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Last Week Giving
\$52,221

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NEED TO KNOW!

#1. Today we are kicking off a 7 week series called History Makers. It is the perfect time to check out a small group. In a group you will make new friends and have great conversations. There is a time and place for you and it's not too late to get signed up. Just head to the website to get started.

#2. Hey Guys! Men's ministry is kicking off a new study focused on Leadership. Get ready for great lessons and conversations. Men's groups meet on Saturday mornings in-person & online. And to kick things off, come to Breakfast next Saturday morning. It will be upstairs starting at 8am no registration is needed just stop by.

#3. Are you new to Grace and wondering how to get involved? Come to Growth Track. This class is offered every month and the next one will be held in-person on Thurs, Sept 23 at 6 PM. It covers Grace history, helps you discover your passions, and connects you to others. Head to the website to get signed up.

#4. This summer we had over 40 people get baptized! We are so excited to see so many people publicly declare their faith in Jesus. If you have already said yes to Jesus and are ready to get baptized, you can do so on Oct 3 during either service. We'd love for you to RSVP on the website!

HISTORY MAKERS

SEPT 19

We Are So Glad You Joined Us!

TAKE NOTES - History Makers Week 1

Normal is not coming back. Jesus is.

5 commissions to become History makers.

1. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)
2. He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. (Mark 16:15)
3. Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. (Luke 24:45-48)
4. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. (John 20:21)
5. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

Numbers matter because every number had a name, every name has a story, and every story matters to God.

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. (Acts 2:41)
Praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:47)

But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand. (Acts 4:4)
Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. (Acts 5:14)

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing... (Acts 6:1)

So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith. (Acts 6:7)

Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers. (Acts 9:31)

The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. (Acts 11:21)

At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the Jewish synagogue. There they spoke so effectively that a great number of Jews and Greeks believed. (Acts 14:1)

They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch. (Acts 14:21)

So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers. (Acts 16:5)

As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men. (Acts 17:12)

What about _____?

Why do churches grow?

The thing they have in common is leadership who is willing to do whatever it takes.

Right Plan + Right People = Amazing Potential

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:4-6)

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:7-8)

They had a local vision but Jesus had a global vision.

How do we experience God's vision?

We untie the sails when we confess our sins.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. (Hebrews 12:1)

We let the Holy Spirit guide us when we hoist our sails.

The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit. (John 3:8)