

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Title: "The Gospel On the Move!"

Text: Acts 13:1-3

INTRODUCTION:

1. The Church at Antioch (11:19-30)
2. Acts 13 marks a decisive turning point in Luke's narrative!
 - A. Chs. 1-12: a focus on the ministry of Peter
The remaining chapters (13-28) focus on Paul.
 - B. Chs. 1-12: an emphasis on the Jewish church (Jerusalem & Judea)
The remaining chapters (13-28) emphasize the spread of the gospel & the Gentile church throughout the Roman world.
3. It was from this dynamic, doctrinally sound, growing, Spirit controlled church at Antioch that the flag of Gentile missions was unfurled.
4. What did this church have that God used to make things happen?

SPIRITUAL _____ (13:1)

God has always put a premium on spiritual leadership (Acts 6:3; 1 Tim. 3:1-13; Tit. 1:5-9; cp Hos. 4:9; Mt. 9:36). Luke describes them as prophets & teachers.

1. Barnabas
He was a Levite from the island of Cyprus (4:36). His birth name was Joseph but the apostles named him Barnabas = "Son of Encouragement."
2. Simeon
The name "Simeon" suggests he had a Jewish background. Luke's note that he was called **Niger** (from Latin meaning "black-skinned" cp. country of **Nigeria**).
3. Lucius of Cyrene
Lucius was a common Roman name; Luke his Greek name; the one Gentile among this leadership team. Cyrene was west of Egypt on African coast.
4. Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod, the tetrarch)
He's called the "foster brother" | the "intimate friend" of Herod the tetrarch (or, Herod Antipas); the Herod who stole Herodias, his brother's wife, who murdered John the Baptist, & who mocked Jesus.
5. Saul of Tarsus
Last of all, Saul, with his impressive education & rabbinical training. Thru his tireless efforts the gospel spread throughout the Gentile world.

SPIRITUAL _____ (13:2a)

1. Worshiping

Translated "**ministering**" in NASB; NKJV; HCSB & "**servicing**" in GNB/TEV.

- originally: "to discharge a public office"

- in Scripture: it describes priestly service (Exod. 28:41)

2. Fasting

The Bible connects fasting with times of vigilant, passionate prayer (Neh.

1:4; Ps. 35:13; Dan. 9:3; Matt. 17:21; Luke 2:37; 5:33; Acts 14:23).

SPIRITUAL _____ (13:2b-3)

- "The Spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions, and the nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become." - Henry Martin (India & Persia)

- The book of Acts records four of Paul's extended voyages: three missionary ventures (13:4-21:17) and a final, one-way trip to Rome (21:18-28:31).

1. Spiritual _____

2. Spiritual _____ (ex: 13:4-13; cp. 2 Cor. 2:14-16)

APPLICATION:

1. God chooses for further ministry those _____ serving Him.

2. God _____ calls men & women to ministry.

3. Wait for God's _____.

WRAPPING IT UP!

Jesus Himself had voiced His driving passion when He said, "Go and make disciples of all the nations" (Matt. 28:19a), and "Go into all the world and preach the good news (Gospel) to all creation" (Mk. 16:15b). Even His very last words were, "You'll be my witnesses ... even to the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). In these final instructions to His disciples, Jesus emphasized His strategy to reach the world.

1) _____ would proclaim His message, rather than voices from heaven or angels or miraculous skywriting.

2) His approach would be _____: start where you are and go out from there.

3) His method would be _____ . Not a Madison Avenue advertising campaign; just one life touching another with His love.