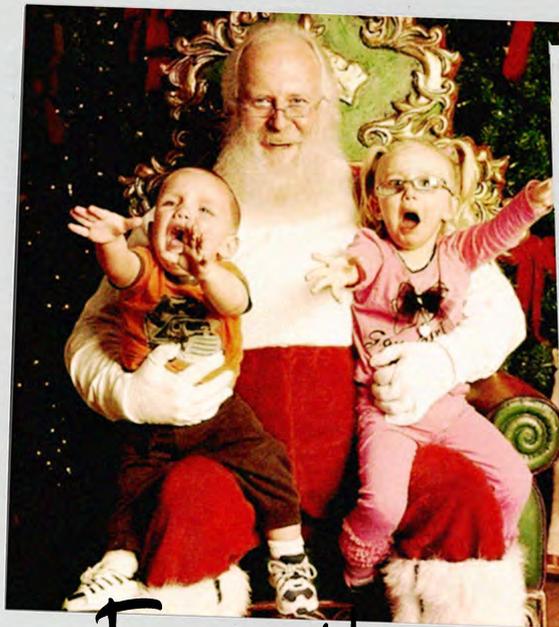


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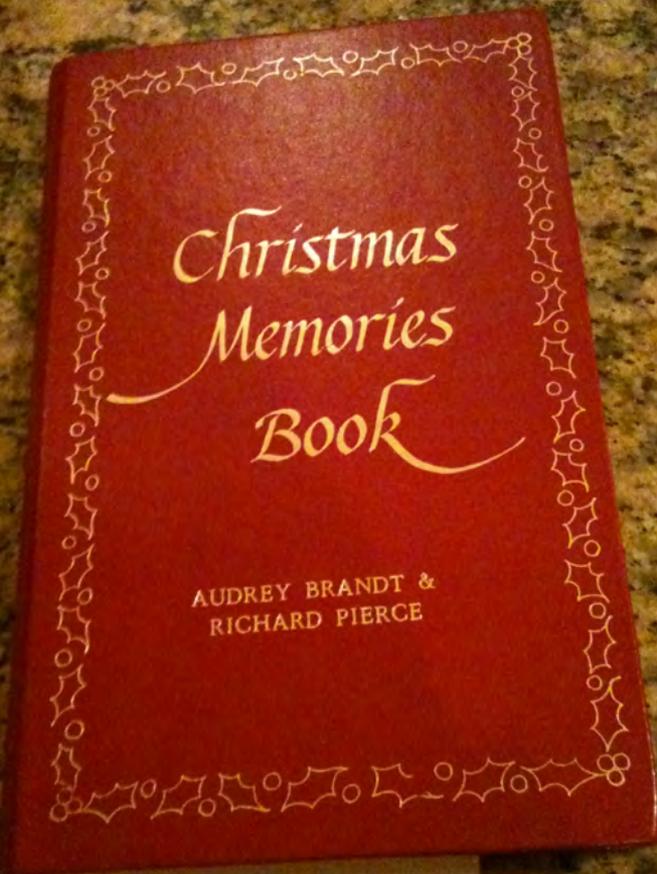
Family



Photos

Today's Message:

"Awkward Family Photo's - the Church"

A red leather book cover with gold lettering and a decorative border. The title is written in a cursive font, and the authors' names are in a simple sans-serif font. The border is a repeating pattern of small circles and lines.

*Christmas
Memories
Book*

AUDREY BRANDT &
RICHARD PIERCE

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Dear Friends, Neighbors, and Countrymen,

What a great year 1987 has been for the Silver family. So many of you have written, called, and sent telegrams asking questions since 60 Minutes did that program about our family, that I have decided to put together this letter to keep you better informed.

Matthew, now 6, was accepted last March at Harvard for this year's fall semester. He is the youngest student ever to receive one of their academic scholarships. He has also lettered in football, but he is having a hard time in basketball at 47 inches tall. Amye, now 4½, has released her third solo LP. This one is expected to go platinum just like the first two. Brian, now 2, has been offered many, many child modeling contracts from all of the big companies, Sears, Oshkosh, Toys-R-Us, etc., etc., etc. But on the advice of his agent he is going to turn them down until after the release of his major motion picture "The Two's Aren't So Terrible". (VHS and Beta 29.95 soundtrack 9.95) If you have read his book "Gimme This Gimme That" put out by Doubleday, then this movie is a must. Darlene, now 4, is still doing great. She has recently introduced her own line of cosmetics to fill the void left by Tammy Faye.

I guess that leaves me, now 23, I am the star host of our worldwide outreach television ministries besides doing Youth and Music. I have recently taken a part time job with an advertising agency writing ads for Isuzu.

