**POWER POINT**

**STANDING TOGETHER**

1. **The early church was a church that stood together in unity.**

2. **The unity of the was as a result of the following:**

**i) They gave themselves to the teachings of Jesus.**

**Acts 11:26**

**26**and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

**Acts 15:35**

**35**But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

**1 Corinthians 4:17**

**17**That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church.

**ii) They prayed together and prayed for one another.**

**Acts 12:12**

**12** When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying**.**

**Acts 21:5**

**5** When our days there were ended, we departed and went on our journey, and they all, with wives and children, accompanied us until we were outside the city. And kneeling down on the beach, we prayed.

**iii) They had constant fellowship with each other.**

**Acts 2:42**

**42** And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

**Hebrews 10:25**

25 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.

1. **They sacrificed and cared for each other.**

**Acts 4:32**

**32**Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.

**Acts 4:34**

**34**There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold

**v) They had one agenda.**

**Acts 2:1-2**

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.

**2** And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

3. **When we stand together as a church, God begins to increase our number.**

**Acts 2:47**

**47**praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.