

Defended and Rejected Promises

PASTOR ZAC HESS • ACTS 6:8–8:3

ONWARD
THE CHURCH ON MISSION

COMING UP

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Communion Sunday, November 24 at 5:00 p.m. • Ministry Center • We reaffirm our gratitude to Jesus and commitment to His family through threefold communion. All believers are welcome as we reflect and celebrate God's work on our behalf. Bring a dish to share. Ministry for children Birth–Kindergarten will be available after the love feast. Feel free to simply observe if you wish. RSVP at [GracePolaris.org/Communion](https://www.gracepolaris.org/Communion).

A Family Christmas Celebration Friday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. & Saturday, December 14 at 2:00 & 7:00 p.m. • Bring the whole family and invite your friends for a ton of Christmas fun! See the Christmas story come to life through live music and drama. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the program, so come early to enjoy jazz music, a photo booth, and hot beverages. Tickets are available online at [GracePolaris.org/Christmas](https://www.gracepolaris.org/Christmas).

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Christmas Decorating • Thursday, November 21 & Friday, November 22 from 12:00–5:00 p.m. • Saturday, November 23 from 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. • Worship Center • It's time to deck the halls! Help us spread Christmas cheer around our church buildings as we prepare for the holiday season. Sign up to serve at [GracePolaris.org/Decorate](https://www.gracepolaris.org/Decorate).

WITNESS EQUIPPING

SHARE

Share how you showed Jesus' love to someone this past week.

CHALK TALK

As we continue to move along in God's Field Guide, we want to explore how we can reach those being choked by life's weeds. This week we will focus on the power of storytelling. The stories may be our own experiences with God (spiritual appetizers) or stories from God's Word. The Holy Spirit can use both in mighty ways to open the eyes of the people with whom we engage.

IN THE HUDDLE

- What meaningful Bible stories readily come to mind?
- What type or genres of stories inspire you the most?
- Have you had someone share a story that really moved you? How did it make you feel?

PLAY OF THE WEEK

15 Yard Play: Prepare and then share a spiritual appetizer. ([Spiritual Appetizer Worksheet](#))

EXPLORE

- 1 Stephen's Jewish audience knew about God and everything He had done, but they didn't know Him as personal Savior. What is the difference? What does it look like to pursue knowing Him as Savior and not just knowing about Him?
- 2 How does Stephen's speech cultivate our trust in God's plans and promises?
- 3 It's easy to look at others and imagine that they are "stiff-necked," but how do we recognize if we are stiff-necked in certain areas of our lives?

PRAY

Pray that the Lord would continually soften your heart to Him and His truths, and that He would keep you from being stiff-necked.