
empowered
witnesses
ACTS 25 - 28



pulpit schedule

06 Sep - Acts 1-3 (Empowered Witnesses) • *Ben Soh*

13 Sep - Acts 2-4 (Emboldened Covenanters) • *Rev Stefanie Oh*

20 Sep - Outreach & Social Concerns Sunday • *Rev Joseph Chen*

27 Sep - Acts 5-8 (Expectant Martyrs) • *Rev Stefanie Oh*

04 Oct - Acts 9-12 (Expanded Family) • *Ps Ian Wong*

11 Oct - Acts 13-16 (Even to the Gentiles) • *Ps Ian Wong*

18 Oct - Acts 17:16-34 (The Unknown God?) • *Rev Malcolm Tan*

25 Oct - Acts 17-20 (Expectant Martyrs**)** • *Rev Stefanie Oh*

01 Nov - Acts 21-24 (Emboldened Covenanters**)** • *Rev Stefanie Oh*

08 Nov - Acts 25-28 (Empowered Witnesses) • *Ps Ian Wong*

The Book of Acts ends with this verse

For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him.

He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ — with all boldness and without hindrance!

ACTS 28:30-31

Paul was not hindered by

- Difficulty of the task

The Book of Acts begins with this verse

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


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Cities Where Paul Preached the Gospel

Period	City or town	Scripture
Early ministry	1. Damascus	Acts 9:19–22
	2. Jerusalem	Acts 9:28–29; 22:1–21
	3. Syrian Antioch	Acts 11:25–26; 13:1
First journey	4. Salamis, Cyprus	Acts 13:5
	5. Paphos, Cyprus	Acts 13:6–12
	6. Pisidian Antioch	Acts 13:14–49
	7. Iconium	Acts 14:1–7
	8. Lystra	Acts 14:8–20
	9. Derbe	Acts 14:20–21
	10. Perga	Acts 14:25
Second Journey	11. Philippi	Acts 16:12–40
	12. Thessalonica	Acts 17:1–9
	13. Berea	Acts 17:10–14
	14. Athens	Acts 17:16–34
	15. Corinth	Acts 18:1–18
	16. Ephesus	Acts 18:19; 19:1–20
Third Journey	17. Troas	Acts 20:6–12
Imprisonment	18. Caesarea	Acts 24–26
	19. Rome	Acts 28:17–31

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ACTS 20: 22 - 24

22 And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem,
not knowing the things that will happen to me there,
23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city,
saying that chains and tribulations await me.

24 But none of these things move me; nor do I count
my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race
with joy, and the ministry which I received from
the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace
of God.

2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day — and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

SCRIPTURE	COSTLY OBEDIENCE	LESSON/REWARD
Acts 4:18–20	Peter and John are forbidden to speak about Jesus	Obedience to God sometimes requires courage before human authority.
Acts 5:40–42	The apostles are flogged yet continue preaching	Suffering does not silence their witness.
Acts 7:54–60	Stephen gives his life as a witness to Christ	Faithfulness is not always accompanied by earthly deliverance.
Acts 14:19–22	Paul survives severe persecution and returns to strengthen the disciples	The cost does not cause him to abandon the people God has called him to serve.
Acts 16:22–25	Paul and Silas worship in prison	Their circumstances do not rob them of their confidence in God.
Acts 20:22–24	Paul chooses to continue toward Jerusalem knowing affliction awaits	His calling is more precious to him than comfort or security.
Acts 26:24–29	Paul witnesses to Festus and Agrippa despite ridicule and possible consequences	His concern for their salvation is greater than his concern for his life/reputation.
Acts 28:30–31	Paul remains under house arrest yet continues proclaiming Jesus	The messenger is confined, but the message is not silenced.

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PAUL BEFORE GOVENOR FELIX - ACTS 24:22-25

Then Felix, who was well acquainted with the Way, adjourned the proceedings... He ordered the centurion to keep Paul under guard but to give him some freedom and permit his friends to take care of his needs.

Several days later Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish. He sent for Paul and listened to him as he spoke about faith in Christ Jesus. As Paul talked about righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and said, “That’s enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you.”

PAUL BEFORE GOVENOR FELIX - ACTS 24:26-27

At the same time he was hoping that Paul would offer him a bribe, so he sent for him frequently and talked with him.

