

Welcome to Church!

We are glad you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that your stay will be both meaningful and memorable.

We are a church that seeks to bring glory to God, to build the local church through discipleship and to fulfill the Great Commission.

Here are some activities going on with us!

📅 Family Day 2026

We invite everyone to join our first Family Day on **August 21, 2026**. Everyone is encouraged to come and take part in this meaningful day of fun, connection, and community. More details will be announced soon.

📅 Small Group Leaders & Disciplers Meet-up

Pastor Nic will meet with Groups 5 & 6 on **August 9, 2026, 7PM** at the Center.



How can we pray for you?

Inviting you to join our **Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays at 7PM**. You may **send your prayer requests and praise reports** by text (0912 130 6148), by writing them on the prayer cards provided, or by sending us a private message on our Facebook page.



Discover life with our Small Groups.

Looking for **deeper connections** and a **closer walk with God**? Our small groups are where we cultivate meaningful relationships and grow in faith together. Want to join? Visit our Information Booth after the service to find the perfect group for you!



Stay for fellowship and refreshments.

Stick around after the service for **coffee and connection**! It's the perfect chance to meet some friendly faces, learn more about our small groups, our ministries, and discover all that our church has to offer. We'd love to see you there!



Free Blood Pressure and Sugar Check-up.

Encouraging those who wish to monitor their Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar levels to **avail of our free check-up**, happening **every after Sunday service**!

Schedules for Services:

English Service:

Morning 10:00 AM
Afternoon 01:00 PM

Cebuano Service:

Afternoon 04:00 PM

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LIVING WORD NRA
Worship God. Advance His Kingdom.

The Next Faithful Step

ACTS 1:12-26

Unstoppable: A Sermon Series Through the Book of Acts

Part 1: A Spirit-Filled Beginning

August 09, 2026 | Ptr. Nic Sy

SERMON NOTES

I. UNITED IN PRAYER

homothumadon | ὁμοθυμαδόν, a compound word that's translated "with one mind, unanimously."

proskartereó | προσκαρτερέω | "to persist in, to continue steadfastly in."

Those early believers did not see prayer as the ceremonial opening before the real work began. Prayer was part of the real work.

II. UNSHAKEN IN THE WORD

The Scripture gives us a standard that does not shift when circumstances become unstable.

Not every decision requires new revelation. Sometimes it requires fresh obedience to an old command.

III. UNDETERRED EVEN IN UNCERTAINTY

Today's leaders do not add to apostolic teaching; we stand under it.

Joseph and Matthias remind us that public recognition is not the measure of kingdom usefulness.

kardiognóstés | καρδιογνώστης, combines kardia (heart), and gnóstés (one who knows) | "heart knower."

"THE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP"

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of August 10-16, 2026

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

What is the most unexpected job, volunteer role, or task you've ever been asked to step into on short notice?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Acts 1:12-26

1. Luke tells us the disciples gathered in the upper room "with one accord" and devoted themselves to prayer. He also names the women, Mary, and Jesus' brothers as being present. What do you notice about who made up this praying community? Why do you think it's significant that he mentions Jesus' brothers, those who didn't believe him during his earthly ministry?

2. Read Philippians 2:1-4 and Ephesians 4:1-3. According to these passages, what attitudes help preserve unity among believers? How is biblical unity different from everyone having the same opinion or preference? Is there an area in your relationships, ministry, or small group where you may need to value unity more than getting your own way?

3. When Peter addressed the situation involving Judas, he immediately appealed to Scripture. Why was it important for Peter to interpret the situation through God's Word rather than through other means? What are some voices people today tend to consult before Scripture when making important decisions? Share specific ways that you personally let Scripture dictate your decision making.

4. Peter's criteria required Judas' replacement to have accompanied Jesus from the beginning of his ministry and to be a witness of his resurrection. What does this tell us about the unique role of the original apostles? Read Ephesians 2:19-22. What does it mean that the church is "built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets"? How should that shape the way Christians today evaluate teachings, leaders, or claims of spiritual authority?

5. Proverbs 16:33 undergirds the principle of casting lots in the Old Testament. The upper room believers cast lots only after they had prayed and asked the God who "knows the hearts of all" to reveal his choice. In our time, what does it look like, practically, to do the faithful work of discernment in a decision and then genuinely release the outcome to God?

6. Matthias appears here at an important moment, but after Acts 1 the Bible tells us virtually nothing about his later ministry. What does that suggest about the difference between being called to God's mission and being prominent in the biblical story? What does this teach us about the difference between visibility and faithfulness? How can we cultivate a willingness to serve whether we are given a visible role or remain largely behind the scenes?

NEXT STEPS

God's people move ahead best when they refuse to rush ahead of God.

- **GATHER PRAYERFULLY.** I will bring important decisions into prayer and seek wise, godly counsel instead of carrying everything alone.
- **GROUND BIBLICALLY.** I will let Scripture shape my decisions before feelings, preferences, or pressures.
- **WAIT PATIENTLY.** I will prepare faithfully, pray honestly, and leave what I cannot control in God's hands.
- **WALK FAITHFULLY.** I will take the next faithful step God has already made clear, even when I cannot see the whole path.

CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for God to make us a united and prayerful people, grounded in his Word, patient in uncertainty, and faithful to take the next step he makes clear while entrusting the outcome to him.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

BIBLE READING GUIDE

August 10	Acts 1:12-26	August 14	Luke 16:10-13
August 11	Ephesians 4:1-3	August 15	Psalms 108:1-13
August 12	2 Chronicles 20:5-12	August 16	Psalms 109:1-5
August 13	Psalms 25:4-9		