



Everybody Needs a Barnabas

Saul, later known as Paul, and John Mark were well-known in the early church. But they might not have achieved their positions of leadership if it had not been for the unique ministry of a lesser known personality, Barnabas. Almost every time Barnabas is mentioned in the Bible he is encouraging someone. This seems to have been his principle contribution to the growth of the church.

After Paul's conversion, Christians were afraid to accept him because of his previous anti-Christian persecutions. It was Barnabas who had the courage to step out and take the risk to stand beside Paul and encourage him. As a result, Paul was eventually accepted by the church and went on to become a great missionary. He wrote more than one-third of the New Testament.

Similarly, John Mark needed an encourager. He had been a failure. He started out on a missionary journey and, for some unknown reason, turned back. His failure was so miserable that Paul refused to give him a second trip. But Barnabas, the encourager, stepped in once again. He took John Mark and spent the necessary time to help him re-establish his life.

And it worked. Years later, while Paul was in prison, he wrote to Timothy and requested that he bring John Mark because he was profitable for the ministry.

Who knows what might have happened to John Mark if it had not been for Barnabas—an ordinary Christian who did what he did best, encourage people.

Every person needs a Barnabas – someone who will encourage him or her to achieve his or her potential. You can fulfill a vital ministry by being an encourager to others around you.

People respond to encouragement because it gives them hope.

If Saul and Mark had been left alone, they might have given up in despair. But, the presence of one other human being, Barnabas the encourager, gave them the sense that all was not lost. It gave them hope.

Tom Kelton

via Nettleton church of Christ

Jonesboro, AR

From the Elders

Welcome to West Side Church of Christ. We are thankful for your presence today and are happy that we can provide a safe place for worship of our Lord.

We ask that you please adhere to the guidelines of our governor who advises that we wear masks and distance ourselves from close contact with each other while at services. Communion packets and baskets for the contribution are at the double doors. Thank you for protect-

Snippets

--Men's Class at 6p each Tuesday Evening, "Telling the Story of Jesus" with Mike Gors as teacher.

--East Allen Ladies Day has been re-scheduled for Sept. 25 in New Haven, IN. See flyer

--Goshen Church of Christ Ladies Day has been postponed until 2021. Letter of explanation on board.

-- "If you need an excuse, ask your preacher for one. He has heard plenty of them."

--See the latest copy of newsletter regarding India on the Missions Board from Dennis Dickey

"God bless all those that I love.

God bless all those that love me.

God bless all those that love those that I love and all those that love those that love me."

Taken from a New England

Sampler



Services

Sunday Bible Study

9:30am

Worship: 10:30 am
& 6:00pm

Wed. Bible Study
7p

Preacher

Michael Gors

Elders

Michael Gors

Gary Reynolds

Todd Stults

Deacons

Don Allison
Fellowship

Jim Clark
Visitation

Lowell Huffman
Media

Those Whom

We Support

MSOP

Cannon Taylor

INDIA

Bible Correspondence
Course/ Bibles

Leaders in Worship

August 23, 2020

Morning Worship

Announcements: Gary Reynolds

Song Leader: Don Allison

Opening Prayer: Todd Stults

Scripture: Jimmy Clark, *Ephesians 2: 11-16*

Sermon: Mike Gors,

“Refurbished, Remodeled , Restored”

Lord’s Table: Bill Winemiller

Closing Prayer: Volker Jaromin

Sound Room: Lowell Huffman

Wednesday Evening Bible Study, Aug. 26

Song Leader: Case Reynolds

Prayer: Jimmy Clark

What If . . .

What if elders were criticized only for violations of scripture, and not for matters of judgment with which we don’t agree?

What if preachers were criticized only for preaching error, and not for sermon length or pulpit presence?

What if deacons received offers to help rather than complaints? What if congregations weren’t judged by their weakest members, but by their strongest members?

What if they weren’t criticized for the good things they didn’t do, but were praised for the good things they did do?

—Steve Higginbotham

It has been made known that Brother Steve Higginbotham has been diagnosed with stage four cancer in multiple areas. He is currently preacher at Karns COC in Knoxville., TN. We send heartfelt prayers and encouragement to Steve and his family.

Weekly Contribution
Goal

\$2440

August 16, 2020

\$1455

Remember Calls and Cards to Our Shut-ins

Joyce Popplewell --
Heritage in Yorktown
Ann Funk--Westminster
Linda Horning-- Westminster
Carl Gilstrap--Albany
Health Care

“Trouble and perplexity drive me to prayer and prayer drives away trouble and perplexity.”

Phillip Melanchtohon

“There is nothing we like to see so much as the gleam of pleasure in a person’s eye when he feels that we have sympathized with him, understood him and interested our self in his welfare. At these moments, something fine and spiritual passes between two people. These moments are the moments worth living.”

Don Marquis

Don't Bite Back!



When my brother and I were growing up, we had a little dog named Tip. Now Tip was a good old dog, but he was pretty irritable. In fact, he was known to snap at those who irritated him. On one occasion, however, Tip met his match. My brother apparently played too rough with him, and Tip nipped him. My brother's reaction was simple . . . he bit Tip back. Old Tip ran off yelping, with his tail between his legs. That story illustrates the philosophy of a lot of people toward life. It's the old "eye for an eye" mentality. The world says, "Don't take anything off of anyone." The Bible, however, holds the Christian to a higher standard. We can achieve God's standard if we will. Remember, it is God's prerogative to avenge wrong. He has told us, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay" (Romans 12:9). Retaliation isn't an option for us; it is something God has reserved exclusively for Himself. Refuse to harbor resentment in your heart! As long as it is there, it will fester, and you will never heal, and the urge to get even will be difficult to remove. Realize that we cannot be forgiven unless we are willing to forgive. Jesus taught that principle in His prayer in Matthew 6 – "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (vv. 14-15). Rest assured that one day every wrong will be set right (2 Corinthians 5:10). Those who mistreat us will not go unpunished. God deals with them in His own time. In Romans 12, Paul describes the only acceptable way for us to destroy our enemies. We are to treat them with kindness, thus making our enemies our friends.

