

# **NEW SYLLABUS**

## **A Study of the Book of Acts The link between Christ's life and life of the Church**

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church

**Spring 2018**

Class Days: Wednesdays at 12:00 pm

Facilitator:

Pastor William Bert Neal III

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### **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

To have a better understanding of the letter written by Luke to give an accurate account of the birth and growth of the Christian church. To also understand how the church grew through the witness of believers "both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (Acts 1:8) In addition, the purpose of this Bible Study is to understand the Acts of Jesus' Continued Ministry, Acts of Triumphant Faith, the Acts of the Scattered Church and the Acts of the Holy Spirit.

### **BOOK/CLASS MATERIALS**

The Holy Bible, Notebook and Pen or Pencil

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This Bible study will focus on the letter written by Luke, the Gentile physician. The book of Acts begins where the Gospels leave off, reporting on the actions of the apostles and the work of the Holy Spirit. The study will help the student gain understanding by taking the literal text and applying it to the church settings in our modern era. The study will help the student understand the meaning of the text in its original context and bridge it between the world of the Bible and the world today. The study will also focus the student on understanding the overall message as a book for the persecuted church in the first-century.

### **GROUP COVENANT**

1. Priority – While in this Bible Study give the group meetings priority.
2. Participation – Everyone is encouraged to participate and no one dominates
3. Respect – Everyone is given the right to his or her own opinion.
4. Reaching – We will stay open to reaching out to invite new people for every meeting.
5. Care and Support – We will support each other with prayers, especially in times of crisis.

### **CLASS EXPECTATIONS**

Attend each class session, come on time, and fully participate in the formative work of the class  
Read the Scripture references prior to class. Pray for classmates and facilitator.

## TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

<b>Date</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Lesson Title</b>	<b>Reading Assignment</b>
Jan 24	17	A Jailer and Salvation	Acts 16: 25 – 40
Jan 31	18	Important City – Noble People	Acts 17: 1 – 15
Feb 7	19	The Preachers Urgency	Acts 17: 16 – 34
Feb 14	21	Ash Wednesday Service	No Reading Assigned
Feb 21	22	Collaborative Lenten Lunch – Pastor Neal Host – Stockbridge First UMC. 4863 North Henry Blvd. Stockbridge 30281	
Feb 28	23	Collaborative Lenten Lunch – Rev. Jacqui Rose – Tucker (Red Oak UMC) Host – McDonough First UMC. 151 Macon Street, McDonough 30253	
Mar 7	24	Collaborative Lenten Lunch – Rev. Andy Postell (Stockbridge FUMC) Host – Wesley Way UMC. 150 John Wesley Way, McDonough 30253	
Mar 14	25	Collaborative Lenten Lunch – Rev. Kevin Barnes (Wesley Way) Host – Red Oak UMC. 3894 Walt Stephens Road, Stockbridge 30281	
Mar 21	26	Collaborative Lenten Lunch – Rev. Rick Maeser (McDonough FUMC) Host – Jodeco Road UMC. 1500 Jodeco Road, Stockbridge 30281	
Mar 28	27	Collaborative Lenten Lunch – Rev. DeeDee Lawson (Jodeco Road UMC) Host – Wesley Chapel UMC. 397 Racetrack Road, McDonough 30253	
Apr 4	28	Another Mission of Paul	Acts 18: 1 – 28
Apr 11	29	Lessons on Salvation and Revival	Acts 19: 1 – 41
Apr 18	30	Great Cities Revisited	Acts 20: 1 – 38
Apr 25	31	The Final Miles – Paul’s Decision	Acts 21: 1 – 40
May 2	32	A Message for Upset People	Acts 22: 1 – 21
May 9	33	Paul’s Testimony	Acts 22:22 – 23:11
May 16	34	Man’s Deception/God’s Providence	Acts 23: 12 – 35
May 23	35	What Real Worship Is	Acts 24: 1 – 27

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End of Semester Fellowship