

<p><b>OASIS Groups</b> this Friday 1st November <b>Fireworks</b> See Amy or Claudia for more info</p>	<p><b>NEXT Sunday 3rd November</b> Daniel Pearce will be taking photos during the service and junior church for the Churches new website. If you wish to be excluded from these images, please speak to either Rachael or Dan or email <a href="mailto:communication@emmanuelbaptist.co.uk">communication@emmanuelbaptist.co.uk</a>.</p>	
<p><b>Food for Thought</b> This Thurs Oct 31st. Guest Speaker is Laurence Taylor. Starts at 2.30pm.</p>	<p><b>Neon Light Party</b> at the Princess Pavilion on Thurs 31st Oct 6-8pm. Dress light &amp; bright! All ages welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian</p>	
<p>If you are not receiving emails from Emmanuel and wish to, please email the office with permission and we can add you to our mailing list!</p>	<p>A group of people meet for <b>Prayer on a Mon morning 9-9.30am</b> in the church. You are most welcome to join them or pass on prayer requests to Angie Godfrey or Jeff Mount</p>	<p><b>Food Bank-Needs are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fruit Squash</li> <li>• Sweets</li> <li>• Savoury Snacks</li> <li>• Tinned Potatoes</li> <li>• Anti-perspirant</li> <li>• Sanitary Towels</li> <li>• Shampoo</li> <li>• Wash Up Liquid</li> <li>• Cat Food</li> <li>• Dog Food</li> <li>• Coffee</li> <li>• Long Life Milk</li> </ul>

**10.30am**      **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**  
*Main Door*      Amy Growcott-Smith  
*Inner Door*      Angie Pascoe &  
*Easy Worship*      Sue Misselbrook  
*Teas & Coffees*      TBA / Carrie Holmes & Mary Jones

## Sunday 27th October 2019

**10.30am** **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**  
 A warm welcome to you all. We would love to get to know each other better, so please introduce yourself.

11am      Children and youth groups leave  
 Nippers:      Pre-school 2+  
 Buzz:      Reception, school years 1-5  
 Salt:      School years 6-11



<p><b>NEXT SUNDAY</b> <b>3rd NOVEMBER</b></p>	<p><b>WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A HOUSEGROUP?</b></p> <p>7pm Prayer &amp; Praise All are welcome</p> <p>Email <a href="mailto:housegroups@emmanuelbaptist.co.uk">housegroups@emmanuelbaptist.co.uk</a> and one of our Housegroup co-ordinators will put you in touch with a group.</p>	<p><b>WOULD YOU LIKE US TO PRAY FOR YOU?</b></p> <p>Please come and ask the service leader and they will find one of our prayer team to pray with you.</p>
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## Sermon Outline Notes: Acts 6: 1- 7 Problem Solving

### 1) Introduction

Acts is a very thrilling, challenging and exciting book describing the outstanding growth of the early church. It is also an honest book painting a picture of the early church 'warts and all'. Here in chapter 6 we start with one group of Christians grumbling against another.

### 2) Background

Following the exile and because of trade and business opportunities the Jews had spread throughout the Mediterranean world, the Roman empire. Those Jews outside Israel were called the Diaspora (the dispersed) and spoke Greek as their first language. If they came back to Israel they had to go to special places of worship where Greek was spoken. Those Jews, who had remained in Israel and who spoke Aramaic Hebrew were called Hebraic Jews

The early church grew rapidly and all its converts were Jews. But as the church grew some problems began to appear (6:1) and one group, the Grecian Jews felt that their widows were being treated unfairly.

### 3) Problem Solving!

There could have been a split in the church: two 'denominations' - Greek speakers and Aramaic speakers. But that split did not occur as the problem was handled wisely and quickly. What did the leadership do? They called a Church Meeting together. There are four principles which stand out in the developing organisation of the church.

- 1) Suitable management—they chose a structure and organisation that matched the need. They did not start with fixed ideas of how a church ought to run—they said what is the need and they asked how best can we meet that need.
- 2) Separate Ministries—God's pattern is shared ministry. The apostles were called to preaching and praying, others were identified to 'serve at tables'

- 3) 'Saintly men' - These men chosen were to be 'full of the Spirit and wisdom'.
- 4) Selective method—The leaders of the church said to the church 'you choose the men and we will commission them'.
- 5) When we read the list of the seven names, every one of them has a Greek name suggesting that he was a Greek speaking Jew. It seems the church chose Grecian Jews to administer the distribution of food to Grecian Jewish widows. One of the seven was not born a Jew!

### Conclusion

Verse 7 is a summary - what a wonderful comment; a kind of progress report. They set these seven men apart and the grumbling stopped and because the grumbling stopped the number of disciples increased rapidly, including among them priests.

What a tribute to the Aramaic speaking community that they could agree so unanimously to such a peace producing gesture.

### Points to Ponder

- 1) Share first reactions to the sermon. Was anything said with which you disagreed? Why?
- 2) 'full of the Spirit and wisdom'. What does this mean? How do we identify these qualities?