



FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

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Greetings Friends,

In Acts 2, the early church devoted itself to the Word, to fellowship, to prayer, and to shared life. As we pursue Christ together in 2026, this theme gives us a shared focus for how we worship, serve, and grow.

Fervency in Worship & Prayer

- Prepare for Sunday worship throughout the week (worship begins in the heart and in the home).
- Establish a daily prayer rhythm (consistent, specific prayer - not occasional prayer).
- Participate in corporate prayer when the church gathers, trusting God to move among us.
- Come with expectancy: we are responding to God, not performing for people.

Unity in Ministry

- Protect the unity of this house: speak to people, not about people.
- Serve with shared purpose: one church, one mission - the gospel to our community.
- Resolve tension biblically and quickly (pursue peace, not sides).
- Honor every ministry and every worker; we win together.

Nourishment through Discipleship

- Recommit to the Word: consistent Scripture intake personally and together.
- Engage the discipleship spaces of the church (Sunday School, Bible Study, sermons, and follow-up).
- Move from information to transformation: apply what you learn and encourage others.
- Help someone grow: invite, bring, and walk with new believers and younger generations.

Three Simple Ways to Start Now:

1. Choose one daily prayer time and keep it (morning, lunch, or evening).
2. Commit to one consistent discipleship space (Sunday School or Bible Study).
3. Serve in one ministry area where your gifts can strengthen the body.

Let's Have FUN - and trust the Lord to strengthen His church and save the lost (Acts 2:47).

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Theme Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

- 42 **And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.**
- 43 **And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.**
- 44 **And all who believed were together and had all things in common.**
- 45 **And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.**
- 46 **And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,**
- 47 **praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.**

Fervent in Prayer & Worship

Acts 18:25, Rom. 12:11, James 5:16-17

We recognize worship does not start when we arrive Sunday morning. We establish an atmosphere for fervent worship in our hearts and homes, prepared to worship God together on Sunday morning from the overflow.

Unity in Ministry

1 Peter 4:8, 1 Corinthians 1:10, Acts 4:32, John 13:34, John 17

We recognize that our love expressed to one another serves as a reflection of God's love for us. We will do everything we can to protect the unity of this house. We will serve together in unity, prioritizing the spreading of the Gospel to our community.

Nourishment through Discipleship

Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Luke 11:28

We recognize that our growth comes from studying the word of God, both individually and collectively. We will dedicate ourselves to active engagement in Sunday School, Bible Study, Sermons, etc. We will devote ourselves to the faithful teaching of the Word of God and allow it to transform our hearts, homes, and this church for His glory and for our good.