

Book of Acts Sermon Series

This fall, our church is starting something new—a shared journey through the Book of Acts. While a lot of things are new for a church that's less than a year old, this focused study will be a key part of our upcoming season, shaping both our Sunday sermons and our small group Bible studies.

Perhaps you're curious about our choice. Why Acts? What are we hoping to achieve?

The Book of Acts is a powerful story. It picks up where the Gospel of Luke leaves off, chronicling the birth and growth of the early church. As we read, we'll see not only the history but also the challenges and conflicts the first Christians faced. Most importantly, **we'll see how God, working through the Holy Spirit, changed lives and spread the Gospel in ways no one could have predicted.** **This is a story of hope, and we believe it has a lot to teach us as we seek to follow Christ herein State College.**

Our approach is designed to fit our unique situation. Since I'm part-time, my time to lead Bible studies is limited. And **because we don't have a church building, we'll be meeting in the homes of our members.** This model is the best way to make the study accessible to as many people as possible.

So, what's our ultimate goal? **First, we want everyone to finish with a better understanding of the Book of Acts and how it applies to our faith today. We also hope this will be the catalyst for new small groups to form, helping us live out our faith more fully beyond Sunday mornings. And finally, we pray this journey will help our church sense the specific calling God has for us as we move forward.**

I hope you will find a way to engage with us over the next two months. By committing to this study, we can all continue to follow the Holy Spirit and discover how God wants to use us to serve Him here in State College and wherever He leads us.

In Christ,

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Book of Acts Study Group Opportunities

This fall, New Life and Pastor Dave are offering the opportunity to go deeper into the book of Acts. Starting September 7, we will have a sermon based on a passage from Acts, with a dedicated study that week. There will be an opportunity to participate in person but also online. The hope is that we may better understand the early church through this study as well as discern where God is leading our church today.

Everyone is encouraged to form your groups to study together or participate individually. To participate online via Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM, please contact Pastor Dave (pastor@statecollegegmc.org) with your email address.

Everyone is encouraged to watch the sermon either in person or online. **Pastor Dave will have a video lecture posted on the [New Life Church YouTube](#) page every Sunday at Noon. Physical study guides will be available at the service. [Digital versions of the study guide](#) will be available online.**

The study schedule is:

Week of September 7 – Acts chapters 1-3

Week of September 14 – Acts chapters 4-7

Week of September 21 – Acts chapters 8-10

Week of September 28 – Acts chapters 11-14

Week of October 5 – Acts chapters 15-17

Week of October 12 – Acts chapters 18-20

Week of October 19 – Acts chapters 21-23

Week of October 26 – Acts chapters 24-28

Small Group Hosts and Schedule

Dick and Marcie Auhl (250 McBath Street, State College) — Thursdays, 2pm and 7pm

Ann & Dave Wolfgang (214 Deibler Road, PA Furnace) — Wednesdays, 3pm

Pastor Dave – Digital group via ZOOM (please email Pastor Dave for the ZOOM link) —
Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

Go to our [Small Group webpage](#) on our website for contact information about each Acts Study Small Group.

Please feel free to create your own groups and invite friends, family, and neighbors to join.

If anyone or the group has questions arising from the Bible, please pass the questions to Pastor Dave, either digitally or at church, and he will answer them in additional videos as the study continues.