

**sermon notes**

**The Starting of a New Church**

**Acts 17:1-9**

**1 Thessalonians 1:1**

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introduction: We have a scrapbook that some church members put together documenting the start of Hickory Valley Baptist Church on September 22, 1953. But the Bible records how some of the very first churches in the world were started back in the first century A.D.

1. Begin with what people are familiar with and tell them about Jesus, emphasizing His death and resurrection (Acts 17:1-4).
2. Expect opposition from people who reject the gospel (Acts 17:5-9).

When people oppose your witnessing, look for others to tell about Jesus.

supporting Scriptures: Luke 23:2

Mark 8:38

Romans 1:16

1 Thessalonians 2:18

1 Thessalonians 3:6

3. In the Bible, the term “church” never refers to a building. Instead, it refers to believers who are “called out” — called out by God from humanity as a whole — believers who assemble together (1 Thessalonians 1:1).

supporting Scriptures: John 10:27-29

Romans 5:1

Romans 12:18

Matthew 16:18

Ephesians 5:25