Notes for 2nd Sunday in September 2022

**Queens Chapel U.M. Church**

**Beltsville, MD**

Rev. Dr. Will Butler, Pastor

**“The Power of Becoming the Church” (Part 5)**

**Acts 2:42**

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

1. The Body of Christ is the universal church
2. Spiritual family.
3. A spiritual family consist of born again baptized believers who love and add value to each other’s life spiritually as well as physically.
4. Spiritual growth and maturity is the foundation for a spiritual family

**Acts 2:42a**

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine”

1. Spiritual growth and maturity are realized through the teaching and studying of God’s Word
2. The Word of God has 6 ingredients:

* **1st ingredient: Limitlessness**

**Isaiah 40:8 (NIV)**

“The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.”

* **2nd Ingredient: Spiritual Nourishment**

**1 Peter 2:2 (New Life Version)**

“As new babies want milk, you should want to drink the pure milk which is God’s Word so you will grow up and be saved from the punishment of sin.”

* **3rd Ingredient: Light**

**2 Peter 1:19**

“In addition, we have a most reliable prophetic word, and you would do well to pay attention to it, just as you would to a lamp shining in a dark place…”

* **4th Ingredient: Purification**

**Psalms 119:9**

“How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living

according to your word.”

* **5th Ingredient: Instruction**

**2 Chronicles 17:7, 9**

7 In the third year of his reign Jehoshaphat sent his officials to teach in all the towns of Judah.

9 They took copies of the Book of the Law of the Lord and traveled around through all the towns of Judah, teaching the people.

* **6th Ingredient: Defensive Weapons**

**Ephesians 6:16-17 (NIV)**

16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit,

which is the word of God.