

Stephen's Defense - Acts 7:1-53

Intro

"apologia" - a verbal or written _____

- Acts 7 - Stephen's Defense of _____
- Acts 22-23 - Paul's Defense before the Sanhedrin
- Acts 24 - Paul's Defense before Governor Felix
- Acts 25 - Paul's Defense before Governor Festus
- Acts 26 - Paul's Defense before King Agrippa
- Acts 27:24 - You must stand before Caesar

1 Peter 3:15 – In your hearts, honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to

_____ to anyone who asks you
for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do this with gentleness & respect.

Lessons

1. Learn the Word _____ so that
you are prepared to make a defense of the Faith.
2. Learn to be _____
Who lives within you so that you can. -Luke 12:11-12
3. Learn to be _____ in the Lord.

His Defense

1. He had _____ and spoke up.
2. He showed proper _____.
3. He was _____.
4. He focused first on _____.
 - A. God's _____
 - B. God's _____
 - C. God's _____
 - D. God's _____
 - E. God's _____
5. He then included the _____ of God's people.
 - A. The People's _____
 - B. The People's _____
 - C. The People's _____

May 24, 2026

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20 Years!



Congratulations and thanks to Pastor Jim on his 20th Anniversary as our Lead Pastor. He and Shirley are a great blessing to us. The Church will give him a gift, but cards and gifts from individuals are also appropriate. May the Lord continue to bless him!

FAMILY GROUPS

Our family groups are a great place to connect with other believers, study God's Word together, build meaningful relationships, and get equipped to go do ministry. We are concluding Exodus this month and will begin Galatians in June. If you're not in a Family Group, scan the QR code to learn more. Questions? Call the church office 941-629-0444.



WEEK AT-A-GLANCE - MAY 24-30

Sunday, May 24

Happy Birthday: Gay Forman, Amelia Griswold
Happy Anniversary: David & Karin Barney, 18 yrs.
 Juan & Kelly Colon, 12 yrs.
Deacon of the Day: Dave McLaughlin
 10:30am FC Español Gathering (FH)
 4:30pm Focus Group - Foundations of Faith (FH7)

Monday, May 25 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Happy Birthday: Azalie O'Brien, Michael O'Brien,
 Jett Miller

MEMORIAL DAY
 REMEMBER & HONOR

Tuesday, May 26

Happy Birthday: Dan Botts, Silas Popov
Happy Anniversary: David & Dawn Greenkom, 42 yrs.
 Fran & Margaret Gonzalez, 29 yrs.
 9:00am Men's Focus Group - Prayer (Conf. Rm.)
 10:00am Men's Focus Group - Romans (Conf. Rm.)
 10:30am Staff Mtg. (Min. Suite)
 6:30pm Men's Focus Group - Mangham (Min. Suite)

Wednesday, May 27

Happy Birthday: Jack Florida
Happy Anniversary: Len & Alicia LaFlam, 31 yrs.
 6:00pm Focus Group - Donovan (Conf. Rm.)
 Women's Focus Group (Weston's Home)

Thursday, May 28

Happy Birthday: Edward Goosby, Ruth Feiler,
 Linda Fanstill, David Dudick,
 Olyvia Barney, Luka Simmons
 6:00am Men's Family Group - Bulifant (Conf. Rm.)
 10:00am Family Group - Sharp (Conf. Rm.)
 Women's Focus Group - Prayer (A10)
 7:00pm Men's Focus Group - James (Conf. Rm.)

Friday, May 29

Happy Birthday: David Barney
Happy Anniversary: Patrick & Lisa Zinkovich, 50 yrs.
 Joe & Susan Haynes, 15 yrs.
 10:00am Focus Group - Sisters Stitching (SC)

Saturday, May 30

Happy Birthday: Jane Moriarty, Darla Griswold

Thoughts & Prayers

Condolences to the family and friends of Carol Howard in her passing on 3/31.
 Condolences to the family and friends of Marian Sullivan in her passing on 5/13



If you are interested in being baptized as an expression of what Jesus has done in your life, we'd love to talk with you. Contact the Church Office to meet with a pastor for more information. Office@familychurchpc.com

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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- Sunday morning offerings
- Online Giving - visit our website and click Give www.familychurchpc.com or scan the code
- Contact your bank to have them send in your gifts via their Bill Pay program
- Mail your gift to the Church Office directly

CHECK THIS OUT...

BOUNCE and GAGA BALL and Bingo Night
FC Kids Theme Night
Wed., June 3
6:00-7:30 - Ministry Center

- Kindergarten - 5th grade
- Playground & Bounce available for preschool age

BREAKFAST with DAD!
Sat., June 6
9:00-10:30am - Café
 Men, you're invited to breakfast, fellowship, and fun! This is open to men of all ages; dads, grandfathers, and mentors are encouraged to bring their kids (boys and girls). We'll enjoy breakfast, a devotion, and kid-friendly activities as we make memories together. Please scan the code to register.

SUMMER AT FAMILY CHURCH

Get Involved With These Serving Opportunities

FAMILY TABLE SUNDAY

June 21 - Noon

- Several Ways to Serve:
- Food Team
 - Hospitality Team
 - Connectors to engage with guests
 - Teardown Team

Scan the code to let us know where you'd like to serve this summer!



WINSHAPE CAMP

Mon., June 29 - Fri., July 3
8am-5pm
at Family Church

- Completed Kindergarten - 5th Grade
- \$225 per child
- Limited Scholarships Available
- Scan the code for more info & to register



Scoops & Fellowship

FC Single Adults Ministry



Wed., June 24 - 6:30pm - Fellowship Hall

Are you a single adult between the ages of 30 & 55? Join us for an evening of ice cream, fun, and good conversation in the Fellowship Hall. We'll enjoy connecting with others and talk about what a singles ministry here can look like as we take these first steps. Scan the code to let us know you're coming.



Movie Matinee
FOREVER YOUNG PRESENTS
A Carpenter's Prayer
Saturday, June 20
2:55pm - Fellowship Hall
 Everyone is invited.

TO FILL OUT A CONNECTION CARD
 SCAN CODE -OR- TEXT
 "CONNECT" TO 941-260-1395

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