#### **♦**SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, June 26, 2011

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(Acts 11:19-26; 13:1-3)

A church is much more than a place. A church is a family of believers in Jesus Christ living out the Christian life. A church is also a place. It is a gathering of a specific group of believers, assembled together by God. What happens when individual believers come together as the church?

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1. Fellowship: A Place to	(v. 19).
2. Fellowship: A Place of	(v. 23).
3. Fellowship: A Place of	(v. 25).
4. Fellowship: A Place to	(v. 24).
5. Fellowship: A Place to	(v. 26).
6. Fellowship: A Place to	(v. 21).
7. Fellowship: A Place to Go	(13:1-3).

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:17-20, NIV).

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"Everything belongs to God, and all things were created by his power. So God did the right thing when he made Jesus perfect by suffering, as Jesus led many of God's children to be saved and to share in his glory" (Hebrews 2:10, CEV).

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- 1. Fellowship: A Place to Gather Together (v. 19).
- 2. Fellowship: A Place of Encouragement (v. 23).

"there was Joseph, the one the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (which means 'Son of Encouragement')" (Acts 4:36, NLT).

"I'm eager to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours. In this way, each of us will be a blessing to the other" (Romans 1:12, NLT).

# 3. Fellowship: A Place of Reclaiming (v. 25).

"What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun" (2 Corinthians 5:17, NLT).

4. Fellowship: A Place to Grow (v. 24).

"a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith" (Acts 11:24, NIV).

5. Fellowship: A Place to Serve (v. 26).

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10, NIV).

# 6. Fellowship: A Place to Experience God (v. 21).

"The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord" (Acts 11:21, NIV).

# 7. Fellowship: A Place to Go on Mission with God (13:1-3).

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