

## Suggested Resources

Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning:

Kenneth Haugk - *Christian Caregiving: A Way of Life* (this week's "Pastor's Pick")

Kenneth Haugk - *Don't Sing Songs To A Heavy Heart*

Ruth Koch & Kenneth Haugk - *Speaking the Truth in Love: How to Be an Assertive Christian*

### "50 Hours of Training"

Stephen Ministry - [stephenministries.org](http://stephenministries.org)

Vineyard Institute - [vineyardinstitute.org](http://vineyardinstitute.org)

Christian Prophetic Certification - [globalawakening.com](http://globalawakening.com)

Sustainable Faith - [sustainablefaith.com](http://sustainablefaith.com)

Read 5 books on one topic (e.g., prayer)

## Suggested Bibles

We teach from the Bible on Sundays and encourage you to read the Bible throughout the week. Here are a few recommended versions of it:

### Quest Study Bible

"The Question and Answer Bible."

### CSB Study Bible

The CSB Study Bible offers the award-winning Holman study system, which includes over 16,000 study notes, tools, word studies, and articles from respected Bible scholars.

### Teen Life Application Study Bible

includes sections explaining what the Bible has to say about the questions and issues teens face in the *Choices*, *I Wonder*, *Ultimate Issues*, and *My Story* features.

### Kids Quest Study Bible

contains over 500 questions that kids ask, "Quest Challenges" to help you apply what you read and more!

**Plus... be sure to stop by the Welcome Center in our lobby and pick up a FREE copy of our Bible Reading Plan... as well as a FREE Bible!**

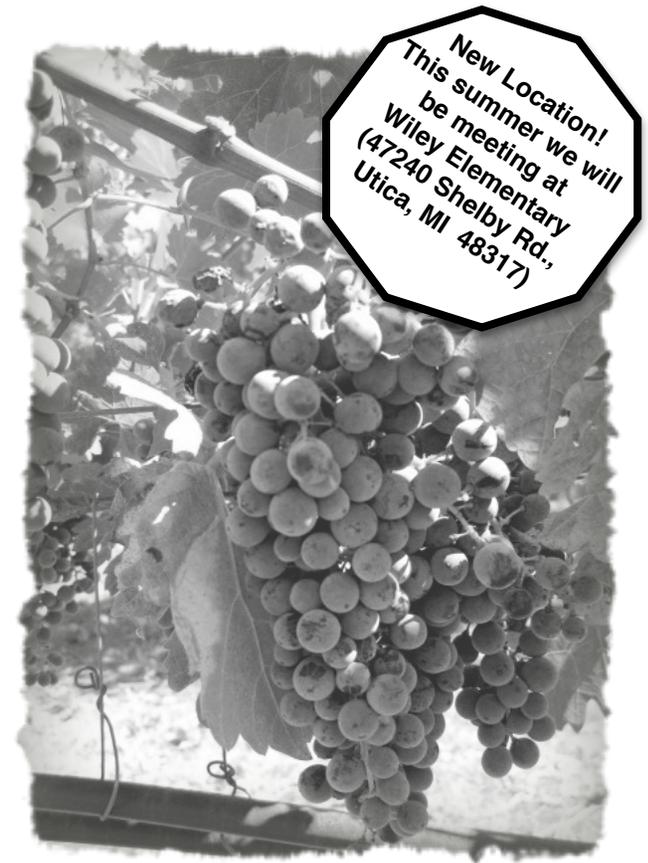
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**New Location!**  
This summer we will  
be meeting at  
Wiley Elementary  
(47240 Shelby Rd.,  
Utica, MI 48317)

## The After People

July 16, 2017

Week 6 of series: Acts 29

**We want people to encounter God on Sundays and not just "go to church." That is why today's 75-minute service will include an in-depth Bible teaching, communion, worship (feel free to stand or sit as we sing), and an opportunity to receive 1-on-1 prayer.**

# The After People

(Dan Kopp - lead pastor of The Eastside Vineyard Church)

Notes:

# Digging Deeper Questions

*In our fast-paced culture, it's easy to be impacted by the sermon you hear at church on Sunday... only to forget about it by Monday. To make this message "stick" we created these Digging Deeper Questions so you can process and apply what you heard at church. Take some time this week to go through these questions by yourself, in your small group, with a friend, your family, or your roommate.*

1. Icebreaker: Last week, Dan, Kellie, and the kids stayed at their grandmother's house near Traverse City to attend the Cherry Festival, a Michigan event that people come from across the country to take part in. What is your favorite thing to do in our state that is "Pure Michigan"? Have fun with this question!
2. Is there anything you heard in this week's sermon or experienced in this week's service that was an "a ha" moment, something significant for you?
3. Prior to Sunday's sermon, we commissioned six Stephen Ministers who will help with the pastoral care of our church family. They rearranged their schedule and made it a priority to attend 50 hours of training over a period of six months in order to become Stephen Ministers! What is your reaction to Julie, John, Kathy, Gary, Jean, and Vonnie having such a level of commitment to our church and the Stephen Ministry?
4. Our six Stephen Ministers counted the cost and decided it was worth it to get trained. What are a few examples of either a skill you have developed or a hobby you are pretty good at where you have spent at least 50 hours in training and/or practicing? What sacrifices of time and money did you need to make in order to accomplish this?
5. Acts 6 continues a theme found throughout the Bible: that God has a heart to help those who need help, people like widows (see James 1:27, Psalm 68:5, and Deuteronomy 27:19). Thus when the author of Acts describes choosing people to "wait on tables" (Acts 6:2) and to help with "distribution of food" (Acts 6:1), it is not meant to be demeaning, but instead describes a high calling: to show the compassion of Christ and offer care and support to those who need it! Who are some modern day "widows" (both individuals and people groups) that the American church in general — and our church in particular — could do a better job helping? Think outside of the box!
6. Read Acts 6:2-3. This text says that people needed to be "full of the Holy Spirit" in order to "wait on tables." In *The Holy Spirit*, Billy Graham offers this commentary on that passage: "Does this not show us that to carry out the most practical job to the glory of God (be it a craftsman, an administrator, a housekeeper, or secretary) we need to be filled with God's Holy Spirit?"
  - How would you answer Graham's question?
  - What associations do you have with being filled with the Holy Spirit? Is being a more effective caregiver part of your list? Why or why not?
7. In *Christian Caregiving*, Kenneth Haugk writes, "Today's world needs Christians who care, but the distinctiveness of Christian caring is frequently unrecognized." In your opinion, what are some similarities and differences between an atheist caregiver and a Christian caregiver?
8. Bonus Question: Are you feeling a nudge to join the next Stephen Ministry training cohort? If your answer is yes, please contact Julie Altman at [stephen.ministry@tevchurch.org](mailto:stephen.ministry@tevchurch.org)

## Key Passage:

***Brothers and sisters, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and wisdom, whom we can appoint to this duty . . . So they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit . . .***  
- Acts 6:3, 4 (CSB)