

Practices of the first church (Acts 2:42-47)

“they devoted themselves...”

“Day by day”

- Teaching (of the apostles)
- Fellowship
- Breaking of bread (sharing meals)
- Prayer (praising God)
- Sharing goods according to needs

What God was doing

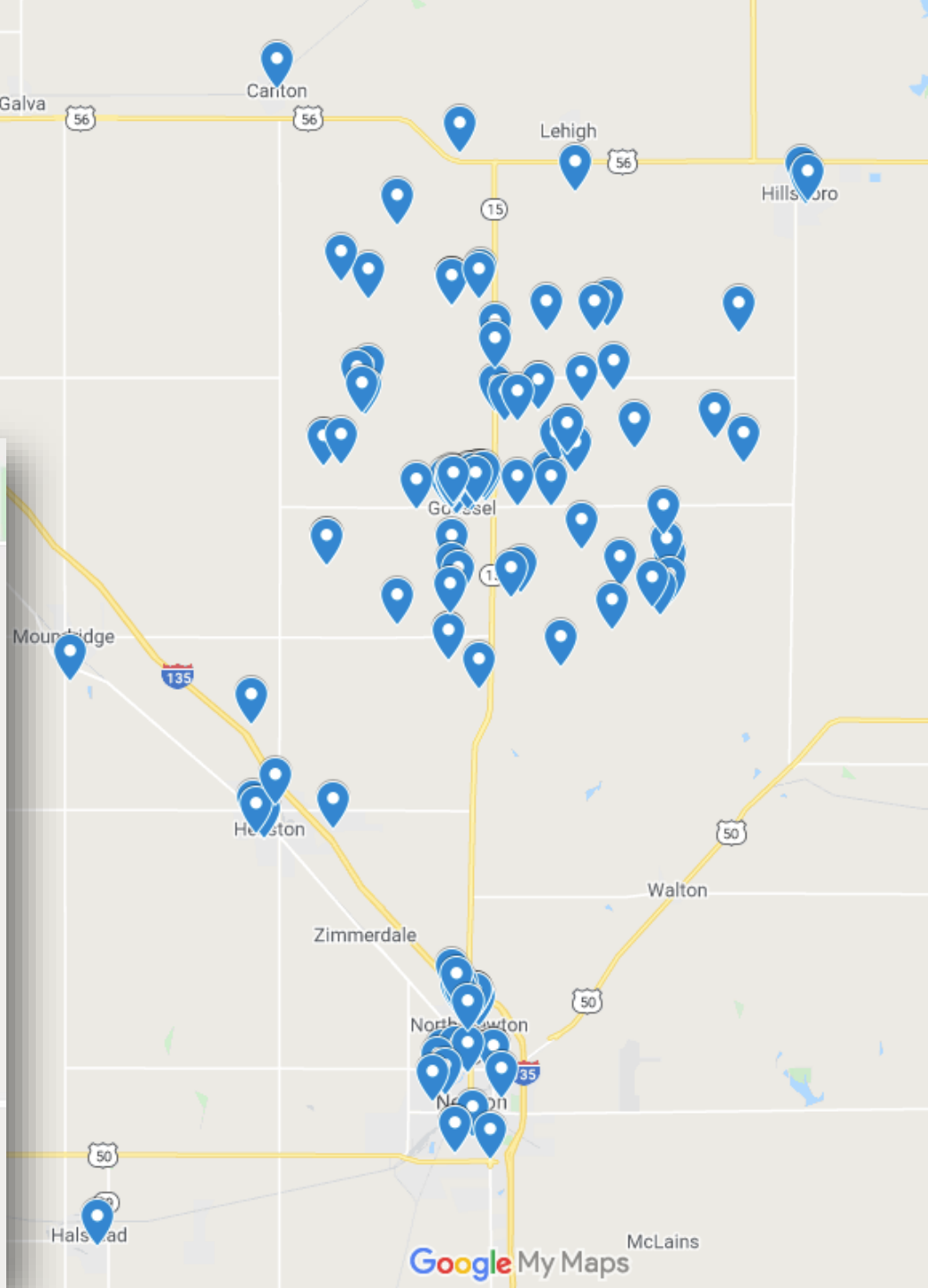
- “Wonders and signs” through the apostles
- Jubilee (distributing goods as any had need)
- Adding to the group more who are saved/healed

Character of the first church

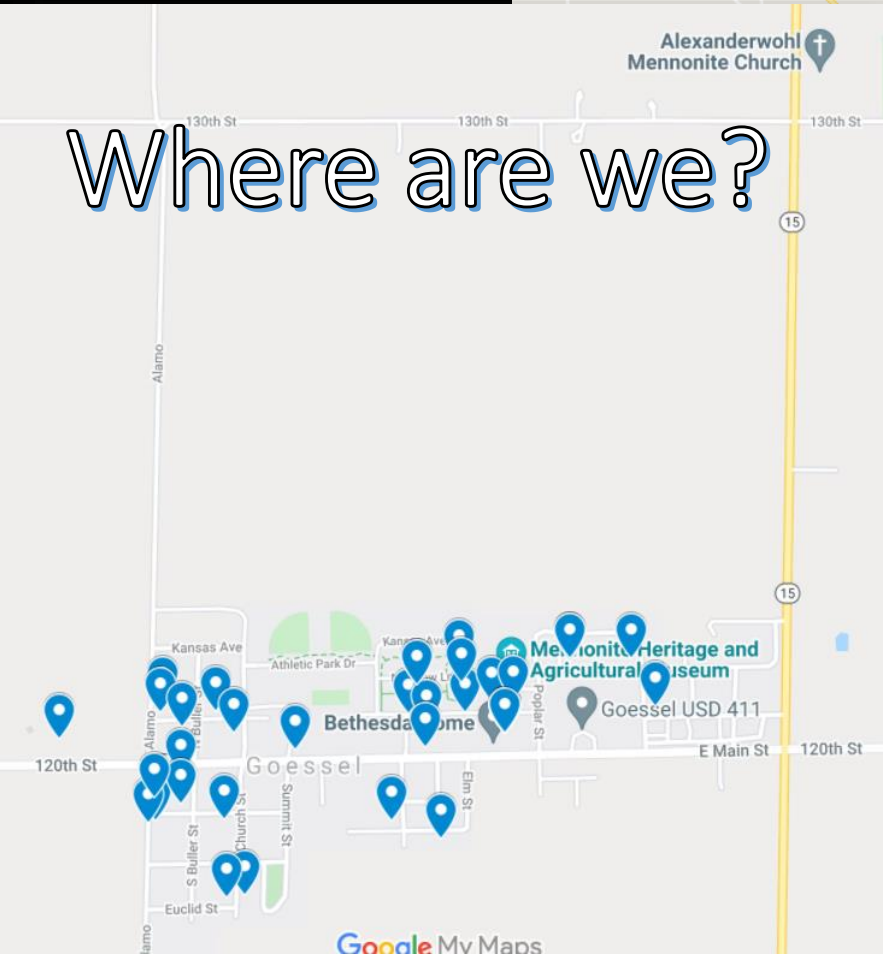
- “together” or “with one accord”
- Joy
- Generous or sincere hearts
- Enjoying favor of the people
- “Saved” (or “healed”)

Places of the first church

- Temple
- Homes (neighborhoods?)
- Among the people (public places?)



Where are we?



Questions for reflection

1. In what ways is our congregation like the first generation of Jesus-followers? In what ways not?
2. What do we need to seize upon from this description of the beginnings of the church?
3. What does it look like for any of us to bring our faith and witness to the everyday spaces we inhabit?