

Acts 2

Four elements of a growing church

The church after Pentecost

- Hidden away in fear
- Holy Spirit and the 3000.
- How to function?

Acts 2:42-47

The fellowship of the believers

- ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Key Words

- Favour: grace, goodwill
- Devoting: lit., "to be strong towards", "to endure in, or persevere in, to be continually steadfast with a person or thing,"
 - "A steadfast and single-minded fidelity to a certain course of action." (Longenecker)

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Learning

Fellowship

Worship

Prayer

Learn

- Learning together
- Individual responsibility

Fellowship

- The ancient Greek word *koinonia* (translated here as **fellowship**) has the idea of association, communion, fellowship, and participation; it means to *share* in something./
- Significant element of practical caring

Worship

- Communion, The Lord's Supper:
 - Taken as part of a common meal in homes
 - Remembering together
- In the temple.

Pray

- Emphasis on communal prayer
- Old and new patterns

Woody as an Acts church?

- Why are we here?
 - Planted to serve Cathays
- Have we favour with the community?
- Have we opportunity?

Your challenge, Woody

- Let Cathays know who we are:
 - Get involved in community
- Welcome the stranger / visitor
 - Culture
 - Strategy

Not to be a social club!

Ask God 'what shall I do Lord?'

Woody January / February 2018

- **Sunday Services:**
- **January:**
 - January 21st Hugo Hobbs dedication, Martin Pearce speaking
 - Cathays Churches Together Service re Slavery, 4.30 pm, St Josephs Church, Whitchurch Road.
- **February**
 - Feb 4th Jon Hall from Cornerstone, Rhonda
 - Sundays February 11, 18 and 25th Pastor Eino Oracion
- **Other Woody events:**
 - 'Spiritual Gifts – What are yours?' Course February 7th, 21st, 28th 7.30 Room 1.
 - **24/2 Brazer:** Wednesday 28th February – Wednesday 7th March, room 6
 - This week of prayer starts and ends with an 'into the Deep' event.
 - March TBC Baptism service
 - Start of Epistles of Peter Series
- **Cathays Compass:**
 - January 20th 1.00 pm, meeting at the Table, Pentych St
 - February 12th Meeting at Woody, 7.00 pm
- **Advance notice:**
 - Saturday April 21st Cathays Fair (No Party in the Park – Woody will put that resource and energy into the Fair)
 - May 20th Andy Hawthorne