

- C. We Grow By **Serving** (Acts 2:44-45)
- Complete a purple folder and **minister** with your S.H.A.P.E.
- “11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,
12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,”*
Ephesians 4:11-12

- D. We Grow By **Bringing** (Acts 2:47b)
- “Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.’”* Luke 14:23

- E. We Grow By **Worshipping** (Acts 2:46-47a)
- Daily** worship God outside the church and **Sunday** worship God inside the church.
- “not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”* Hebrews 10:25

**I LOVE MY CHURCH
We Love Our Growth
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INTRODUCTION

- A. Jesus loves the church and so should you!!
- “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,”* Ephesians 5:25

“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18

- B. People from all walks of life from all over the world call Capital Baptist Church “home” and love this church. In this series, we will examine six core values of our church which cause us to love this church so much.

August 19	We Love Our Bible
August 26	We Love Our Children
TODAY	We Love Our Growth
September 9	We Love Our Groups
September 16	We Love Our Diversity
September 23	We Love Our Outreach

- C. **TEXT:** Ephesians 4:13-16 (Pew Bible/Pg 1148/New Test)

The requirement of every believer is to **grow** and become like Christ. The word “Christian” means **Christlike**.

*“6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.
7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.*

8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.” I Corinthians 3:6-8

I LOVE MY CHURCH BECAUSE WE VALUE OUR GROWTH!!

WE EXIST TO LEAD PEOPLE INTO A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST.

WE LOVE OUR GROWTH

I. WHY DO WE LOVE OUR GROWTH?

A. To be like Jesus Christ.

“but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.”
II Peter 3:18

B. To be like the early church.

“41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

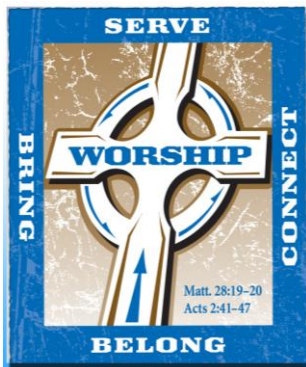
44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,

45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”
Acts 2:41-47

II. HOW DO WE LOVE OUR GROWTH?



**Capital
Growth Track
Acts 2:41-47**

A. We Grow By Belonging (Acts 2:41)

- Accept Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord (2:41a).

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:”
John 1:12

- Be baptized (2:41b).

“Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” Rom 6:4

- Commit yourself to Capital Baptist Church as a member (2:41c).

“so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.” Rom 12:5

B. We Grow By Connecting (Acts 2:42-43)

- Connect with God by establishing a daily quiet time.

“41 And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.

42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”
Luke 10:41-42

- Connect with people by attending a Growth Group.

“13 And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him.

14 Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach,”
Mark 3:13-14