When two years had passed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus, but because Felix wanted to grant a favor to the Jews, he left Paul in prison.

PAUL IN ROME

SHARING WITH THE JEWS IN ROME

PAUL IN ROME - ACTS 28:16-19

When we got to Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with a soldier to guard him.

Three days later he called together the local Jewish leaders. When they had assembled, Paul said to them: “My brothers, although I have done nothing against our people or against the customs of our ancestors, I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans. They examined me and wanted to release me, because I was not guilty of any crime deserving death. The Jews objected, so I was compelled to make an appeal to Caesar. I certainly did not intend to bring any charge against my own people.

PAUL IN ROME - ACTS 28:20-22

For this reason I have asked to see you and talk with you. It is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain."

They replied, "We have not received any letters from Judea concerning you, and none of our people who have come from there has reported or said anything bad about you. But we want to hear what your views are, for we know that people everywhere are talking against this sect."

PAUL IN ROME - ACTS 28:23-24

They arranged to meet Paul on a certain day, and came in even larger numbers to the place where he was staying. He witnessed to them from morning till evening, explaining about the kingdom of God, and from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets he tried to persuade them about Jesus.

Some were convinced by what he said, but others would not believe.

PAUL IN ROME - ACTS 28:25-26

They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: “The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your ancestors when he said through Isaiah the prophet:

“‘Go to this people and say,
“You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.”

PAUL IN ROME - ACTS 28:27-28

For this people's heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.
Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
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ARE WE LISTENING?

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PAUL'S CONVERSION - ACTS 9:11-12

In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord," he answered.The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

PAUL'S CONVERSION - ACTS 9:15-17

... The Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord — Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here — has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

ACTS 25:13-14

A few days later King Agrippa and Bernice arrived at Caesarea to pay their respects to Festus.

Since they were spending many days there, Festus discussed Paul's case with the king. He said: "There is a man here whom Felix left as a prisoner.

ACTS 25:23

The next day Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp and entered the audience room with the high-ranking military officers and the prominent men of the city.

At the command of Festus, Paul was brought in.

PAUL BEFORE KING AGRIPPA - ACTS 26:1-3

Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You have permission to speak for yourself.”

So Paul motioned with his hand and began his defense: “King Agrippa, I consider myself fortunate to stand before you today as I make my defense against all the accusations of the Jews, and especially so because you are well acquainted with all the Jewish customs and controversies. Therefore, I beg you to listen to me patiently.

PAUL BEFORE KING AGRIPPA - ACTS 26:9-11

“I too was convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And that is just what I did in Jerusalem. On the authority of the chief priests I put many of the Lord’s people in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. Many a time I went from one synagogue to another to have them punished, and I tried to force them to blaspheme. I was so obsessed with persecuting them that I even hunted them down in foreign cities.

PAUL BEFORE KING AGRIPPA - ACTS 26:12-15

“On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. About noon, King Agrippa, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’

“Then I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’

“‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’ the Lord replied.

PAUL BEFORE KING AGRIPPA - ACTS 26:22-24

But God has helped me to this very day; so I stand here and testify to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen — that the Messiah would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would bring the message of light to his own people and to the Gentiles."

At this point Festus interrupted Paul's defense. "You are out of your mind, Paul!" he shouted. "Your great learning is driving you insane."

PAUL BEFORE KING AGRIPPA - ACTS 26:28-29

Then Agrippa said to Paul, “Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?”

Paul replied, “Short time or long — I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains.”

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Great Boldness

94 (unique) trippers

09 going more than once

10 countries

28 kids going with parents

Special mention:
Alice Seto, 6 trips

Kum Yan English Congregation

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KUM YAN OUTREACH EVENTS

- KY OSC events *(Mooncake, Project Bless, Deepavali etc.)*
- Alpha
- MyManna
- Amazing Grace
- Japanese English Class
- Outreach to migrant workers
- *Many other things we are involved in!*

Home for Christmas

20 December 2026 • 9am • English Christmas Service

We hope to hear stories and testimonies from our missions and outreach teams that have gone out! And also have a simple but meaningful Christmas celebration together as a congregation.

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357 Regular Attendees

31 came for
KY Combined Prayer Meeting

37 came for EC prayer meeting
last Friday

What will 2027 be like?

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May we be filled by the Holy Spirit again!