Northwest Bible Church - June 23, 2019 - Book of Acts - Alan Conner

**Acts 13:1-3**

*The Activation of Paul*

Intro

**A. THE SHIFT FROM PETER TO PAUL.**

1. Luke is a Gentile and Paul is the “apostle to the Gentiles” (Rom. 11:13; Acts 9:15).

2. Luke has a special interest in God’s grace to Gentiles.

3. Luke’s focus on Paul may be due to his conversion through Paul. Acts 16:10-11.

**B. THE SHIFT FROM JERUSALEM TO ANTIOCH (Acts 13:1).**

1. The establishment of the church at Antioch - Acts 11:19-26.

2. The leaders of the church at Antioch (Acts 13:1).

a. Prophets and teachers -

b. Individual leaders named.

Barnabas -

Simeon, called Niger -

Lucius of Cyrene -

Manaen, brought up with Herod the tetrarch -

Saul -

**C. THE MINISTRY OF MISSIONS (Acts 13:2-3).**

1. The church in worship (Acts 13:2).

a. Ministering/Serving/worshipping -

b. Fasting - (Twice - Acts 13:2-3).

2. The commissioning of Barnabas and Saul (Acts 13:2-3).

a. By the HS - The Sovereign Spirit directs the ministry.

b. By the church - Fasting, prayer, laying on of hands, sending away.

Conclusion