

Confronting Challenges With Hope

Acts 18:1–22

1. **Confronting challenges to sharing the Gospel requires hard work, perseverance and making a long-term commitment. (vv 1–4)**
 - Building relationships and co-workers for outreach
 - No complaining or giving up.

Do whatever it takes to reach people for Jesus Christ!
2. **Confronting challenges to sharing the Gospel means being aware of those who God is at work in, and leaving the disinterested to Him. (vv 5–8)**
 - Paul didn't waste time with people who showed no interest in Jesus Christ.

Work where God is working!
3. **Confronting challenges to sharing the Gospel necessitates receiving God's words of encouragement and hope. (vv 9–11)**
 - All of us experience fear. (2 Corinthians 2:1–3)
 - Whenever we begin to share the Gospel, we will experience Satanic attack. (2 Corinthians 10:4–5)
 - Receive God's presence and protection.
 - God will use you to save people. (v 11)

Stop being afraid!
4. **Confronting challenges to sharing the Gospel requires us not to be surprised or fearful when resistance comes from others. (vv 12–17)**
 - God can work through key leaders in the community.
 - God can turn even the most resistant to the Gospel. (1 Corinthians 1:1)

Expect God to work!
5. **Confronting challenges to sharing the Gospel will lead to more opportunities of winning others to Christ and building up others as disciples. (vv 18–22)**

Keep on the move!

CONCLUSION: The Church today desperately needs to return to this pattern of facing challenges today if we want to impact our community with the Gospel. When we confront challenges with hope, God will help us to do so.

“Read the Bible for Life” Small Group Sign-Up



I'm/We're interested in joining a group. Contact me.

Please PRINT carefully.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

(Place form in the Offering or turn in at the Information Desk.)

Sunday Schedule at BPEFC

9:00 AM

Worship Service	Sanctuary
Nursery (Birth to two years)	Room 100
Chicks (Birth date in 2009)	103
Lambs (Birth date in 2008)	103
Giraffes (Birth date in 2007)	104
5s and K (Birth date in 2005 & 2006)	104
Children's Church (Gr. 1–6)	Fellowship Hall

Adult Bible Fellowships

Mosaic (Singles/Marrieds, All Ages)	112/113
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10:30 AM

Worship Service	Sanctuary
Nursery (Birth to two years)	Room 100
Chicks (Birth date in 2009)	102
Lambs (Birth date in 2008)	103
Giraffes (Birth date in 2007)	104
Starfish/5s and K (Birth date in 2005 & 2006)	105
Apples/5s and K (Birth date in 2005 & 2006)	106
Route 252 Oasis (Grades 1–6)	Fellowship Hall
Living Proof (Grades 7–12)	Youth Room

Adult Bible Fellowships

Salt (Parents of Pre-Teens—Young Adults)	114
In-Betweeners (Singles/Marrieds, 55+)	112/113
Prime Timers (Singles/Marrieds, 70+)	108/109

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- Rick Ensrud** - Senior Pastor - rensrud@bpefc.org - ext. 11
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- Nate Miller** - Student Ministries Pastor - nmiller@bpefc.org - ext. 15
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January 8, 2012

Welcome to Brooklyn Park Church!

We're so glad you have joined us today. Our goal is to help you connect with God in worship and connect with others in meaningful relationships. Please let us know if we can help you in any way.

Worship Services Offered:

9:00 AM: Traditions

10:30 AM: Multi-Cultural

Guests . . . after the service, you are invited to the Guest Reception Area (in the West Foyer) to meet with staff and learn more about our church.

