

The First Christian Fellowship - Acts 2:42-47

We are looking at the early church in its infancy this morning. Nothing more, nothing less. "Its life was completely defined by the devotion to those spiritual duties which make up the unique identity of the church. Nothing outside the living Lord, the Spirit, and the Word define life for the church. This church, though not having any cultural elements of success, no worldly strategies, was still endowed with every necessary component for accomplishing the purposes of its Lord. The church will still be effective in bringing sinners to Christ when it manifests the same key elements of spiritual duty that marked this first fellowship."¹

What were the distinguishing characteristics of this church in its infancy?
Or, how do we measure the church as successful?

1. IT WAS A _____ CHURCH – vv. 41-42A

- 1.1 Devoted to the apostles' teaching
- 1.2 Peter's Sermon states the foundation - vv. 14-41
- 1.3 2 Timothy 2:2; 4:1-2
- 1.4 1 Peter 2:2
- 1.5 Romans 12:2
- 1.6 1 Timothy 4:6,11,13,16
- 1.7 Hosea 4:6

2. IT WAS A _____ CHURCH – 2:42b, 44-46

- 2.1 Definition (κοινωνία [*koinōniāi*]). Partner, sharer in common interest.
– Philippians 1:5
- 2.2 It is based on our relationship in Christ
- 2.3 Breaking of Bread
- 2.4 Prayer

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3. IT WAS AN _____ INSPIRING CHURCH – 43a

- 3.1 Phobos – Refers to fear or holy terror related to the sense of divine presence, to the attitude of reverence.
- 3.2 Isaiah 6:1-6
- 3.3 What are our thoughts when we come away from a worship service?

4. IT WAS A _____ CHURCH – 46b-47a

- 4.1 With glad and sincere hearts

5. IT WAS A CHURCH OF _____ - 47b

- 5.1 They were an attractive church
- 5.2 They were a growing church

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 What are the distinguishing characteristics of Community Bible Church?
- 6.2 Are we successful?

¹MacArthur, J. (1994). *Acts* (79). Chicago: Moody Press.

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- Would like a lobby mailbox.
- Need nametags for those listed below.
- Would like to receive a phone call from a church staff member or leader.
Best time to call _____
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Welcome Guest

Thank you for visiting with us today! We encourage you to fill out this card and bring it to our *Welcome Center*. We have a free gift for you - our way of saying "We're glad you're here!" You will also find information about our many ministries, directions to class rooms and more.

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I/We would like to receive a phone call from a church staff member or leader.

Best time to call: _____

How did you learn of **Community Bible Church**?



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Today	9:00 & 10:45 AM	Worship
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Way of The Master
Thursday	7:00 PM	Praise Team Rehearsal
Friday	7:00 PM	Celebrate Recovery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **PRAYER EQUALS POWER!!** The Youth Mission Team will be leaving for Haiti on July 3 and wants your prayers. Please sign the board in the lobby to join others as we continually bathe this team in prayer as they travel.
- ◆ This is the last week to inform the office if you have a **student graduate** (8th grade, high school, or college) and you would like to include your grad in an upcoming bulletin where we will recognize our graduates. Please contact the church office with the graduate's name, place they are graduating from, and where they will be next fall. You can use the *Sign Up* flap on the bulletin or call or email the church office (374-6478 or cbc@communitybibleonline.org) to give us your information.
- ◆ Mom-to-Mom attenders. Don't miss the **End of the Year Pool Party!** The party will be held at the home of Mandie Seiter on June 23rd from 11-2. For more information, you can call Mandie at 696-9287.
- ◆ We are currently **recruiting help** for this year's Vacation Bible School, **High Seas Expedition**. VBS will held July 26-30 from 6 - 9 PM. Contact Sue Wells at 374-6478, ext 110, if you would like to participate in this exciting ministry!
- ◆ You can now **register you child for the upcoming Vacation Bible Study, High Seas Expedition**. This years VBS will be held July 26-30 from 6-9 PM and is for kids from four years old to those who have completed 5th grade. Kids will have fun learning about God through songs, stories, crafts, games, movies, and snacks. Registration forms can be found at the Promiseland table or you can call Sue Wells at 374-6478, ext 110.
- ◆ Tickets are available in Promiseland for "**Summer Splash 10**" - Deep River Water Park Friday, July 9, 6:30-9:30 PM. (You may arrive at the park as early as 5 PM.) Tickets are \$7 and will not be sold at the door. This is a fun family night with Christian music playing throughout the park, co-hosted by CBC and ten other local churches.

PRAISE AND PRAYER

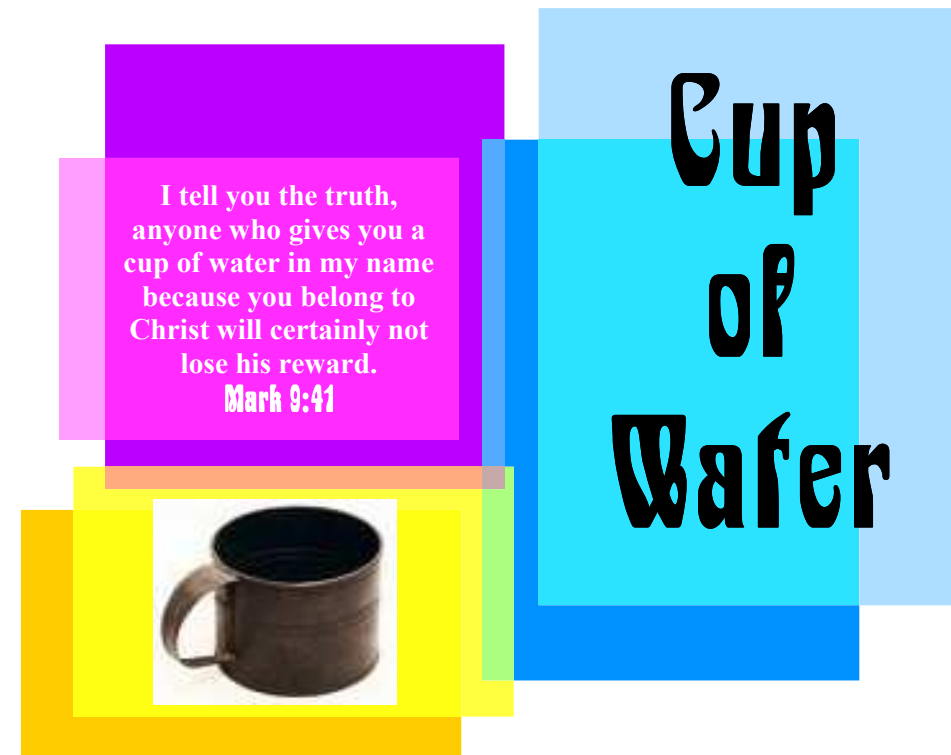
Prayer requests or praise reports for the **PRAYER CHAIN** may be given to Pam Robertson by phone, 736-5724, or by email, P_jean16@yahoo.com. If you would like to be included in the CBC email prayer chain, please contact the church office at 374-6478.

Please keep the following in your prayers this week:

Missionary of the Week

Otilia Cisneros

Life in Messiah International



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Today's Speaker
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