

Melbourne Church of Christ

"A family of believers seeking to grow spiritually while sharing Jesus and serving others."

Everybody Needs a Barnabas

by Tom Kelton

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 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, gave them the sense that all was not lost. It gave them hope.

Dates to Remember

- ★ Ladies meet the 4th Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food.
- Men meet the 4th Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.
- Potluck every 5th Sunday after services.

Sermons and bulletins available @
Melbournechurchofchrist.com

Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Worship 10:10 a.m.

Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.



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Family News

- The Encouragement Group has been moved from meeting on Tuesday's, to Thursday's at 9am in the fellowship hall. If you cannot attend at that time and would like to participate, talk to Danny or Betty Brightwell and they can get you set up.

OPENING PRAYER Anthony Weston

CLOSING PRAYER Davis Love



AUGUST

**ALAN LOVE
BRADLEY SIPE**

**DAVIS LOVE
CHIP MASTER**

SEPTEMBER

**JOE COOPER
SANDERS LEE WYATT**

**BRENT QUALLS
SHAWN WORTHAM**

Encouragers in the New Testament

by Edd Sterchi

Barnabas – “he was glad and encouraged them all” (Acts 11:23)

Silas – “encouraged and strengthened the brothers” (Acts 15:32)

Paul – “encouraged them with many words” (Acts 20:2)

Tychicus – “that he may encourage your hearts” (Col. 4:8)

Timothy – “to...encourage you concerning your faith” (1 Thess. 3:2)

Us – “Therefore, encourage one another” (1 Thess. 5:11)

Prayer List

Military: Derek Love **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson **Nursing Home:** Al Gillihan, Debbie Hoskinds, Imodean Webb, Troy Gaston, Eula Fulbright

Health: Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wilma Cooper	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Pritchard	Connie Wheeler	Bill Roland
Hayden Phillips	Donny Smith	Joanne Weston	Nevin Hart
Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson	Helen King	Phil Haagenson
Mary Kosmitis	Dorothy Teague	Jim Fowler	Shirley Lewis
Diane Owens	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Lynn Hicks
Justin Teague	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Chip & Regina Master	Ted & Sanyia Austin		Treva Voyles
John Ward	Michael Washington	Dwain Welch	Shawna Teegarden
Natasha Lesko	Christie Haney	Jerry Roland	Arlene Davidson
Regenia Gillihan	Cornelia Summers		

August Birthdays

Ashlyn Beebe 3 rd	Melba Gillihan 4 th	Geryl Taylor 5 th
John Smith 8 th	Tiffany Webb 10 th	Holly Cooper 12 th
Billy Beebe 13 th	Brent Qualls 15 th	Abe Cooper 15 th
Anita Love 17 th	Tim Vest 20 th	Diane Zook 20 th
Jimmie Young 22 nd	Dottie McWherter 23 rd	Jordan Kimble 23 rd
Ramona Qualls 26 th	Roby Cooper 26 th	Laine Wagoner 27 th
Sarena Young 28 th	Shawna Teegarden 29 th	Sanders Lee Wyatt 31 st

August Anniversaries

Tommy & Sandra Taylor 10 th	Danny & Betty Brightwell 12 th
Kelly & Tiffany Webb 13 th	Ronnie & Sally Adkisson 15 th
Cleve & Darla Weaver 21 st	Joe & Shirley Guiltner 23 rd
Doyle & Diana Wyatt 29 th	

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15, “We urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.”

The Gospel is the DBR:

