

The background is a detailed architectural drawing of a church interior, showing the east elevation and various floor details. The drawing includes a large Gothic-style entrance with a pointed arch and a smaller arch above it. To the right, there's a section of the sanctuary floor. Technical annotations and notes are scattered throughout the drawing, such as 'DETAIL OF TILE FLOORS IN CHURCH VESTIBULES', 'MARBLE FLOOR OF SANCTUARY', and 'EAST ELEVATION'.

WHY CHURCH?

A LOOK AT WHY WE GATHER

The Big Idea

The gathering of God's people is the happiest place on earth.

John 15:11

¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Why does it seem like sometimes being at church isn't the happiest place on the planet?

Acts 2:42-44

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common.

Acts 2:45-47

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Ways to Enjoy and Engage with RCC This New Year:

- **Gathering at our worship services**
- **Growing in our small groups**
- **Giving our time, talent and treasure**
- **Going to promote Jesus wherever we are**