

# **Our Roots**

**" Church = Family "**

# **Saved and Added to the Family**

- **Acts 2:41 <sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.**

# Family Life

- Acts 2:42-47 <sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common.

# Family Life

- Acts 2:42-47 <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



# They devoted themselves to:

- The apostles teaching
- Fellowship
- Breaking of bread
- Prayer



# The apostles teaching

- Ephesians 2:19-20 <sup>19</sup> Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

# **The apostles teaching ( cont.)**

- **Becoming a Christian is NOT the final step**

# Fellowship

- **Hebrews 10:24-25** <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
- **We All have one thing in common**





# Breaking of the bread

- 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 <sup>16</sup> Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?  
<sup>17</sup> Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.
- The Lord's Supper unifies the body of believers



# Prayer

- **2 Chronicles 7:14 <sup>14</sup> if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.**
- **Prayer is the church's most direct link to the heart of God**

# **Blood is thicker than water**

- **1 Corinthians 12:12 <sup>12</sup> Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.**

