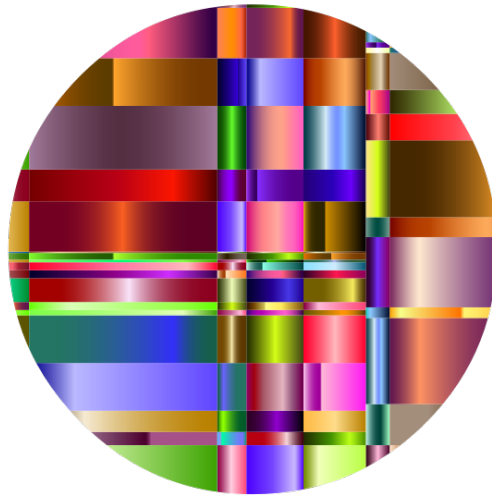
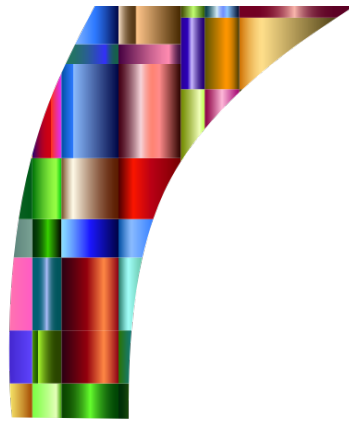


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Now What?

Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.

Acts 13:2

After The Outcome

The election is over. Donald J. Trump is the President-elect. Some of us feel elated, or perhaps vindicated in our views. Some of us feel discouraged, even angry, over the outcome. The challenge for those who follow Jesus is doing what Jesus would have us do now. We have more than likely felt all kinds of negative feelings and reactions during the course of the campaign

kinds of negative feelings and reactions during the course of the campaign season. The natural response might be to continue putting down the other side. That would most likely not be helpful to say the least.

Moving Forward

In Acts 13 there is a description of the church leadership team in Antioch. Since this group was made up of Jews, Africans, Romans and Greeks I assume it would have been at least as politically divided as we are in our nation today. I am also assuming they did not give up their political positions. What is most likely is that they submitted their political positions to the Lordship of Christ and focused their energy on the extension of the gospel. The Holy Spirit directed them to give up their two best leaders. The gospel spread and the church grew.

Moving Forward Today

Just as in Antioch so we can move forward in the middle of a deeply divided political situation in our nation. How? By saying "Yes" to the direction of the Holy Spirit. Will you in the power of the Holy Spirit continue to live out your calling to advance the kingdom of God in all you do right where you are? What is the Spirit of God prompting you to do? Do it and you will bear fruit in this divided nation. What is the Spirit of God directing your church to do? Do it and you will bear fruit in this divided nation, state, city, town and county.

Coming Attractions

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

4:00pm Vestry Committee

6:30pm Theology on Tap at Keegan's. Contact Richard at richardandhey@yahoo.com

7:00pm caregivers' support group at Walker's. Contact Susan at n1placesusan@gmail.com.

Sunday, November 13, 2016 Worship at 10:00am followed by Pot Luck

Please bring non perishable food to worship to be distributed to the Food Pantry of the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services.

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For Yu's China Bistro. For good health, stable happy patrons, and employees who stay a long time.

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For the people of Emmanuel, Alexandria; St. Clement's, Alexandria;
Emmanuel, Harrisonburg; Grace, Keswick; St. Anne's, Scottsville; and
Holy Cross, Batesville.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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