

March 27, 2022

Scripture: Acts 13:1-5 Title: The Church Of Antioch is a Model to Emulate

Intro: Today is UMCOR Sunday. It is a global mission organization that assists United Methodist churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need.



What can we learn from the Church of Antioch today?

1. Faithfulness to worship.

The study of God’s Word must have been an important feature of Antioch’s worship services because our text names five preachers and teachers on staff at that congregation.

2.The members in Antioch were also active in prayer.

You would think the disciples would pray for protection from being arrested but instead they prayed: “Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness” (Acts 4:29).

One day, as the church in Antioch was praying, the Holy Spirit made it known that they should set apart two of their leaders, Paul and Barnabas, for mission work. Without any hesitation they did so even though they would be losing a gifted teacher. That’s the kind of church God wants us to be.

We can share in UMCOR mission work without having to send away anybody from our church.
Annual UMCOR Goal: \$7,000,000.00. Year to Date Gifts: \$4,744,982.58.

3. Whole-heartedly encouraging those who have been called to be God's servants.

Paul and Barnabas were not hired to serve in Antioch church but the tools they used belonged to the Holy Spirit, and this should be true for anybody who is serving in any church.

POEM – I NEED YOU NOW:

My friend, my brother, my sister I need you now--Please take me by the hand.

Stand by me in my hour of need, Take time to understand.

Take my hand, dear friend, and lead me from this horrible place.

Chase away my doubts and fears, Wipe the tears from off my face.

My brother, my sister I cannot stand alone. I need your hand to hold,

The warmth of your gentle touch in my world that's grown so cold.

Please be a friend to me and hold me day by day.