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CALL TO WORSHIP

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

-Hebrews 12:1-3

MEADOWBROOK MC

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LEADERS: HARKINS & CRESWELL

ACTS 28:17-31

17 After three days he called together the local leaders of the Jews, and when they had gathered, he said to them, “Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

18 When they had examined me, they wished to set me at liberty, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. 19 But because the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar—though I had no charge to bring against my nation. 20 For this reason, therefore, I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is because of the hope of Israel that I am wearing this chain.”

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21 And they said to him, “We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken any evil about you. 22 But we desire to hear from you what your views are, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against.” 23 When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in greater numbers. From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets. 24 And some were convinced by what he said, but others disbelieved.

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25 And disagreeing among themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement: "The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet: 26 "Go to this people, and say, "You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive." 27 For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed; lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.'

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28 Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.” 30 He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, 31 proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.



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ACTS OUTLINE

Author: Luke
Date Written: A.D. 61
Key Word: Witness
Key Verse: 1:8

Acts of Peter										Acts of Paul																	
1 TAKEN UP 2 HOLY SPIRIT 3 GATE BEAUTIFUL 4 IN WARD 5 ANANIAS & SAPPHIRA 6 WIDOWS 7 STEPHEN 8:16 PHILIP 9:1 SAUL 9:32 DORCAS 10:1 CORNELIUS 11 PETER EXPOUNDED 12 HEROD 13 CYPRUS 14 LYSTRA 15:1 CIRCUMCISED 15:36 PHILIPPI 17:1 ATHENS 18:1 CORINTH 18:23 EPHESUS 20:1 FAREWELL 21:1 GIRDLE 21:18 ARREST 22:1 STAIRWAY 23 CONSPIRACY 24 FELIX 25 FESTUS 26 AGRIPPA 27 SHIPWRECK 28 ROME																											
Church Is Born	Church Grows Through Testing				Church Is Scattered		Church Embraces Gentiles		Church Extends Overseas						Church's Leader on Trial												
A.D. 30	30				33		37		47		49		52		56		61										
Paul in Acts			Paul the Persecutor		Paul Saved		Paul Instructed		Paul, the Missionary						Paul the Prisoner												
			Judea		Damascus		Arabia		First Journey		Second Journey		Third Journey		Jerusalem		Caesarea		To Rome								
Jerusalem			Judea & Samaria					Uttermost Parts																			
Jewish Period			Transition					Gentile Period																			
Peter			Philip — Barnabas — Peter — Paul					P A U L																			
Church Established			Church Scattered					Church Extended															Rome				
Jerusalem	Jewish Period					Gentile World					Universal Gospel																
Old Testament Heritage																											

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
-Acts 1:8

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IT'S WORTH IT...BECAUSE CHRIST IS OUR ONLY HOPE (VS.17-23)

Deep love for his Jewish kinsmen (Rmns. 9:3)

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but in what God has accomplished for us through Jesus Christ.***



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IT'S WORTH IT...EVEN WHEN SOME REJECT THE MESSAGE (VS. 24-27)

Some receive the gospel

Others reject the gospel

24 And some were convinced by what he said, but others disbelieved. 25 And

disagreeing among themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement:

Rejection doesn't surprise God

quotes Isaiah 6:9-10

“The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet:

26 “Go to this people, and say, “You will indeed hear but never understand, and you

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Reality: Some will hear & instead of repenting, will actively choose resistance
with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed; lest they should

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and I would heal them.’

***We cannot manufacture faith that only
God can give (Eph. 2:8-9)***



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IT'S WORTH IT...BECAUSE GOD WILL KEEP HIS PROMISES (VS. 28-31)

Promise made: Acts 1:8; Promise kept.

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History tells us, Paul goes before Caesar & is released.

Paul goes on & preaches 2-3 more years.

Then... July of 64 AD—Nero & the Great Fire of Rome;
Christians blamed & the first state-sponsored
persecution of Christians ensued in Rome...

Then...65 AD tradition has it that Paul & Peter were placed in Mamertine Prison
to await execution



PAUL'S FINAL WORDS | 2 TIMOTHY 4

*4 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom:
2 **preach the word;** be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. 5 But as for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*

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6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. 9 Do your best to come to me soon. 10 For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. 11 Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.

