

**HOUSTON LAKE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
“Getting Re-Blued”
2013

What is getting
“re-blued”?

Embracing who we are...

Houston Lake Presbyterian Church is here for the glory of God to be a graciously redeemed worshiping body that proclaims and lives in the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ so that lives, families, and communities in Houston County and beyond may know Christ in all His fullness.

Understanding how we get there...

Acts 2

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

- Church *HEALTH* versus church GROWTH.
- What *IS* a healthy church?

Acts 2:42-47:

An *equipping* church

A *worshiping* church

A *caring* church

A *reaching* church

We want to be an equipping church (v.42)

- Scripture is AUTHORITATIVE & CENTRAL
- Christ-centered, expository preaching
- Reformed/Presbyterian perspective
- Ordinary means of grace ministry= worship, Scripture, prayer, fellowship, sacraments
- Making disciples as a covenant family to adults, youth, and children

We want to be a worshiping church

(v. 42)

- God centered
- Word saturated
- Gospel ordered
- Engaging/Participatory
- Honoring the past, acknowledging the present

We want to be a caring church (vv.44-45)

- Genuine, fellowship.
- LIFE Groups & small groups= places to connect & care.
- Meeting needs.
- Commitment to prayer.
- Shepherding Groups led by Elders & Deacons

We want to be a reaching church (v.47)

- Growth= should be a *natural* outcome of church health. Should not be ashamed to desire growth!
- Bold & winsome witness.
- Bringers & gatherers mentality.
- Praying that Houston County is never the same.
- Ever increasing commitment to missions, here and abroad.