



**WELCOME TO SOUTHEAST**

Southeast provides relational environments where you can find Jesus, community, and purpose.

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God created us for community. If you are interested in serving, participating in a small group, or would like more information about an upcoming event, join us at the Connections Studio live via Zoom after services: [southeastcc.org/connect](https://southeastcc.org/connect) or send an email to [connect@southeastcc.org](mailto:connect@southeastcc.org)

**NEED PRAYER?**

We are honored to pray with you or for you. Join us after services to pray with someone: [southeastcc.org](https://southeastcc.org). You may also submit a prayer request at [southeastcc.org/prayer](https://southeastcc.org/prayer).

**NOTES: TOGETHER: WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER**

**Acts 2:41-47 English Standard Version (ESV)**

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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



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## Ten Practices of the First Church:

1. **Baptism** – “So those who received his word were baptized...”
2. **Doctrine/Teaching** – “...they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching...”
3. **Authority** - “...they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching...”
4. **Fellowship** – “...and the fellowship...”
5. **Communion** – “...the breaking of bread...”
6. **Prayerful** – “...and the prayers...”
7. **Spiritual Gifts** – “...And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles...”
8. **Giving/Sharing/Generous** – “...And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need...”
9. **Meeting together** – “...And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes...”
10. **Praising God/Singing/Worshipping** – “...And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people...”

## Four of these you cannot do without a church family:

### 1. Authority

#### Hebrews 13:17 ESV

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

### 2. Fellowship

#### 1 John 1:5-7 ESV

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.



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### 3. Spiritual gifts

#### 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 ESV

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

### 4. Meeting together

#### Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

#### Implications:

1. Which of the 10 practices we see the early church living out do you struggle with most?
2. What keeps you from engaging more in intentional spiritual relationships?
3. What spiritual gifts did God give you to serve the Body of Christ?
4. The Bible is clear that we are better together than we are alone.



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