Ron Stough, Duncan OK

Happy Birthday

Lela Proctor--August 23

Pam Smith--August 26

Bethany Allison--August 29

Jane Clark--August 30



In Need of Prayer

Adam Huffman, Kidney dialysis 3x's weekly

Alex Odle, Cancer

Angie Reed, MS

Betty Kellow

Bob Owens, Cancer. Kathy's cousin

Dan Proctor, Health issues. Lela's son

Delores Huffman, Cellulitis in leg

Emily Brown, Niece of Gary. Ill while attending college. Presently in quarantine

Estes Gregory, Health issues

Howard Goodman

Jim "Buck" Bailey, Debbie and Teresa's uncle, released from hospital and improving

Kathy Harper, Cellulitis, respiratory difficulties

Kim Hamm, Dana Kellow's sister. Lengthy regimen of chemo has been prescribed

Larry Reynolds, Heart surgery pending

Martha Gilstrap, Broken hip.

Melissa and Brian Anderson, Death of newborn

Mitch Kinder, Cancer. Sally's neighbor

Nancy Bateman

Robbie Murphy, Grandmother passed away

Skylar Murphy, Great-grandmother passed away

Sally Anderson, Health issues

Shannon Fitzgerald, Aggressive cancer. Genny's cousin. Replacement of upper bone in arm.

Susie Long, Degenerative arthritis in back

Wanda Reed, Recovering from chemo and radiation

About Norma Perry

Bible scholar, chef, baker and maker of noodles extraordinaire, card shark and merry to the bone, those are descriptions that can be ascribed to Norma Perry. Yes, and also, possum trapper. She has become known for her expertise in trapping possums from her yard; all done with finesse and without bravado. Just ask her about the story.

Norma and her late, husband, Ryburn, came to Yorktown and the West Side neighborhood when his work with Metropolitan Life transferred them here from Vincennes. Since they had only one car, Norm's only request was that they locate in walking distance of a Church of Christ so she and the two children could walk to services. It was purely coincidental that a new house was going up behind the West Side building. She and Ryburn had met in Vincennes after an intro from Norma's sister, Jean. He came with good credentials and Norma liked him the first time they met. They were married in 1954.

Norma was born on a Thursday in 1931 in Port Huron, MI where her father was working as an electrician. That was the year that gas cost 10 cents a gallon, hamburger was 11 cents per lb. and eggs were 18 cents a dozen. The average yearly wage was \$1850, women's wages were rarely above 25 cents per hour and the two top movies that year were Frankenstein and Dracula. But, the biggest news was that a grasshopper plague had hit the Midwest and the "dustbowl era" had begun with massive lay offs and bank closings. Herbert Hoover was president.

Norma's parents were Asa and Bessie Gaines. Mr. Gaines had suffered a devastating fall from a forty-foot electrical pole and, after mending, his heart called him back to Dexter, MO where he bought a farm, raising horses, sheep and cattle. Worship was always a priority in the Gaines household where they worshiped in a small country church. There were four boys and two girls in the family and her brothers loved and petted her and called her "Droopy Drawers". Saturdays were a special treat when Norma's mother took the two girls to town and gave them each 25 cents. Sister, Jean, spent her quarter on a movie and candy but Norma bought a hamburger for a nickel and a soda for a nickel and her mother the same and still had 5 cents left for candy. That was Norma Gaines, early on, thinking of the other "guy". After high school, Norma learned good work ethics, when she worked for Woolworths, selling candy by the pound and at Central cigar and Candy Co. where she did daily inventory on the salesmen's daily returns. If they had eaten any company candy or smoked cigars while on their routes, they answered to Norma.

Norma and Ryburn settled down in the Yorktown area and had four children in all, Kevin Eugene, Karen Elaine, Ken Edwin, and Kay Ellen, all "K's" and "E's". She can't explain the spelling of her offspring's names except to say, "Guess I was on a roll." Ryburn suffered a massive heart attack when he was 37 and Norma went to work at the Ball State Library for 18 years. Sadly, Ryburn passed away in 2010 as did Kevin, that same year. In this present year, Norma and Ryburn's legacy counts 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Norma gave her life to Christ when she was 18 and she remembers the water was frigid in December. At West Side, we see her as among the first to encourage and show concern and the first to assist in any way she can. Quick to make merry and laugh, she is, nevertheless, of iron will; her personal rule of thumb is to "carry on, make do and keep up", whatever your age or circumstance. Norma is a reminder (Luke 2:30) that, Anna, a widow in her 84th year made herself useful to "all those who were looking for redemption of Israel. She served in the temple daily and encouraged with prayer and thanksgiving for what had come her way and the way of the coming kingdom."

We honor Norma for her many years of Christian servitude and are strongly influenced by her love of the Lord and His church. She is much admired and appreciated for the dutiful and faithful person she is and is, always, a lady in spirit and bearing. Like her mother, Bessie the teacher, she leads by example, knowing that is the best way to point others to the truth of the Gospel.

Norma truly personifies the old poem by an unknown author, "I'm glad I touched shoulders with you" and we, at West Side, are so happy we to call her our Sister-in-Christ.