

AM

**\*\* THOSE TO SERVE August 27, 2017 \*\***

PM

Adam Oldham  
Ed Crudup  
Ron Johnston  
\*Kevin Lee  
Matt Frampton  
Mike Harper  
Josh Harper  
Tim Faulkner

Song Leader  
Opening Prayer  
Scripture Reading  
Head / Serve  
Serve  
Serve  
Serve  
Closing Prayer

Our young  
men will  
be  
conducting  
the PM  
Worship.

If you cannot serve as assigned, please call Scott Coyle.

Announcements: Dave Jester

Cleaning Group #1

Ushers: Joe Saul / Charlie Harper

CC: (C) Jennifer Salisbury (F) Jennifer Salisbury

August Building Security: Scott Coyle

Our Record – August 13, 2017

Bible Study	83
Worship	130/67
Contribution	\$4032.05
Wednesday	71

Today's Speaker – August 20, 2017

AM Sermon – Chris Krotz – *Church Growth in Acts: Engage*  
1 Corinthians 9: 19-27

PM Sermon – Chris Krotz – *Q & A #4*

*Go, make, teach, observe.*  
*Matthew 28:19-20*

Clothes Closet  
September 16, 2017  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Volunteers needed

**CURRENT  
NEEDS**

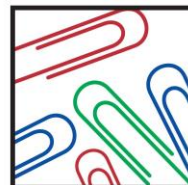
Donation requests for August

Safe Harbor – Bath towels

Carlisle Cares – Men's gloves & coffee

**Strong Church**  
A website by Chris  
Krotz with trusted  
resources that will  
deepen a  
Christian's faith.  
[strongchurch.org](http://strongchurch.org)

**Carlisle church of Christ**  
971 Walnut Bottom Road  
Carlisle PA 17015  
Phone: (717) 249-3267  
Website: [carlislecofc.org](http://carlislecofc.org)



