

The Church Against the World

PASTOR ZAC HESS • ACTS 4:23-37

ONWARD
THE CHURCH ON MISSION

COMING UP

GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR

Charis Alliance Global Prayer Walk October 27–November 24 • Join our global movement of churches in thirty days of prayer for Charis churches around the world. Each fall season, Charis members from around the globe gather virtually for a Global Prayer Walk. Starting October 27, 2024, we will journey to the many countries where our movement is seeking to plant churches, train leaders, and bless communities, learn about the unique challenges and opportunities faced by our spiritual family members, and intercede in prayer! Sign up to receive daily emails at CharisAlliance.org/Prayer.

Christmas Decorating November 21–23 • Worship Center • It's time to deck the halls! Help us spread Christmas cheer around our church building in preparation for the holiday season. Get more info at GracePolaris.org/Decorate.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Thanksgiving Care Package Each year our deacon ministry blesses those in need by providing food for their holiday dinner, plus a little extra! You can help by donating food items, nominating a care package recipient online, sorting/packing food, or delivering care packages to recipients. Donations may be left in grocery carts located at church entrances. Please check the expiration dates on donated items. To view a shopping list, sign up as a volunteer, or nominate a recipient, visit GracePolaris.org/Thanksgiving or text **THANKSGIVING** to **614-888-7733**.

WITNESS EQUIPPING

SHARE

Share a conversation you had from last week's play:
A Wondering Conversation.

HIGHLIGHT STORY

When Rebecca shops at her local grocery store, she chooses to check out with different cashiers that she has previously interacted with to follow up with them. One day she asked a cashier how he was doing, and he shared that he was anxious. Rebecca asked how she could be praying for him, and he shared a specific request with her. After checking out, she wrote him a note including Philippians 4:6–7 and handed it to him on her way out as an encouragement.

CHALK TALK

Last week, Florent Varak shared about planting, sowing and reaping. The Bible uses this language often, including Jesus when He shares the parable of the sower in Matthew 13. This week we want to consider the soil of a person's heart and how we can use listening, seeing, and wondering to potentially gauge where they are. We also provide helpful advice on how to approach people. Hopefully it will inspire you to think of other ways as well.

IN THE HUDDLE

- Which soil is easiest for you to engage with?
- Think of someone you are trying to witness to. Which soil best represents their heart? What approaches have you tried to plant seeds in their heart so far?

PLAY OF THE WEEK

10 Yard Play: Connect with someone on your "field."

EXPLORE

- 1 How does this passage teach us to pray considering our current situation while relying on God to accomplish His purposes?
- 2 The answer to the disciples' prayer for boldness was the Holy Spirit. How does this answer inform the way we pray, including when it comes to boldness in proclaiming the Gospel?
- 3 What are ways we can apply the picture of radical love and generosity demonstrated in verses 32-37?

PRAY

Pray that the Lord would help you love, support, and show generosity well within the body of Christ.