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12 Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. 13 When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. 14 Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. 15 Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. 16 At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! 17 But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

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18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. 19 Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. 20 Erastus remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus, who was ill, at Miletus. 21 Do your best to come before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers. 22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

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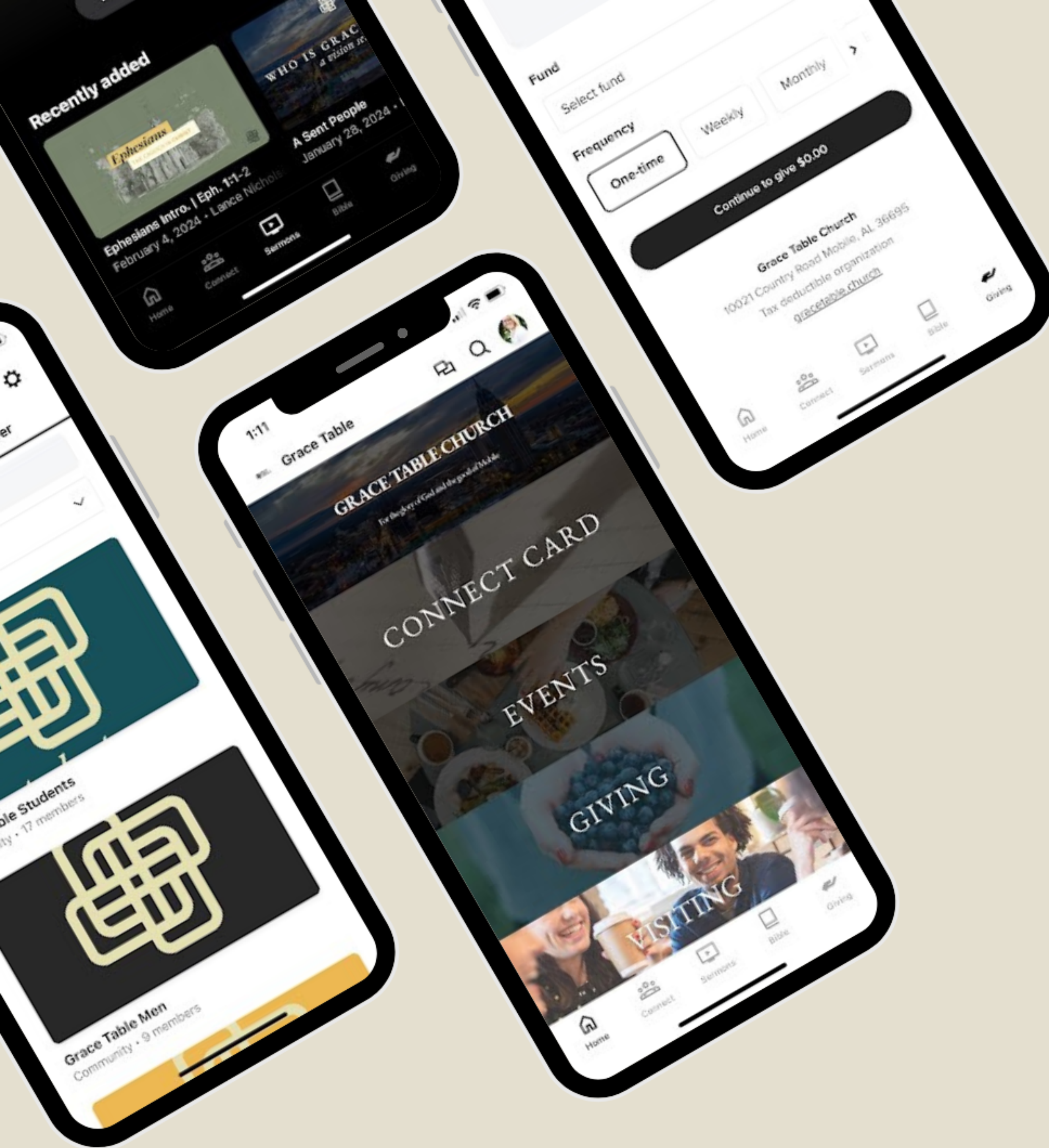




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EVERY SATURDAY IN OCTOBER

WORK DAY(S)

AT NEW FACILITY

8 AM / REGISTER ON APP/ONLINE



FALL FEST

potluck & palooza

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BENEDICTION

Leader:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

-2 Corinthians 13:14

People:

And also with you.



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