

**WELCOME!** We're glad you're here and have decided to join us today!

**This week we begin looking at the book of Acts! This New Testament book has been called a textbook for discipleship and as Living Water seeks to make disciples who make disciples, I really believe we have a lot to learn from Acts.**

**TEACHER:** Pastor Garry Nyenhuis

**SUMMARY:** For week 1, we will focus on the introduction to the letter, the command of Jesus for the disciples to wait, and His ascension into heaven.

**As we discuss, think about some of these things:**

1. What assumptions does the author make about who is reading this account?
2. What is the importance of recalling what Jesus has been doing since His resurrection?
3. What are Jesus' commands before He returns to heaven?
4. How does the questions of the disciples show a lack of understanding on their part?
5. How does Jesus' redirection help them and help us?

**As action steps, try some of these things:**

1. Study the book of Acts with your friends, family, or small group. Try the Right Now Media study suggested in a previous email. Try walking through the book chapter by chapter with someone. Use a study Bible to read some of the footnotes and historical context of the book. Try the YouVersion app to read through with the pastor and with other brothers and sisters!
2. Journal your questions and your thoughts about the book as you read through! Write down the statements or words that seem to stick out to you. Share these with Pastor Garry or with another believer-not necessarily to get "answers" but mainly to wrestle with the words of Scripture and to see what God is pointing out to you.
3. Discuss this with a group, spouse, family, friend: Why is it so popular to want to "go back" to the early church? Why did it "work?" What are the dangers in "going back?" What would be the good in "going back?"

**NOTES:**

## OUR FAMILY

**Next Sunday our congregation will be celebrating the Lord's Supper.**

This week as we personally consider, "Am I ready to take the Lord's Supper in faith" there are questions that are important for each of us to answer:

- Have I confessed my sin to God and do I trust Jesus as the only One who can save me from it?
- Am I eager to obey Jesus and let Him be my Lord?
- Have I sought forgiveness and reconciliation from those I have wronged?
- Have I forgiven and reconciled with those who have wronged me?

**Connect Cards are located throughout the facility and you are encouraged to fill one out:**

- ⇒ if you have a prayer request
- ⇒ if you'd like to be contacted by a Pastor or Elder
- ⇒ if you'd like to know more about Living Water
- ⇒ if you have questions about membership (baptism, profession of faith, transfer)
- ⇒ if you would like to be added to our ALL-LW email distribution list
- ⇒ if you have updated contact information
- ⇒ if there is any other info you'd like to share with us

**You can place the completed card in the offering basket or mailbox located at the Welcome Center.**

**Living Water is looking for at least two OC Cadet Counselors for this fall's program.** The Cadet ministry is for boys 4th-8th grade. The group meets from 6:50-8:45pm @ Calvary CRC (OC) on Wednesday evenings 2x a month. If you'd like more info, please contact outgoing Counselor, Jamey Schiebout, at 712-441-3290 or jamo@icloud.com or George Scholten at 712-441-4015.

## TODAY

**9:30am**

**COFFEE SHOPPE**

**10:00am**

**WORSHIP**

**10:20am**

**LITTLE TREASURES**

3-5 yr olds time to worship God  
meets in Upper Room  
watch for dismissal slide

**Please remember to stop in the lobby and check in your child**

**11:00am**

**STAY AND PRAY**

SW corner of the Worship Center

**11:00am-11:30am KID ZONE**

Meets in the JAM room next to the kitchen

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

**Tues, July 30**

3:00pm - Staff meeting

7:00pm - Red Hot Mission Team Mtg

**Fri, August 2**

6:00am - Leaders Breakfast/Training

## CALENDAR BEYOND THIS WEEK

**Sun, Aug 4 - Mentor info session** - following worship Sandra Nyenhuis will join us from Atlas and lead us through a brief training on what mentoring looks like and how to increase our discipleship!

**Sun, Aug 18 - Sign up Sunday** - On that day, before and after worship, we will have ministry leaders sharing what volunteers are needed in their area and what volunteering in that area looks like. Be sure to spend time in prayer before that Sunday, asking the Holy Spirit where it is you can be used!

## ELECTRONIC GIVING IS NOW AN OPTION!

One of the things introduced by the Stewardship team is an exciting new option available through Planning Center for electronic giving. You are encouraged to try it out and then share your feedback! You can set up your account one of these three ways:

⇒ **Online:** Visit <https://forallwhothirst.churchcenter.com/giving> (You will need to set up your account on this secure website through several steps, follow the prompts).

⇒ **On your phone:** Install the "Church Center App" and then look for Living Water under the search option. Once installed and verified (through a text code), you will be able to make donations through the app anytime!

⇒ **Text:** Text any amount (example: \$20) to "84321" and follow the prompts to set up your account.

**Please contact Administrative Deacon, Brittany Foreman, (dan\_brittanyforeman@yahoo.com) with any questions or concerns about online giving!**