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!

Medical Mission 2026

Our annual Medical Mission in partnership with Cebu Doctors' University will be on **November 14, 2026** at 8am to 2pm at the Northgate Center.

We are looking for volunteers: counselors (gospel sharers), logistics and traffic control. We will have a **Volunteers' Orientation** on **November 7, 2025** at 10am.

Hermeneutics Session 4

Hermeneuties Session 4 resumes on **November 22, 2026** at 7PM.

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!

Schedules for Services:

English Service:

Morning	10:00 AM
Afternoon	01:00 PM

Cebuano Service:

Afternoon	04:00 PM

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The Gospel Moves On

ACTS 7:54-8:3

Unstoppable: A Sermon Series Through the Book of Acts
Part 2: The Church Under Fire
November 1, 2026 | Ptr. Nic Sy

SERMON NOTES

I. AN OPEN HEAVEN

"enraged" | diaprió (διαπρίω), literally means "sawn through."

The same truth that brings one person to repentance may provoke another person to resistance.

"gaze" | atenizó (ἀτενίζω) which means "to gaze intently, to look steadfastly."

Human verdict is never the final verdict.

Whose verdict are you living under right now?

II. OPEN HANDS

The fullness of the Holy Spirit is not merely about what God enables us to accomplish. It is also about the kind of people God is making us.

Whose name is still in your clenched fist?

III. AN OPEN FIELD

Religious zeal is not always the same thing as faithfulness to God.

What if the place you never chose is the field God chose for you?

They scattered the church, but they couldn't silence the gospel.

"THE GOSPEL MOVES ON"

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of November 2-8, 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.

Have you ever experienced an unexpected change of plans or a detour that turned out surprisingly well? What was it and how did it go?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Acts 7:54-8:3

1. Read Acts 7:54-56. How does Luke's describe the council's reaction and Stephen's? Verse 55 begins, *"But he, full of the Holy Spirit..."*. Look back at Acts 6:3, 6:5, and 6:8, and talk about what these verses tell us about the kind of man Stephen already was before this crisis came. When pressure comes into your own life, what tends to come out of you, and what does that reveal about what has been filling you day by day?

2. In Acts 7:55-56, Stephen sees Jesus standing at the right hand of God. Read Daniel 7:13-14 and Luke 22:69. What do these passages reveal about Jesus' identity, authority, and victory, especially considering that Stephen was about to be killed for proclaiming him? How might knowing that Jesus is reigning change the way a Christian understands suffering, opposition, or situations that seem beyond control? Why does overwhelming situations cause us to lose sight of who Jesus is?

3. In Acts 5:19-21, God miraculously delivered the apostles from prison, but in Acts 7:59-60, Stephen was not rescued from death. Read Hebrews 11:32-40, paying particular attention to the different experiences of faithful people described there. What do these passages teach us about the relationship between faithfulness and suffering? Why do we sometimes assume that obedience to God should result in protection, success, or favorable circumstances?

4. Compare Stephen's final prayers in Acts 7:59-60 with Jesus' words in Luke 23:34 and 23:46. What similarities do you notice, and what do they reveal about how Stephen had been shaped by Jesus? Stephen confronted his opponents boldly yet prayed for their forgiveness as they killed him. What does this teach us about holding together truth, courage, and compassion? In your relationships, what might it look like to respond with Christlike grace when someone has genuinely hurt or mistreated you?

5. Without naming names, what would it look like this week to pray Stephen's prayer for someone you are still holding in a "clenched fist," and what makes that hard?

6. Read Acts 1:8 and then Acts 8:1. Which places named by Jesus in 1:8 now appear in 8:1, and how did the church end up getting there? Now read Acts 11:19-21. What happened to *"those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen"*? Where has God "scattered" you right now, whether in a workplace, a school, a neighborhood, a hospital room, or a family situation you did not choose? What would it look like to see that place as a field where God has sown you, rather than as an exile?

NEXT STEPS

We may not see what God is doing, but we can trust the Savior who is reigning.

- **LOOK UP.** I will fix my eyes on Jesus instead of the faces in the room.
- **LET GO.** I will choose patience over retaliation and pray for someone who has hurt, offended, or frustrated me.
- **HOLD FAST.** I will remain faithful in the area where I feel discouraged or tempted to compromise.
- **SHARE CHRIST.** I will intentionally encourage someone, share my testimony, or initiate a conversation about Jesus.

CLOSING THE SESSION

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

- Pray for eyes lifted to the Jesus who stands for us, hands opened to forgive those who wound us, and hearts willing to stay planted wherever God has sown us.
- 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

November 2	**Acts 7:54-8:3**	November 6	**Matthew 18:21-35**
November 3	**Psalms 31:1-5**	November 7	**Psalms 118:15-18**
November 4	**Hebrews 11:32-40**	November 8	**Psalms 118:19-24**
November 5	**Jeremiah 29:4-7**		