



LIVE - Stand Firm

Week 1: 'Be Committed'

Acts 6:2-15

2 So the Twelve called a meeting of all the believers. They said, “We apostles should spend our time teaching the word of God, not running a food program. 3 And so, brothers, select seven men who are well respected and are full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will give them this responsibility. 4 Then we apostles can spend our time in prayer and teaching the word.”

5 Everyone liked this idea, and they chose the following: Stephen (a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit), Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas of Antioch (an earlier convert to the Jewish faith). 6 These seven were presented to the apostles, who prayed for them as they laid their hands on them.

7 So God’s message continued to spread. The number of believers greatly increased in Jerusalem, and many of the Jewish priests were converted, too.

8 Stephen, a man full of God’s grace and power, performed amazing miracles and signs among the people. 9 But one day some men from the Synagogue of Freed Slaves, as it was called, started to debate with him. They were Jews from Cyrene, Alexandria, Cilicia, and the province of Asia. 10 None of them could stand against the wisdom and the Spirit with which Stephen spoke.

11 So they persuaded some men to lie about Stephen, saying, “We heard him blaspheme Moses, and even God.” 12 This roused the people, the elders, and the teachers of religious law. So they arrested Stephen and brought him before the high council.

13 The lying witnesses said, “This man is always speaking against the holy Temple and against the law of Moses. 14 We have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy the Temple and change the customs Moses handed down to us.”

15 At this point everyone in the high council stared at Stephen, because his face became as bright as an angel’s.

Acts 7:51-60

51 “You stubborn people! You are heathen at heart and deaf to the truth. Must you forever resist the Holy Spirit? That’s what your ancestors did, and so do you! 52 Name one prophet your ancestors didn’t persecute! They even killed the ones who predicted the coming of the Righteous One—the Messiah whom you betrayed and murdered. 53 You deliberately disobeyed God’s law, even though you received it from the hands of angels.”

54 The Jewish leaders were infuriated by Stephen’s accusation, and they shook their fists at him in rage. 55 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed steadily into heaven and saw the glory of God, and he saw Jesus standing in the place of honor at God’s right hand. 56 And he told them, “Look, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing in the place of honor at God’s right hand!”

57 Then they put their hands over their ears and began shouting. They rushed at him 58 and dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. His accusers took off their coats and laid them at the feet of a young man named Saul.

59 As they stoned him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” 60 He fell to his knees, shouting, “Lord, don’t charge them with this sin!” And with that, he died.

Prayer Requests



Lawrence Johnson

Jean Tinch

Theo Atwood (Donna Parrett's great grandbaby)

Karianna Gibbs & baby

Becky Jefferson

Donna Parrett

Pete Taylor

Phelps' family -sale of home and move

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STAY IN THE WORD



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Vitals for July 2

Weekly Need: \$3,200

Actual Given: \$2,079

Sunday School - 30

Morning Service - 75

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JULY 11TH AT 6:30 PM

JESUS GIRLS

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WOMEN'S MONTHLY GATHERING

FELLOWSHIP • FUN • REFRESHMENT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are needing some more volunteers

in the following areas:

Teachers for K-5th Grade class

Teachers for Children's Church

Audio and Visual team

Please see Alea if you are interested in helping in any of these areas.

"Rooted in the Sweet Life"

Mahoning Valley Ladies Retreat

September 9th—Registration begins July 1st



Speaker: Lynn Springer
Shepherd's Heart Jail Ministry



Worship Team
Kyrsten Hokey
Hannah Denney

Registration is FREE!

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