

ADVENTURES IN ACTS, PART II

The book of Acts is one of the most encouraging books in all of Scripture. In this amazing book we see the power of the risen Jesus at work. Not only do we see the Holy Spirit poured out in Acts 2, but we witness the conversion of our first brothers and sisters.

We also witness the passion of the apostles as they share the gospel in public and in private, in the temple and from house to house. We witness people that we might characterize as “resistant to the gospel” come to faith that Jesus is the Christ. We see Jewish widows come to faith in Acts 6:1, and we see Jewish priests come to faith in Acts 6:7.

Jesus is risen, the disciples are praying and proclaiming, lost people hear the gospel and they come to obedient faith. And the devil is losing ground. He hates to lose ground. He tries to block the disciples from sharing the gospel. The devil uses the elite (the council members) of the city to intimidate and beat the disciples, but this tactic does not work. Then, the devil uses the people considered to be on the lowest level of Jewish (the Freedman of Acts 6:9) society to stop the disciples with lies and false accusations, but this tactic does not work. And the church keeps growing.

Jesus is risen, the gospel is shared, the church is growing, and that’s just the first six chapters of the book of Acts. In Acts 8 we will witness the beginning of another exciting phase of the gospel’s expansion. The gospel will be taken to people who are not Jewish. It is taken to the Samaritans, it is taken to an Ethiopian Eunuch, and it is taken to Cornelius. We witness how the boundaries of the kingdom expand beyond the borders of Judaism, and we praise God for that.

Jesus is risen, the gospel is shared, and the church is growing. Make sure you get to witness these powerful events as we continue to study the book of Acts. And it keeps getting better, for not only are we blessed to this expansion, we are also blessed to participate in the continuing expansion of the gospel.

Make sure to join us for the Sunday morning adult Bible class as we continue to witness the power of the gospel at work in the ancient world and in Desoto county.

Grace & Peace
Derek

Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live,
call 1-800-914-8405 followed by 4896244
YOU MUST MUTE YOUR PHONE

Family News & Notes

- **Helen Denton** is in Baptist DeSoto
- **Haschal Golden** is home.
- **Dean Hasler** has left for Texas.
- **Albert Hayes** will have surgery **Thursday, December 7.**
- **Danny Jackson** is in Baptist East.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

HEALTH ISSUES: Joe Albritton, Cindy Caldwell, Herman Davis, Jim Hertter, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Donna Meadows, Peggy McGowen, James Neal, Jerry Richardson, Jamie Vorhof, Betty Walker, Linda Weatherford, Eddie & Margaret Whalen, Lula Whittle, Jeanette Williams, Jane Winstead

HOSPICE CARE: Katie Culley, Robert Coleman

SHUT-INS: Valeria Canada, Lorene Edge, Cora Epperson, FM Hylander, Evelyn Fowler, Sallye Giles, Irmagene Hall, Margaret Jones, Jackie Lorensen, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy, Louise Schmittou, Helen Weathers

FAMILY: Jeanette Barnes, Maxine Drewery, Mike Hasler, Zayden Huffman, Melanie Keffer, Judy Lee, Terrance Simmons, Ray Yearwood

PARAGOULD’S ANGELS

Members are welcome to join us **Saturday, December 9, from 11:30AM until 3:00PM** when our kids from Paragould’s Children’s home come to receive their angel tree gifts. We are asking those that stay for lunch for a donation of \$2. Please have your angel’s gifts in one LARGE bag with their name on the front. Have them here no later than **Wednesday, December 6** and place them in room 17.

KFC CHRISTMAS PARTY AND CAROLING

On **Sunday, December 17** following the morning worship the KFC’s will meet in the FLC for pizza and games followed by caroling at friends, neighbors, and shut ins. We need a couple of parents to volunteer to drive a vehicle and help with caroling. Please see **Alan** if you can help.

THE ARK

Any senior Goodman Oaks members interested in going to The Ark and Creation Museum and other sites in Bowling Green, KY, **May 21-24** need to sign up by **Wednesday, December 6.** A \$50 deposit is due when you sign-up. For more information see **Jean Kuykendall** or **Nancy Herron.**



Reminders . . .

- ☞ Keep the El Salvador mission team in your prayers.
- ☞ Please remain cautious in the construction areas.

INVITE A FRIEND TO WORSHIP

MAKING A MEANINGFUL LIFE

Starting in December, our **Wednesday night adult classes** will be studying how to make life more meaningful. Using the tools God gave us in the books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, we are going to have a three month training session in character development. Our mission is to make and mature disciples and these two books of wisdom will help us mature as disciples and bring God's kingdom into DeSoto County and deeper in our own lives. **Marty Brownfield (room 24) and Matthew Crowe (room 20)** will be leading this exercise in wisdom. They look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, December 6.**

LIVING WITH ADDICTION

We are offering a class on **Wednesday nights for our Winter Quarter** titled *Living with Addiction*. This class will be hosted by Bill Walker and family. This class will share experiences from their 10-year journey of what worked and what didn't work, things to expect when someone you love is an addict, etc... . The purpose of the class is to offer support and help people cope with the **everyday stresses** associated with someone you love dearly being enslaved to addiction. The typical class format will be a short time of orientation followed by a forum where questions are welcomed and encouraged. This class will meet in **Room 1 on Wednesday nights**, beginning **December 6.**

YOUTH NEWS

AREA WIDE

The area wide will be **tonight, December 3**, at the Friendship Church of Christ. The plan will be to meet at their building. The area wide starts at **5PM** and will end around **7PM**. If you need a ride please let **Jared** know.

WINTERFEST

The dates for **Winterfest are February 16—18.** The \$51 deposit will cover your registration fee, your t-shirt and it will get your name on the list of those attending. The total cost will be \$125. All money is due **February 1.**



POINSETTIA’S FOR CHRISTMAS



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in remembrance of a loved one, please fill out the form below, cut it out, place it in an envelope provided on the desk in the Welcome Center and deposit it in the poinsettia box. The cost will be **\$8** per pot. All orders must be received by **Sunday, December 10.** If you have any questions please contact the office.

NAME _____

QUANTITY \$8 each _____

IN MEMORY OF _____



