

COMMISSION SUNDAY

Introduction:

- Today, PHBC finds itself at a wonderful milestone in our history as a church. We are here to officially commission/send off Becca Nesbitt to the mission work to which she has been called.
- This is the way it is supposed to be. The pattern for what we are doing here this morning is found in Acts 13.
- I want to give you, PHBC, a charge that was also given to the Church in Antioch.

As a Church Body, we must:

1. _____ when God's hand has been placed on an individual for certain tasks.

...the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them" (Acts 13:2b).

We recognize God has:

- Called you
- Prepared you
- Directed you to FIA

As a Church Body, we must:

2. _____ the individual with the full authority, backing and blessing of the Church.

Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them... (v. 3)

The "laying on of hands" has several meanings in Scripture. But it almost always portrays the _____

_____.

As a Church Body, we must:

3. _____ the individual for ministry.

Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them **and sent them off** (v. 3, emphasis added).

Sent them off – Gk. *apeluson*, from *apoluo*, meaning:

But this is not a cut off all strings – from now on you're on your own. Just the opposite. We are sending her off with our full backing, authority and blessing...making us partners together in the work to which she has been called.

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