## THE CHURCH PRAYS

Pastor Stephen Baker. Sunday, March 17, 2024.

Acts: The Blueprint for the Church / Matthias replaces Judas / Acts 1:12–26

#### Introduction

- I. The Disciples Return to Jerusalem. (12-14)
- II. Peter's Speech. (15-20)
- III. Praying for a Solution. (21-26)

## LOOKING FORWARD:

**For this Wednesday** – Join us at 7PM in the Christian Life Center for coffee and Bible study! Download the Wednesday Night Lesson here: <u>https://harmonybconline.com/bible-</u> <u>study/wednesday/</u>. Or visit our website: harmonybconline.com. Then, go to the *Bible Study* menu and select *Wednesday Bible Study*. The title of the lesson is: "Choosing God's Chosen." If you are unable to download, we will have printed copies on Wednesday night.

#### HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY! \*

**Saint Patrick**, the patron saint of Ireland, is one of the most recognizable figures in Christian history. Born in Britain in the late 4th or early 5th century, he was kidnapped by Irish pirates at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. During his time in captivity, Patrick turned to Christianity for solace and strength, eventually escaping after six years and returning to his family.

Following a vision urging him to return to Ireland as a missionary, Patrick dedicated his life to spreading Christianity throughout the island. He is credited with converting much of Ireland's population to Christianity and is said to have used the three-leaf clover, or shamrock, to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity. Legend has it that Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland, although this is likely symbolic of his efforts to eradicate pagan practices rather than a literal expulsion of reptiles. March 17th, the date of his death, is celebrated as Saint Patrick's Day, not only in Ireland but also around the world, with parades, festivities, and the wearing of green to honor his legacy and the Irish heritage.

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