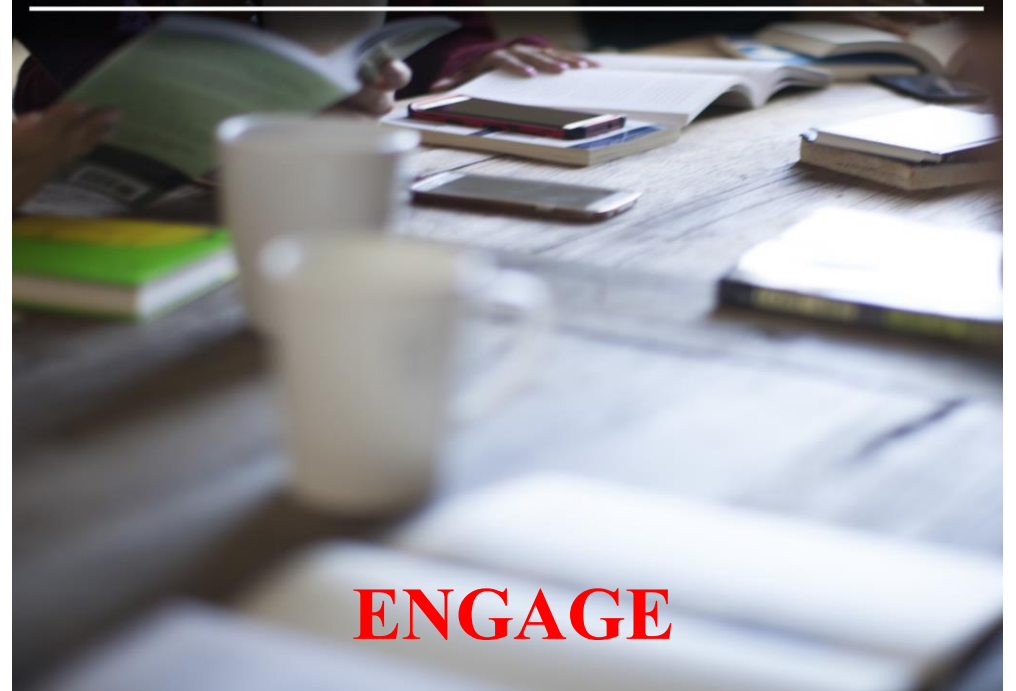
Chris'  
Office  
Hours

Monday thru Thursday  
8:00 AM to 2:00 PM



*Where visitors become friends and friends become family.*

# Church Growth in Acts



**ENGAGE**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

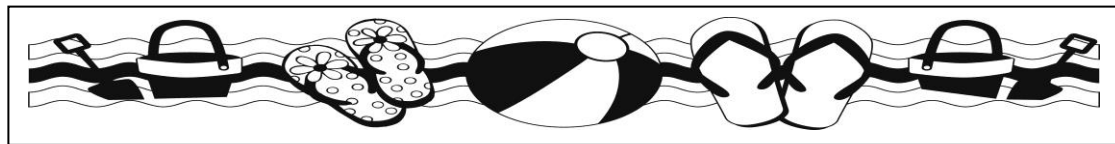
Bible Study	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Worship	6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

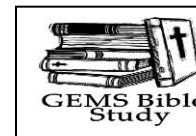
Bible Study	7:00 PM
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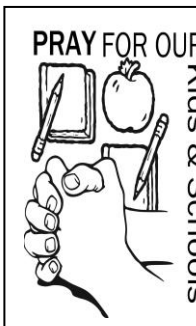
*The earth has yielded its increase” (Psalm 67:6). In late summer days, as gardens and fields ripen, we gather to praise our generous God!  
Welcome to worship!*



**MEN:** The Men’s Meeting is **TODAY at 4:30 PM**. If you have anything you would like to have placed on the agenda, please give it to **Don Bohn** by next Sunday morning. There are copies of **last month’s meeting minutes** and the **agenda** for today located in the foyer.



The next **GEMS Bible Study** is this **Tuesday at 10:00 AM** here at the building. These studies are open to the entire congregation.



A new school year promises new adventures, challenges and friends — as well as new classes, homework and lessons. But the most important (and simplest) lesson we can learn is summed up by 19th-century hymn writer Jane Eliza Leeson: “Savior, teach me day by day love’s sweet lesson to obey, sweeter lesson cannot be, loving him who first loved me.” As our children return to school, whether it be college, trade school, public school, homeschool, cyber school, etc., let us pray for our kids and schools that they will have a safe and successful year!



**Teachers** are needed for the **Fall Quarter** that starts on **September 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please **signup** on the board in the foyer.



It is hard to believe that our **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Family Fun Day** is coming up quickly on **October 7, 2017**. This is a **rain or shine** event and a lot of help is needed to make this successful. There will soon be **sign-up sheets** for items to bring, stations to manage and many other opportunities to help. We are also looking for **prize and monetary donations**. If you have any questions, see **Jennifer Salisbury**.

Studying the Bible with someone can be very intimidating. I hope that these articles have helped you in some way. But before I close this series of lessons I would like to encourage you with some scripture.

*“and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” (2 Timothy 2:2)*

From the beginning, Christianity has been spread through one-on-one study. Paul urges Timothy here to pass on what he has learned to other men who will then go and do the same thing. We call this exponential growth. And with exponential growth things can spread, or grow, very fast. This is what we see in the first century and we are still feeling the effects of it today. It only makes sense that if this were the model used and instructed then, then that is what should be used today.

Let’s be honest for a minute. Not many people today get converted through hearing a sermon. I can’t think of any people I know that upon hearing a sermon they realized all they needed to know and had a desire to be baptized. You might know of someone or maybe you are one but you can understand that that type of conversion is rare. What you typically hear from people is that they came to a worship service, had a study, and then made the decision to become a Christian. Bible studies are vital to the spread of Christianity.

The problem is that in most churches the most practiced members in one-on-one conversion studies are the older members. We should feel a deep debt of gratitude towards these senior members that played a large part in building the congregations of today. Many of the older generations understood the need for Bible studies but what about the younger generations? As a Millennial myself I know that it is now up to us to step out and start studying. Will it be awkward? Yes. Could you lose some friends over this? Yes. Could you utterly fail? Yes. BUT it will be worth it! How do you think the older generations got better at Bible studies? They lived out the NIKE creed and just did it!

Younger Christian, it is time. Let’s roll up our sleeves and get to work. These articles should give you a baseline to work with but if you need more help or how to address a specific problem please let me know.

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20)*

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*Sometimes one action, one decision, one moment can change everything for you. So it is when you choose to follow Christ.*