

If you are a guest with us today, we want to **WELCOME** you! If you have not done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception Center in the lobby at the welcome desk following the service. Someone will greet you, answer any questions you may have, and give you a gift as a **THANK YOU** for worshipping with us today!

Outreach Ministry

- Volunteers are needed to help with the Kids Hope Party on May 19 for games and serve food from 3:30 to 6:00 pm. We also need toy donations for prizes (\$10 & under). If you are interested in helping at the party or donating, please email kidshope@familychurch.app or contact Mary at 616-566-4044.

Discipleship Ministry

- Are you living a single life? We'd love to have you join us for a new fellowship group called Embracing Singleness that starts May 6 at 6 pm! The group will meet bi-weekly at our Ebenezer Campus for fellowship and Bible study discussion. All ages are welcome. Please email andrealomeli24@gmail.com or call (616) 369-1937 if you are interested!

Women's Ministry

- Ladies, join us Saturday, May 7, from 9:30 to 11 am at the Grace Campus for a special event featuring chaplain, author, and speaker Ammie Bouwman. "The Unnoticed Acts - A Mother's Identity" is a free event complete with coffee and donuts, fellowship, and an encouraging message from Ammie. All moms will receive a gift!
- Myrna Folkert will lead a two-week study based on her book, *Daughters of Hope, Thriving after Mother Loss*. Women of any age who have lost their mother will have an opportunity to share stories, discuss Bible passages, celebrate memories, and be guided through the stages of grief to find healing together. The group will meet at the Ebenezer Campus on two Wednesday mornings, April 27 and May 4, at 10 am. Register to attend through our website or app.

Next Steps Ministry

- If you are new or newer to Family Church, we welcome you to attend our Discover Family Church Luncheon at the Ebenezer Campus on Sunday, May 22, at noon. This luncheon is for anyone who wants to learn more about Family Church. You will hear from the pastors and staff about our history and various ministries. We will provide childcare! Sign up online, through our app, or stop at the Information Table!

Prayer Ministry

- If you are free on Wednesday morning, we invite you to join others from Family Church to pray for and over the needs of our church. The group meets weekly on Wednesday at the Grace Campus from 10:30 to 11:30 am. No sign up necessary. All are welcome!

Family Church - Weekly Services

- **Thursday at 6:30 pm** - Live Service at Ebenezer Campus
- **Sunday at 9:00 am** - Live Service and Kids Church at Grace Campus
- **Sunday at 9:30 am** - Live Service and Kids Church at Ebenezer Campus
- **Sunday at 10:45 am** - Live Service and Kids Church at Grace Campus



Introduction to Acts
May 1, 2022

Family Church's Mission Statement: Love God, Love People, Make Disciples

Luke 1:1-4, Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. 3 With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

Luke 24: 50-53, The Ascension of Jesus, 50 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. 52 Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. 53 And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Disciples (Christians) naturally want to stay in _____. **Jesus wants His disciples to get OUT _____!**

Disciples (Christians) are obligated to _____ Jesus, in all places, until Jesus returns.

Acts 1: 1-11, In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. 6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

God wants us to _____ pushing our agenda and instead _____ God's agenda for our lives.

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Jesus' resurrection and ascension were not to restore _____ but _____ to be a light to the world.

Life Application:

How do you respond to times of waiting in your life? Why do you think God often calls His followers to wait before He directs them to the next step? What next step could God be calling you to take?