

MARC'S REMARKS

The Cell Phone vs. the Bible

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bibles like we treat our cell phones?

- What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets all the time?
- What if we flipped through it several times a day?
- What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
- What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
- What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
- What if we gave it to kids as gifts?
- What if we used it when we traveled?
- What if we used it in case of an emergency?

As a matter of fact, do you know where your Bible is right now?

And maybe the best part of all is, unlike our cell phones, we don't have to worry about our Bibles being disconnected.

After all, Jesus paid the bill.

—Selected

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study . . . 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:15 A.M.
Worship 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study . . . 7:00 P.M.

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THE PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13–17

Believe the truth Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins. Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ
. Matthew 10:32–33; Acts 8:35–39

Be baptized in His name
. Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death
. Romans 6:1–4; Revelation 2:10

Think on These Things

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The Church at Antioch

Clay Gentry

The church at Antioch played a key role in the book of Acts. When many people think of Antioch, they think of it as the place where the disciples were “first called Christians” (Acts 11:26). A closer look at this congregation reveals six qualities of a growing church.

They Were Dedicated

Following the death of Stephen, a great number of believers were scattered to places like Antioch. Some of those preached the gospel to Jews only (Acts 11:19–20). Eventually, the gospel reached Antioch, too, a populous city filled with both Jews and Gentiles.

It would have been easier for these men and women to stick with their former religions so as to not incur persecution and/or death. But that is not what this band of believers chose. They were steadfast in their new-found faith to the point that a great

number of people believed and turned to the Lord (Acts 11:21).

A growing and vibrant church is dedicated to God, the faith, and each other. Like Antioch, it is “steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord . . .” (1 Cor 15:58).

They Were Generous

When Agabus prophesied that there was going to be a famine in Judea, the saints at Antioch determined to send relief to the brethren there. Antioch was in that Roman world, too, and could possibly suffer the same fate, but they sent relief to others anyway (Acts 11:28–20). Then again, vibrant churches do that—they are generous, “ready to give and willing to share” (1 Tim 6:18).

They Were Inclusive

An examination of the many different prophets and teachers who called the

Thanks for worshipping with our church family!

FAMILY TALK

Our Deepest Condolences

Surrounded by her family, our dearly beloved **Bessie McJunkins** passed away late Thursday evening. We are truly sorry for her family's difficult loss.

The funeral is this afternoon at 2 P.M. at the Texarkana Funeral Home on the Arkansas side (Loop 245).

About Our Sick

Pat Winters continues to do well at Bailey Creek in Room 412.

Amber Easley will be at UAMS Children's Hospital in Little Rock tomorrow. We are praying that everything goes very well.

Several of our members have family members who are in need of our prayers.

- **Helen Kinney's** son, **Bruce**, is at Reunion Plaza, making slow by sure improvement.
- **Lenita Lansford's** husband, **Charles**, has been treated at UAMS Medical Center in Little Rock.
- **Cathy Monaghan's** brother-in-law, **Bill Self**, who has lung cancer
- **Ann Thomas' brother**, **A.Z. Turner**, has been in Room 642 at Wadley for quite some time.

Men We Support

The letters for the men we support have several updates available in the foyer.

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements
Jon Barry

Song Leading
Josh Moore

Lord's Supper
Jack Calvert
Mark Davis
W. H. McFerrin
Sonny Monaghan

Prayers
Randy Ellis
Dee Minter

Scripture Reading
Nathan Scott

Bulletins
Hayden Ellis
Nathan Scott

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements
Jackie Jamison

Song Leading
Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper
Preston Ellis
Zack McJunkins

Prayers
Phillip Moore
Pete Rowland

WEDNESDAY

Announcements
Sam McJunkins III

Song Leading
Phillip Moore

Prayers
Gerald Eaton
Sam McJunkins II

Invitation
Marc Hinds

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church at Antioch home reveals its inclusive nature (Acts 13:1).

- “Barnabas” (a Levite from Cyprus by way of Jerusalem)
- “Simeon who was called Niger” (possibly from Africa)
- “Lucius of Cyrene” (an African from present-day Libya)
- “Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch” (high-class royalty)
- “Saul” (a Jew who had formally killed Christians)

What a mixture! A growing and vibrant church is inclusive of different races, backgrounds and social statuses. It recognizes that

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus (Gal 3:28).

They Were Outward in Thinking

When the Holy Spirit called Paul and Barnabas for

the work of preaching to the world (13:2–3), the Antioch church answered the call. How easy it would have been for them to “hold on” to their best teachers. Not Antioch. They worked to develop their people (they had many teachers), encouraged risk (laid hands on Paul and Barnabas), and trusted God to provide (sent them out with prayer and fasting). An outward thinking church is growing and vibrant because it is focused on developing its members so they can “preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15).


They Were Committed

When some Judeans came teaching error about circumcision (15:1–3), the church at Antioch was committed to the truth: “a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ” (Gal. 2:16). They were so committed to truth they sent Paul, Barnabas and certain others to Jerusalem to determine why this error was being taught. A church that is

committed to the truth is growing and vibrant because it is willing to “search the scriptures” to determine God’s will (17:11) whatever it might be (15:30–31).

They Were Welcoming

When Paul needed a place to call *home* after his first and second preaching journeys, he went back to Antioch (14:28–29; 18:22–23). And they welcomed him. Not only did they welcome Paul, but also Barnabas (11:25–26), Judas and Silas (15:33–34), Mark (12:25; 15:35–39) and no doubt others. But that’s what growing churches do. This kind of church seeks to be an oasis that “refreshes the hearts of the saints” (Philemon 7).

The church at Antioch was vibrant because of its people who sought to live out their faith by being the very best they could be. It wasn’t as part of a short-lived church program, but a permanent way of life. We would do well to model our congregations after Antioch. 

Sermon Notes

TONIGHT ...

Lying
John 8:44

No Christian would ever lie, right? But what about little “white” lies? Are they okay to tell, if the occasion calls for it?

Tonight, we will look at what Jesus and the Bible have to say about the sin of lying.