Merry Christmas "SINCERLY"



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1. The Mission of God

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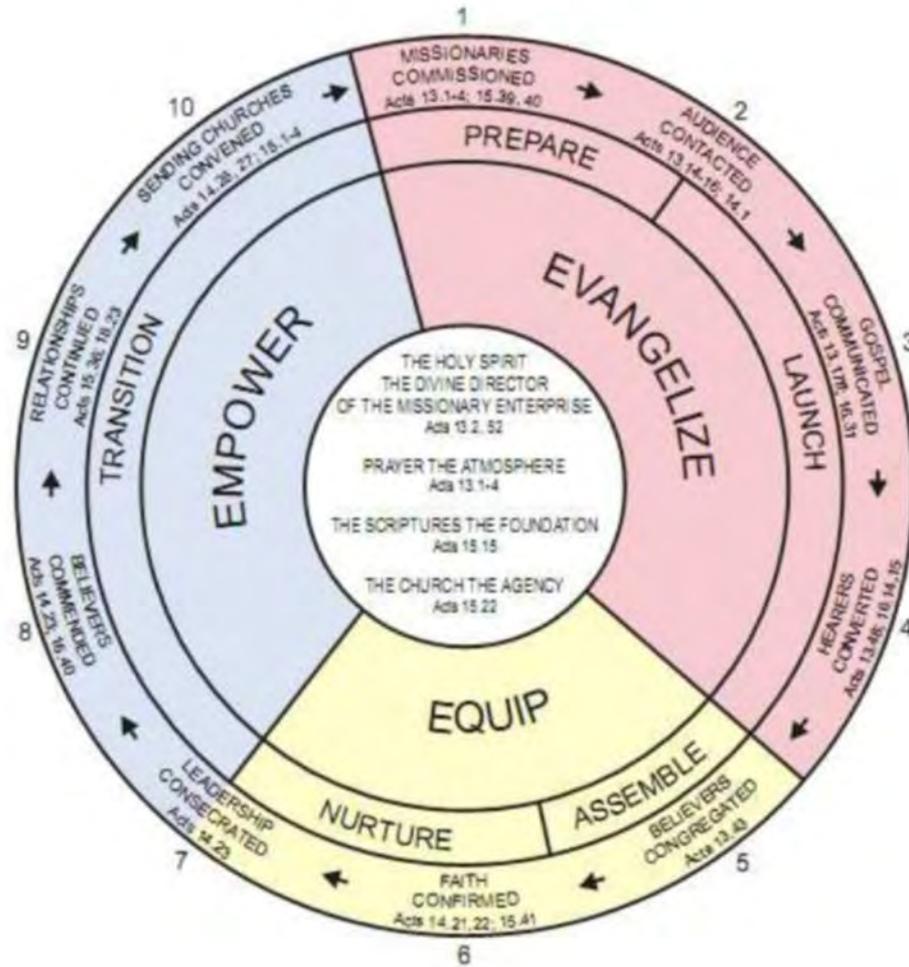
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Acts 13:1-3

¹Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. ²While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work which I have called them." ³So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

Converted

Acts 13:48

⁴⁸When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

Gathered

Acts 13:42-43

⁴²As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath. ⁴³When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts of Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.

Leadership Development

Acts 14:23

²³Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.

Sending Church Convened

Acts 14:26-27

²⁶From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. ²⁷On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

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How did the Incarnation Affect the Church
The Spread of the Good News

The first twelve chapters of Acts describe the history of the Christian movement during the first fifteen years after Christ's death and resurrection. The Holy Spirit was given in accordance with the promise of Christ, providing power for witnessing in a hostile world, bring the presence of Christ to the people for fellowship and strength, and giving leadership from Christ in the initiation of important movements. At Pentecost persons from every part of the world were saved, and they went back to their own cities to establish churches.

~ Robert A. Baker, *A Summary of Christian History*, (Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2002), 8.

The Spread of the Good News

Acts 5:17-21

¹⁷Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. ²⁰“Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people about this new life.” ²¹At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.

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The martyrdom of Stephen marked a turning point in two respects: (1) it began persecution that drove Christians from Jerusalem into all Judea and Samaria in their witness, and (2) it moved Saul the persecutor toward personal conversion to Christ. The local witness grew because of the preaching of Peter to a Gentile, the founding of the Gentile church at Antioch, and the martyrdom of James, son of Zebedee. The conversion of Saul, his persecution for service, and his ministry at Antioch provide the background for the second stage of Christian development.

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Make Disciples

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Spread the Good News

Matthew 16:18

¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.



Gospel Application

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**What can you do to help tear down the gates of
hell?**