

Look Up, Look Around, Look Out

Wylie Methodist Church

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Acts 2:41-47

41 Those who accepted [Peter's] message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he 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 favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Wylie Methodist exists to...

1. LOOK UP (A HEALTHY CHURCH LOVES GOD)

Acts 2:42

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching... and to prayer.

Mark 12:30 (Great Commandment)

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

Wylie Methodist exists to...

2. LOOK AROUND (A HEALTHY CHURCH LOVES ONE ANOTHER)

Acts 2:44-45

All the believers were together... they gave to anyone as he had need.

Mark 12:31

"The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Wylie Methodist exists to...

3. LOOK OUT (A HEALTHY CHURCH LOVES THE LOST)

Acts 2:47

And the Lord added to their number daily...

"The Church is the only society on earth that exists for the benefits of non-members." — William Temple (Anglican Priest)

Matthew 28:19-20 (Great Commission)

[Jesus said] **"19... go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you..."**

Romans 10:13-15

13 "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can they preach unless they are sent?..."

- People cannot be saved unless they call on Jesus.
- They cannot call on Jesus unless they believe in Him.
- They cannot believe, unless they have heard.
- They cannot hear unless someone shares with them.
- They cannot share unless they are sent.

"Preach the gospel at all times. And if necessary, use words."

— Francis of Assisi