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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WATERFORD



Follow along with Pastor Michael's sermon today on page 968 of the pew bible.



Welcome, we are glad you joined us today!
If you are visiting, we'd love to connect with you. Please visit our connection center and pick up a welcome packet.

Children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church, which begins after the music. A fully staffed nursery and pre-kindergarten classroom is available throughout the service for infants and toddlers up until Kindergarten. Middle school students have a Bible study the second and fourth Sundays of the month after service in the teen room until noon.

Join us as we seek to become and make disciples who love and serve Jesus Christ.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Prayer Meeting: Mon. | 7:30pm | Online

Men's Bible Study: Tues. | 8pm | Online

WOW Bible Study: Thurs. | 10:30am | JMH

TODAY:
9:30am | Cafe
10am | Service
11:20 am | NT Casket Empty Class

We observe communion today
and will be taking a love offering.



Prefer to tithe online? Use the QR code OR go to the GIVE section on our website

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jonathan Templeton, our missionary through New Horizon Foundation in Spain, is visiting with us today - make sure to say "hi".

The Children's Ministry needs at least 6 more workers each Sunday, especially more teachers. Contact Amy Mooradian or Jeanne Reed if you would like to volunteer or have questions.



SERMON NOTES FOR ACTS 2:42–47

OVERVIEW AND KEY THEMES

- First and foremost, the early church devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching. The apostles' teaching focused on who Jesus is, his life, his ministry, his death, resurrection, and ascension, and how to live out the Gospel message in everyday life.
- The second thing they devoted themselves to was the fellowship. Biblical fellowship means sharing life in common because people share an experience of the Holy Spirit. It is about being in harmonious unity with one another.
- Fellowship in the early church was all about believers in Christ from all walks of life, backgrounds, colors, and cultures, ages, and stages, sharing their Christian lives together in an inclusive community while focusing on their mutual love for their Lord and Savior, Jesus.
- The third thing the early church devoted themselves to was the breaking of bread.
- Finally, the early church devoted themselves to prayer.

APPLICATION

- The church is a people, not a place; the early church met in all kinds of places to learn the teachings of Jesus and his Word, to fellowship, to break bread, and to pray.
- The church is a multiethnic and multicultural assembly of believers who gather to worship the Lord while actively awaiting His return to make all things new—ushering in His New Heaven and New Earth (Revelation 21-22).
- The church is NOT a self-help or social club, or a local show or business, where, as customers, we get to pick and choose what we like and dislike.
- At its core, the church is the family of God, brought and joined together because of what Christ has done, is doing, and will do, and because of what the Holy Spirit has equipped us to be and do: to reflect the Lord's glory and character to the world through how we live.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES FROM THE SERMON

Acts 2	Ephesians 4:1-6	Revelation 21-22
Ephesians 2:19-22		