

Title: To be Continued...

Text: Acts 2:42-47

Target: As we look to a new year, there is not a new directive for our sense of purpose as a church, but an invitation to continue on what was started two thousand years ago, with the hopes of fulfilling and finishing the mission...Make Jesus Known and Make Disciples.

I. Devoted to Doctrine: (Vs. 42)

a. Persistence in Practice: *“devoted themselves”*

b. Preserved His Promises: *“to the apostles’ teaching”*

II. Forged by Fellowship: (Vs. 42)

a. Work of the Spirit: *“fellowship”*

Key Verse: 2 Corinthians 13:14: *“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”*

b. Witness of the Sacraments: *“breaking of bread and the prayers”*

Definition: “Sacraments”-outward and visible sign of inward and spiritual divine grace.

III. Watchful in Worship: (Vs. 43)

a. Sincere in Engagement: *“awe came upon every soul”*

b. Sense of Expectancy: *“many wonder(s) and sign(s)”*

IV. Sacrificial in Service: (Vs. 44-45)

a. Core Conviction: *“all things in common”* (Vs. 44)

b. Common Concern: *“as any who had need”* (Vs. 45)

i. Selling their Possessions:

ii. Distributing the Proceeds:

Special Note: Where is God calling you to serve this year?

V. Committed to Community: (Vs. 46)

a. Corporate Gathering: *“attending the temple together”*

Special Note: What is the difference between a “guest” versus a “host”? _____

b. Home Gathering: *“glad and generous hearts”*

VI. Engaged in Evangelism: (Vs. 47)

a. Praised God: Worship is the fuel for Evangelism

b. Proclaimed God: The words from our lips must match the witness of our life

Key Verse: Romans 10:17: *“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”*

Take Away: The book of Acts revealing and giving witness to the movement of God did not conclude in Acts 28 at the conclusion of the book of Acts; for it is being expressed in us today. Therefore, we are ACTS 29!