

Acts 22-23: Powerful Witness
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Paul Before the Crowd

Jesus is _____

Your stories of faith _____

Paul Before the Sanhedrin

Be _____

Be _____

Ask _____

_____ matters

What stories of faith can you share
with others this week?

Daily Devotions – Acts

As we read through the book of Acts, we get a picture of the early life of the church. God still teaches us through these themes of mission, handling conflict, and serving together!

Mon – Acts 7:39-59 / Tues – Acts 8:1-25 / Wed – Acts 8:26-40
Thur – Acts 9:1-19 / Fri – Acts 9:20-43 / Sat – Catch up and pray

PRAYER

Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances. 1 Thess 5:16-18.

Praise

Philippians 2:13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him.

- God, thank You for the great gift of Your Holy Spirit in us who is able to align our desires with Yours and provide power to do what pleases You.
- Father, we're so amazed at how You blessed us and gathered us to pack so many meals to bless the people of Haiti. All glory be to You!
- Lord of heaven and earth, we're so grateful for the cooler weather. May we go outside and praise You for Your creation every day.
- Holy Spirit, thank You for giving us God's word which gives us the example of Daniel and his friends. Help us grow our faith to be resilient like theirs.
- God, our youth had a great opportunity last week to get to know each other on a deeper level. Thank You for the gift of fellowship!
- Our church is very thankful for our Pastoral Team who work diligently to build up our faith. Pray for them to be encouraged and strong in the Lord.

Prayer

Mark 14:36 "Abba, Father," He [Jesus] cried out, "everything is possible for You. Please take this cup of suffering away from Me. Yet I want Your will to be done, not mine."

- Father, teach us to pray like Jesus for our desires to align with Your will. Help us hear Your voice and obey.
- Lord, You know the unspoken need of Jen Sprague and family. Make known Your loving presence with them and help them wait for Your answer.
- God, we pray for the marriages in our church. Draw the couples closer to each other and to You and help them communicate with love.
- Father, please protect our children and school staff and give wisdom to the teachers during this difficult time.
- Holy Spirit, please draw many people to volunteer for Love Modesto and give God the glory for the results.
- Our missionaries in N. Africa praise God for partners in anti-human trafficking work and ask prayer for the government to approve their residency.

If you have a prayer request, please add it to your connect card or contact the church. Please mark if you want it shared publicly. We pray for each other!



Acts

WITNESSES WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses. Acts 1:8



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Welcome Home

We are so glad you are here, and we hope you feel welcomed, loved, and accepted. Whether you have a strong walk with Jesus or are just starting out, this is a safe place to grow, ask questions, and be real. Our church exists to transform religious and irreligious people into Fully Devoted Followers of Christ. That means everyone is welcome and everyone is challenged to take their next step of faith. Our church loves to go deep, have fun, and eat! You can get more information about our church at www.covenantgrove.org.



We want to help you get connected! For more information about Life Groups, go to covenantgrove.org

Make Disciples. Make Connections. Make an Impact

JESUS is the CENTER of our Life Groups. He's the answer to life's hard questions; He is our peace; He gives us joy in laughter and endurance for rough terrain. Come and join us to experience the power of God's Spirit in a smaller community as we lean into His Word. Go to covenantgrove.org, scroll down to the green button and sign up for a Life Group! If you have questions, let us know; we are here to help!

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Life Is Better Together!



Every Monday @ 7:00pm
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Writing our story with Jesus and building strong confidence in our purpose happens as we dive into Scripture and ask Jesus to meet us just where we are. Come and join us on Monday nights at 7:00pm!

Upcoming Event: BBQ and Worship Night

Our church loves young adults! If you are in the 18 to 25 (ish) age range, come and join us for a BBQ, chili, roasting marshmallows at the fire pit, and a little worship will be the jam on Monday, May 16th @ 7:00pm at church. There is no cost – bonus! Bring your appetite, bring some friends, and be ready to chill with friends and Jesus.



Mother's Day

We appreciate everything moms do for their families and the spiritual influence they have on those around them. Encourage the mothers you know by saying thank you! We also know this can be a hard day for many people; please know that God loves you and values everyone. Let's celebrate the Lord and be thankful for our moms.

Women's Beach Event

On Saturday, June 11th, we will carpool from the church at 8:30am to Natural Bridges in Santa Cruz. This will be a day of relaxing beach activities, including a time of worship and a message from God's Word. At the end of the day, we will celebrate with Marianne's ice cream! Sign up at the Event table by using the QR Code on the promotional poster or go to our Women's webpage and click on the orange sign up button.

Join a Team

We aren't made to make it alone, so in our church we serve on Teams. Our goal is for everyone in our church family to serve together. It's hard to win the game when the players are on the bench – let's get on the field and work together for Jesus. Most of our Teams serve every other week and don't take a ton of time. Jump in with us. Check out the list on one of the blue cards in the chair racks, or at covenantgrove.org/teams.

Potluck

Today is our monthly, second Sunday potluck at 10:15am. Whether you come early or stay late, spend time connecting with others.

Coming Up

May 13-14: Youth Lock-In, 8:00pm-8:00am
May 13-15: Men's Conference, Mission Springs
May 14: Putt-Putt Pizza Party (4-5th grade), 11:00am-2:00pm
May 15: Welcome Party, 1:00pm
May 15: Prayer Night, 6:00pm
May 16: Young Adult BBQ and Worship, 7:00pm
May 21: Confirmation Rehearsal, 6:00pm
May 22: Confirmation Sunday
May 30: Memorial Day
June: God at the Movies
June 4: High School Beach Trip, 7:00am
June 5: Baptism Class, 1:30pm
June 10: Service Teams (HUGS) meeting, 2:00pm
June 11: Women's Beach Day, 8:30am
June 12: Prayer Night, 6:00pm
June 15: Youth Pool Party, 4:30pm



THE NEST: (Ages 0-3)
ACORNS (PreK-1st grade)
SPROUTS (2nd-3rd grade)
BRANCHES: (4th-5th grade)

Sunday Mornings!

Happy Mother's Day to all our moms, grandmas, aunts, & friends!

Today our kids will discover that God calls us to help others in Acts 9:23-25, God wants us to show His love in Acts 8:26-40, and God takes care of those who follow Him in Acts 27:9-44.

Putt-Putt Pizza Party – 4th & 5th Grade May 14, 11:00am-2:00pm / \$10 per child

Excitement continues to build for an amazing time of fellowship! We will now be starting the fun at Round Table for pizza and then go on to enjoy miniature golf and go-karts at Funworks! Be sure to sign up online at covenantgrove.org/kids

Send questions to our Kids Minister at rachel.garcia@covenantgrove.org
Or the Kids Ministry Assistant terese.hair@covenantgrove.org



Wednesdays, 6:30-9:00pm @church
Middle School (6-8th grades) and
High School (9-12th)

Youth group on Wednesday night meets regularly! Join us! We'd love to have you there! And your presence matters to us! We have tons of fun, laugh a lot, and grow closer to Jesus weekly!

Sunday Morning: We are active every week on Sundays! Visit the CGYM tent to connect with us! Be here on Sunday! Join us in service!

NEXT WEEKEND 5/13-14 is our Lock-In! Talk to Pastor Nick for more details!!! \$25 per person!

Email any questions about Youth Ministry to Pastor Nick at nick.tucker@covenantgrove.org