

# The Birth of the Church

PASTOR ZAC HESS • ACTS 2:1-47



## COMING UP

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**Missions Sunday Worship & Prayer Gathering** Sunday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m. • MC Multipurpose Room • Join us for a special service where four of our global workers will join us to share updates on their ministries and provide specific prayer requests. We will spend time in prayer for those who are taking the Gospel to the neighborhoods and the nations. We will also enjoy a time of fellowship and ice cream.

**Baptism Class** Sunday, September 29 at 10:45 a.m. • WC 13 • If you're a follower of Jesus but haven't been baptized, join us for this one-week class to gain a biblical understanding of baptism. RSVP for this required class and apply to be baptized at [GracePolaris.org/Baptism](http://GracePolaris.org/Baptism) or text **BAPTISM** to **614-888-7733**.

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Join us on Sunday, October 27 at 4:00 p.m. for our annual Trunk or Treat. Help us welcome our neighbors with hot dogs, apple cider, and lots of candy! Arrive by 3:30 p.m. to park your car and decorate your trunk, or arrive at 4:00 p.m. to enjoy the afternoon. If you can't participate that day, please consider donating bags of individually wrapped candy on Sunday mornings in the Resource Center or Grace Kids.

## WITNESS EQUIPPING

### SHARE

Share one thing God showed you from last week's play, **Prayer Challenge**

### HIGHLIGHT STORY

A few years ago, Kent and Deb took a loaf of Great Harvest Bread to their neighbors when they first moved in to welcome them. This simple gesture began a friendship that included getting together for dinner at each other's houses and a social gathering with their friends. It also led to a fishing trip together and the opportunity to share one episode of *The Chosen* with them. Welcoming their neighbors with a loaf of bread has now led to two seasons of watching the show together, and Kent explaining what they were seeing and sharing the Gospel with them.

### CHALK TALK

Have you ever imagined what it's like for an away team to travel to an opposing team's stadium? This week we want you consider whether we as Christians are playing a home game or an away game. If we're playing an away game, we need to consider how we witness in a potentially hostile environment and consider how we are perceived by those around us.

### IN THE HUDDLE

- Do you think not-yet-believers are more comfortable on their home turf or being asked to come to church?
- Where do you rub shoulders with people outside of church?
- How can you gain confidence when engaging others outside your church circles?

### PLAY OF THE WEEK

**5 Yard Play: Casual Conversation**

## EXPLORE

- 1 What is the significance of all the nations listed in Acts 2:9-11? What does it teach us about the Holy Spirit and the message of Jesus?
- 2 How does it change the way we read Scripture when we see Christ as its fulfillment? How do we train ourselves to consistently recognize Christ as its fulfillment?
- 3 How can we translate the picture of Acts 2:42-47 into our participation with our church family?

### PRAY

Take time to thank the Lord for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Pray that He would continue to transform every corner of your life as you seek to submit to His guidance.