All-Church News

- Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University—The Great Recovery:**
 - **FREE** Preview/Overview Class THIS Thursday, January 12, 6:30 PM
 - **FREE** First Class on Thursday, January 19, 6:30 PM (then meets weekly)

If you're in debt, you'll learn how to get out and stay out for the rest of your life! But whether you have tons of debt or none at all, this class has something for you because it's not just a money class. It's about learning to manage everything God has given you His way. Sign up at the Information Desk.
- Seniors Luncheon:** Wednesday, January 18, 12:00 PM. Cost: \$5.00. If you plan on attending, sign up at the Information Desk.
- Spiritual Gifts Class:** Saturday, January 21, 8:30—Noon. Learn to identify and develop your God-given spiritual gifts. Sign-up is necessary to be sure we have enough materials. Stop by the Info Desk today.
- Women's Day Spa:** Saturday, January 21, 10:00 AM—Noon. Don't miss a day to get rejuvenated at the *Beautiful Women in Christ* Day Spa! Come for prayer times, a cooking demo, spa stations, speakers and more. Invite a friend! This event is free! Moms, bring your teen daughters for some bonding time.
- Second Harvest Food Distribution:** Friday, January 27, 6:00—8:00 PM. **Volunteers are needed for shifts between 1:00—9:00 PM.** All volunteers (returning and new) must sign up *prior to each* distribution at the Info Desk or the web site: www.BrooklynParkChurch.org/2harvest. If you haven't served at SH before, now is a great time to jump in and help!
- Let's Go Loafing:** Saturday, January 28, 9:30 AM. Welcome new neighbors to the community. Deliver a loaf of bread and church literature. It's an easy, effective way to show that we care. Sign up at the Info Desk if interested.
- Stephen Ministry Training:** Friday, February 3, 6:30 PM & Saturday, February 4, 9:00 AM, then weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 PM. We offer 40+ hours of training so you can learn how to better come alongside people who are hurting, suffering from a loss or just to be an effective friend to someone. There is no obligation to become a Stephen Minister; this training is valuable for anyone in leadership at church or in the business world. Come to the Care Kiosk for details.

For more information on other church news, see *News & Notes*.

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RECOVERY

Weekly classes begin January 19. IT STARTS WITH you

Free Preview Class: Thursday, January 12
Sign-up at the Information Desk.

The GREAT RECOVERY team

KIDS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

COACHES & REFEREES NEEDED!

League runs January – March 2012

See Leane Gondek if interested

Unwrap Your Spiritual Gifts

Identify and Develop Your God-Given Spiritual Gifts

Saturday, January 21
8:30 AM—Noon

Sign up at the Information Desk.

Weekly Calendar

(For more details, visit www.BrooklynParkChurch.org.)

Sunday, January 8	
Monday, January 9	
Tuesday, January 10	6:00 AM Men's Bible Studies 6:00 PM Corporate Prayer 6:00 PM Celebrate Recovery & Support Group Meal and Worship 6:30 PM Quilters' Fellowship 7:00 PM Celebrate Recovery & Support Group Meetings
Wednesday, January 11	5:45—7:00 AM Intercessors' Prayer Time 6:30 PM Kids Awana Grades 7—12 Small Groups Women's Bible Study
Thursday, January 12	9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Financial Peace University
Friday, January 13	9:00 PM Youth Lock-In
Saturday, January 14	

Stewardship Matters	<u>12/25 & 31</u>	<u>1/1</u>
2011—2012 Annual Budget:	1,439,750	1,439,750
Budget needed fiscal year-to-date:	719,888	747,576
Giving/Revenue year-to-date:	647,938	657,398
Difference in budget needed and giving YTD:	(71,950)	(90,178)
Weekly budget needed:	27,688	27,688
Amount received:	40,940	9,460
4 Our Future (Capital Campaign) Commitments:	1,050,000	1,050,000
4 Our Future Giving:	722,423	722,772

Next Step Class

The *Next Step Class* is offered on a semi-regular basis. The next class will be on Saturday, February 18, from 9:00 AM—Noon. We will explore ministry and membership at BPEFC. We highlight our Core Values, Beliefs, Missions, Local Ministries, Steps to Membership, and create a Personal Ministry Profile based on your personality, possessions (gifts and abilities) and passion (to help you select a place of service). After the class, you have the opportunity to join the church.

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