His Church everywhere.

Our mission is to take the message of salvation to the lost world as Jesus commanded. We strive to reach out in the community and to all nations with benevolent deeds of love and the message of the gospel.

We seek to aid, comfort, teach and minister to the needs of the members of every age. Our corporate worship, is based on the early church and consists of blended music and praise, the Lords' supper, teaching, fellowship, giving, Scripture reading and prayer.