

The State of The Church
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Acts 2:41-47

INTRODUCTION:

- State of the church in America
- How about Mount Joy Church of God? How are we doing?

I. The First Church, Our Model: Acts 2:41-47

I have read this as my text because this passage shows us what a church should be and can be if it is totally sold out and dedicated to the Lord.

- A. This text tells of a vibrant, growing, worshiping church that was filled with glory, power and love for Jesus.
- B. The early church was marked by Unity; Mutual Concern; Community Spirit; Evangelistic Zeal; the Manifest Power and Presence of the Holy Spirit; Purity of Doctrine; Profound Growth; and acceptance of all people. I believe this is what the church should be striving for.

II. Our Church

What is our mission statement?

Proclaim the _____, Seek The _____, Build Up the _____.

- A. Where are we Proclaiming the Gospel?
- B. Where are we Seeking the Lost?
- C. How are we Building up the Believer?

III. Thirst Conference (Life Action Ministry)

April 2-5

How can I be involved:

- A. Plan to attend all the meetings
- B. Pray for revival
- C. Help in housing two team members
- D. Help with lunches at the church
- E. Provide a vehicle
- F. Prepare a dinner at the church for the team



Conclusion:

"The proper ends for a local congregation's life and actions are the worship of God, the edification of the church, and the evangelization of the world. These three purposes in turn serve the glory of God." ~ Dr. Mark Dever, Capitol Hill Baptist Church