

Sunday Sermon Guide

Central Baptist Church – Crockett, Texas
September 21, 2025 – We Are Better Together

Main Passage: Acts 2:42–47

1. The Early Church's Unity

- Unified in spirit, person, practice, and belief (vv. 1–4).
- ALL were filled with the Holy Spirit.
- Today: the Spirit indwells the believer at salvation.
- Unity in belief + unity in gifts = power in mission.

2. The Gospel Is for All People

- Pentecost shows the universal availability of the Gospel (vv. 5–13).
- Sixteen nations represented; all heard in their own language.
- The Gospel crosses race, culture, and background.
- 2 Peter 3:9 – “The Lord does not want any to perish but all to come to repentance.”

3. Peter's Sermon at Pentecost

- Words matter: faith comes by hearing (Rom. 10:14–17).
- Peter explained the events through Joel's prophecy (vv. 16–21).
- Jesus: crucified, buried, risen, and exalted (vv. 22–36).
- The Gospel demands a response: repent and believe (vv. 37–41).

4. The Pattern of the First Church (vv. 42–47)

- Devoted to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayer.
- Awe and signs among the believers.
- Generosity: they shared possessions to meet needs.
- Daily gatherings for worship, meals, and joy.
- The result: the Lord added to their number daily & souls were saved.

Application

- Am I devoted to Christ and His church?
- Am I using my gifts to build up the body?
- Do I treat the church as essential or optional?
- How am I participating in fellowship, prayer, and the Lord's mission?

Key Scriptures

- Acts 2:42–47
- Romans 10:9–10, 13
- Galatians 2:20
- 2 Peter 3:9

Reflection & Response

- What part of Acts 2 challenges you the most?
- How can you grow in devotion to the church this week?
- Who can you share the Gospel with today?

"You cannot out sin God. There is more grace in God than sin in you."

"Every day, people moved from darkness to light, sin to salvation, destruction to dancing."

"The church isn't a social club or gossip hour—it's a place where lives are changed by the Gospel."