

TNT v2 – “The Barnabas Project”

Jeremy White

In Acts 4:36, we read of the apostles giving Joseph the surname Barnabas, which means “son of consolation.” The apostles recognized Barnabas’s ability to console and exhort those around him. In Acts 9, we see Barnabas at his best. Paul is a newly converted Christian, but the apostles would not accept him due to fear of his past persecutions of the church. It is Barnabas who sees the change in Paul and recognizes his abilities as an evangelist, despite his horrific past. Barnabas convinces the apostles to accept Paul as their own. In Acts 11, we read of the church rapidly spreading throughout the land. The apostles send Barnabas to assess the “tidings of the things which came unto the ears of the church in Jerusalem.” Going as far as Antioch, Barnabas exhorted the people, and they grew closer to the Lord, and many were added to the church.

In the spirit of Barnabas’s ability to exhort and encourage others, we have decided to revamp TNT. On September 20, 2011, we will begin “The Barnabas Project” with a pizza & salad dinner (**see sign-up sheet on bulletin board**). We will meet at 6:00 to eat (work begins at 6:30), and we will use that evening to focus on a particular family within our congregation. We will make cards, bake goodies, call, visit, and conjure up ideas on how to encourage and uplift the “family of focus.” From there, we will use the two weeks until our next TNT meeting to implement our plan of encouragement on that family. Once we meet again, we will choose another family, and we will again focus our encouragement on them. Eventually, everyone in the congregation will have **had the opportunity to be encouraged** in some way. If you attend TNT one evening, and you happen to be the person/family in focus, just sit back and allow us to show you our appreciation. The Barnabas Project gives us all an ample opportunity to “abound in love one toward another” (1Thes. 3:12).

In order for the Barnabas Project to succeed, we need as much support **from everyone in the congregation** as possible. Your attendance is very much welcomed and appreciated. We look forward to seeing you on the 20th!

** We endorse this new “version” of TNT and exhort everyone to consider participating in this worthy effort. -
The Elders



Happy Birthday this week:

Bonnie Melon Sept 11

W J Wood Sept 14

Margaret Kratz Sept 15

Noah Laplante Sept 15

Jimmy Harrington Sept 16

Happy Anniversary This Month to:

Wayne & Jackie Dixon Sept. 2

Lyn & Annette Shrader Sept. 8

Jeff & Rebecca Durham Sept. 17

Mitch & Kristie Jearls Sept. 17

Gene & Nancy Benefield Sept. 23

Herb & Shirley Baker Sept. 23

Paul & Yvette Mays Sept. 26

David & Hazel McFalls Sept. 26

Reminder: Preachers' Meeting tomorrow morning at **10:30 am**. All are invited to come. Viktor Semikoz (Ukraine) will be speaking.



It's not too early to begin sending cards and notes to **Steve Hall** as encouragement for our gospel meeting **October 16-19**. Address labels are on the table in the

Thoughts to ponder in sentence sermons:

Bibles that are falling apart usually belong to people who aren't.

Jesus is more easily seen on bended knee.

Kindness is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.

West Side Youth

September 16-18—RUSH weekend @ FHU

September 18—TBS @ Teen Center

Upcoming: Bowling (September)

Bonfire at the Edwards (October)

Nine Good Minutes

4 weeks !!

******Ladies Night Out Coming Soon******

Ladies Night Out - **September 22** at (6:30 pm) **Jeanny Gilpin's house**. **Jeanny and Jennifer Laplante** will host. Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

WOW

We will meet in October!! Please check our bulletin board and put your suggestions for activities in the box. Watch this spot for further details.

Turn Turn Turn

October 8th (26 years)

Ladies who plan to attend TTT on October.8 please sign up on the website or on the sig-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Planners' Meet –Sept 18 @4:30 in Teachers' Workroom

Present in the Lord

Funeral services for our dear sister, **Martha Keith**, were held Wednesday, Sept 7, 2011.

Please remember her family in prayers.

**Oakey's South (Brambleton) called and said someone had left a pair of glasses (black case) after the funeral. Call or inquire at the front desk.

TUESDAY NIGHT TALENTS

Tuesday Night Talents on **Sept 20** will be the "kick off" for the **Barnabus Project**. Plan to meet at 6:00 pm for dinner and then stay to help as this new work begins.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WEST SIDE

September 17-Mens' Breakfast @ Famous Anthonys

September 18—Friends & Family Day

October 8—TTT Ladies' Day at West Side

October 16-19—Gospel Meeting with Steve Hall

November 12—Men's w/s planning breakfast

Area Events

September 18-21 Fort Chiswell Church of Christ –Gospel

Meeting with Mark Bass 7:30 PM (M-W) Details posted

September 24 Rich Creek Church of Christ – Ladies Day

8:30-2:15 **Sign-up for the carpool** is posted on bulletin board.

October 1 Cold Harbor-Ladies Day –See notice for details.

SEPTEMBER ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:

"Snack pack" 100 calorie snacks (Cheetos and Ritz Mix);
sliced pepperoni

Give these items to Jeanny to be
shipped out.

