

Things were going great at the church in Antioch, **“The Lord’s hand was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord”** Acts 11:21 (HCSB), and they had a tremendous leadership team. The members of the Antioch church were so serious about serving and proclaiming Christ that the unbelievers in the town started calling them “Christians.” The next time we read about the church in Antioch, God divides up their team of five outstanding leaders, **“One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Dedicate Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them’”** Acts 13:2 (NLT2).

Division is actually how the church in Antioch got started in the first place. The church in Jerusalem was going gangbusters, multiplying by leaps and bounds, much to the chagrin of the Jewish leaders responsible for the crucifixion of Christ, and I am sure the devil as well. Following the martyrdom of Stephen (Acts 7), persecution under the leadership of Saul scattered the believers of Jerusalem far and wide, and some of those fleeing the persecution ended up in Antioch and did what serious followers of Jesus do, they proclaimed Christ and started a church, **“So then those who were scattered because of the persecution that occurred in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word ...”** Acts 11:19 (NASB). God used the persecution and splitting up tactics of the enemies of the Gospel and the church, what was meant to divide and render it ineffective ended up advancing and multiplying the church.

Two things most of us love are for things to go great and to be comfortable, that’s true when it comes to church as well. If it is up to us, we will ride the smooth wave all the way till Jesus comes. But God allowed the very first church to be scattered amid phenomenal growth and sweet fellowship. Those five elders/pastors of the Antioch church were obviously seeking God

about the direction and work of their church, but I think they were not just a little surprised when God told them that it was time to divide up the team and send Barnabas and Paul out as missionaries.

The mission of the church, and its visible expression through local churches like ours, is to bring the good news of the Gospel to everyone (1 Peter 3:15), to go to the ends of the earth to make disciples of Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20), to be witnesses of the crucified, buried, risen, and returning Christ (Acts 1:8). Our love for things going great and being comfortable has a tendency to slow us down, redefine the mission, and sometimes forget it altogether.

Our world needs Jesus. God thinks so, or else He would not have sent and sacrificed His only son to rescue, redeem, and save sinners like us. If we, the church, are serious about carrying out the “Great Commission” Jesus tasked us with, **“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age”** Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB), then we must be willing to be scattered as we seek to be multiplied, we must seek “His kingdom” (Matthew 6:33) above our own comfort and happiness, we must be willing to submit to the Holy Spirit breaking up a good and sweet thing in order for the body of Christ to continue to grow, and we must be careful not to let hardship and persecution or comfort sidetrack us from the work of the kingdom.

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

Bob Sykes, Antonio (surgery), Bob Clayton, Philip Law,
John (Jerry Criswell's son),
Daniel & his family as well as all our military people who suffer
with PTSD, and those dealing with addiction.

SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray,
Farney, Peter, Jimmy, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Noah Martin,
John Michael Chavez, Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker,
Brian Sula, Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen,
Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski,
Christopher Sula, Dylan Briggs

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us
know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 and/or
e-mail **Judy Mahar** at ldpbcprayer@gmail.com with your
prayer requests.

Church Board Members:

Hans Frei - Pastor , Richard Mayes - Head Deacon ,
Sue Kluding, Gabi Cox, Chuck Arndt, Barb Deibler

Welcome

Sarah Storey

as our most recent volunteer

Children's Ministry Leader!

October Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesday @ 6:00 P.M.
- Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages @ 7:00 P.M.
- Food Ministry - 1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday 9-11 AM
- Women's Ministry - Wednesday @ 10:00AM
- GriefShare - Wednesday @ 6:30 PM

Fellowship Refreshments were provided by:
"Dennis' Class"

Thank you

Next week "Beverly's Class & Youth" are up!!



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Sarah Storey

as our most recent volunteer

Children's Ministry Leader!

If you are interested in helping in

Children's Ministry,

please contact her for more information

(209)352-4719

Giving

October , 2024

Offering:
\$2,529.00

Facilities:
\$50.00

Food:
\$105.00

Disaster Relief:
\$50.00

Missions:
\$82.47

Attendance:
70

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:

9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service:

10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service:

6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday

Food Ministry:

9:00 AM -11:00 AM

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study - 10:00 AM

GriefShare - 6:30 PM

Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

Saturday: Youth Hang-Out 6-9 PM

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Yearly Bible Reading Plan - 2024 October 21st - October 27th

DAY 1 - Isa. 31-32
(Proverbs 21)

DAY 2 - Isa. 33-34
(Proverbs 22)

DAY 3 - Isa. 35-36
(Proverbs 23)

DAY 4 - Isa. 37-38
(Proverbs 24)

DAY 5 - Isa. 39-40
(Proverbs 25)

DAY 6 - (Proverbs 26)
DAY 7 - (Proverbs 27)

Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.