



"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42

The "they" in this reading refers to the fellowship of new believers who had heard Peter's and the other apostles' message in their own language at the event of Pentecost. What resulted, as we know, is the birth and expansion of the Christian church. As we can see, their practice contained all of the essentials: Word, Sacrament, fellowship, and prayer. Nothing was more important, and nothing was left out. This was the fulfillment of the command of Jesus for the world before he ascended. All of this should sound familiar to us, as we contemplate the English District mission of "living the baptized life in Christ."

Our Mission 1-1-1 dollars have only this express purpose in mind. When our current campaign ends on August 31, 2026, through the baptismal power of the Spirit we will begin anew for September 1, 2026 - August 31, 2027. Currently, through June 30, 2026, 26 of 156 congregations have given \$20,848. In our final month of this campaign, let's finish strong.