Friends and Family Day

Next Sunday

...simply invite

Sunday, September 18

Fellowship meal afterwards

Team 1-Set UP Team 2-Drinks Team 3-Clean UP

Two brothers, **Cole and Mason Anderson**, 5th and 2nd graders at Glenvar Elementary School were badly burned over Labor Day Weekend. Please send cards to

Removed for privacy policy

Senior Servants

Lynn Anderson	Norma Biller
Betty Buckner	Jim Dorsett
Margaret Kratz	Miriam Majors
Jo Musgrove	Evelyn Scott
Elsie Smith	Ruth Stanton
Evelyn White	WJ Wood
Grace Myers	Al Furrow



- ♦ Mary Dennis (LD) had back surgery on Thursday at RMH.
- ♦ Norma Horn, friend of the **Mickens** had a stroke.
- ♦ Leland Bodine, brother of Edna Holdren (LD) is in hospital in TN with terminal cancer.
- ♦ **David Wilcox's** EKG was good-will have additional tests and needs our prayers.

Continue in Prayer:

Ruth & Glenn Hartman, Sr.

Sandra Speir

Dale Janosik

Corey Ryan

David Hayes

Mary Valentine

Ron White

Willard Campbell

Susan Stinnett –surgery 9/22

Naola McCormick

Mary Halling

Martha Harris

Mickie Janney

Sue and Jerry Wood

Deena Maio

Angelo Duran

Kevin Barnard

Jerry and Jennifer Ogden

September 2011

If You Keep Doing What You're Doing, You'll Get More of What You've Got

The poem is entitled, "Sitting By the Fire," and its words, though somewhat humorous, reveal a very real truth. It states:

An old man sat by the open fire,
And dreamed the years away;
While outside in the battle of life
Many perished in the toils of day.

He never did any good nor did
He ever do any wrong—
He just sat by the open fire
And dreamed the whole day long.

Now he's left a vacant chair,
And they say he's gone up higher,
But if he still does what he used to do—
He's still sitting by the fire.

The reality of it is if we are doing nothing for the Lord's Cause and we continue as we are, at the end of the day we are going to end up with exactly what we worked for - nothing. If we haven't grown in the knowledge and grace of the Lord (II Pet. 3:18) in years, nor studied His word regularly (II Tim. 2:15), nor attempted to teach other individuals (Mt. 28:18-20), nor truly worshipped properly from the heart (Jn. 4:24), nor followed His will in other ways, when all is said and done we will only have more of what we had at the beginning.

Contrariwise, if we are walking in the steps of Jesus (I Pet. 2:21; I Tim. 4:12), fighting the good fight of faith (I Tim. 6:12), laying up treasures in Heaven (Mt. 6:19-21), seeking to save the lost (Lk. 19:10), adding constantly the Christian graces to our lives (II Pet. 1:3-10), walking in the light of God's word (I Jn. 1:7), and being obedient in all things to Him Who died for us (II Cor. 2:9; Heb. 5:9), we are certain to get more of what we have- more spiritual blessings.

Basically, then, it is a matter of what we are doing now, where we are, with what we have. The five-talent and two-talent men made changes and got busy doing more because more was demanded of them (Mt. 25:14-23). They kept on doing what they were doing until their lord's return, and got more of what they had. On the other hand, the one-talent man made no change, kept on doing what he was doing all along, and ended up worse than when he began (Mt. 25:24-28). The choice is yours; but, rest assured that if you keep on doing what you're doing now, you'll end up with more of what you currently have. For you, would that be a good thing or a bad thing?

-Eddy

Monthly Servants	
Announcements:	Marc Laplante
Song Leader (AM):	Jeff Durham
Opening Prayer (AM)	
9/4/2011	Jeff Williams
9/11/2011	Ron White
9/18/2011	Squeaky Valentine
9/25/2011	Wayne Dixon
Preside at Communion:	Don Pettit
Serve Table	
	Bob Martin
	Fred Altizer
	Herman Lowe
	Jeremy White
Closing Prayer (AM):	
9/4/2011	Tom Richardson
9/11/2011	Danny Guard
9/18/2011	Charlie Gwaltney
9/25/2011	Herb Baker
Song Leader (PM):	David Brown
Opening Prayer (PM)	
9/4/2011	Jerry Anderson
9/11/2011	Glenn Gabbard
9/18/2011	Bob Garby
9/25/2011	Tom Rogers
Scripture Reader:	Dylan Tyler
Closing Prayer (PM)	
9/4/2011	John Black
9/11/2011	Jeff Durham
9/18/2011	Dylan Tyler
9/25/2011	Charlie Maness
Serve Table (PM)	
	Bradford Durham
	Mark Brooks
Song Leader (Wed):	Bob Garby
Prayer (Wed)	
9/7/2011	Jeremy White
9/14/2011	Wesley White
9/21/2011	Squeaky Valentine
9/28/2011	Ed Mickens
Open/Close Bldg:	Lyn Shrader
Greeters:	Bakers; Browns
Nursery Attend:	Jean Argabright
	Olivia Valentine
	Curtis Oakes,
Ushers:	Roger Mays
	Austin Whitlow;
Handouts:	Kevin Mickens
Prepare communion:	Martha Wood
	Nancy Richardson
Baptismal Garments:	Judy Durham
Cards/Pencils:	Austin Whitlow
	Emmalynn Whitlow

Last week's attendance 9/4/11 & 9/7/11

Bible Class-148 Worship Service-171

Sunday PM-124 Wednesday PM-147

Contribution- \$ 8348

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