

Gospel Power



"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation..." (Romans 1:16)

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Men Priviledged To Serve:

Sunday, June 9th

Bible Classes

Song Leader

..... Brian Word

Bible Reading (Jam. 1:12-27)

..... Rodney McCrary

Prayer

..... Claus Martel

Morning Worship

Song Leader

..... Brian Word

Prayer

..... Mark McIntyre

Lord's Supper/Collection

Presiding Claus Martel

Serving.. James Albert McConnell

..... Rodney McCrary

..... Jason White

Closing Prayer

..... Ray Tucker

Evening Worship

Song Leader

..... Jerry Dickey

Bible Reading (Jam. 2:1-13)

..... Ronnie Phillips

Prayer

..... Daniel Clemmons

Lord's Supper

..... Claus Martel

Closing Prayer

..... Rocky Rose

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Gospel Meeting

June 16-21

(Sunday – Friday)

Schedule of Services

Sunday: 9:45 a.m.; 10:45 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Monday – Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

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Anderson, Alabama

Two Men Serve The Lord

Bill Hall

Two men serve the Lord. The first is motivated by his love for the local church as an institution. He enthusiastically supports its program of activities. He works diligently to get others to be baptized, for he is interested in organization of which he is a part, and he wants to see it grow. He attends all the meetings, gives liberally of his money, and really does his part in support of the local church.

The other is motivated by his love for the Lord. He, too, works to convert others, but he does so because he is concerned for their souls. He, too, attends all the meetings, for in doing so he is drawn closer to the Lord Whom he loves, and has opportunity to glorify His name. He also gives liberally of his money, for he loves the Lord and is interested in doing his part in financing His work. He loves the church and rejoices when it grows but his love reaches far more deeply than does that of the first man; in fact, he would serve the Lord if there were not another Christian on earth nor prospects that there ever would be another.

The first man's enthusiasm is dependent to a great degree on others. While the congregation is growing and active, his enthusiasm continues strong; but when problems arise, or his favorite preacher moves on, or some of his brethren don't "pull their weight," or someone criticizes him, or the congregation just generally faces a difficult period, his enthusiasm begins to wane and he becomes "unfaithful."

The second man is stable and unwavering. Brethren come and go; the congregation of which he is a part has its periods of depression; problems arise from time to time; but this man's enthusiasm remains constant through it all, for it is centered on Him Who never changes, the One who has promised, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

Let us take heed, how we build (1

Corinthians 3:10). Perhaps the title of this article should read, "One man serves the Lord," for it is very doubtful that the first man serves the Lord at all.

~via *The Graphic Evangelist*, Athens, Alabama.



Are You A Barnabas?

Jacob Holman

Have you ever noticed how people are described in the Bible? For instance, Abraham was called the "friend of God." David was called a "man after God's own heart." In Acts 4:36, notice how Barnabas is described. "*And Joseph, a Levite of Cyprian birth, who was also called Barnabas by the apostles (which translated means, Son of Encouragement).*" What an honor to be known and remembered as one who encouraged others! Let's look at a few snapshots in the life of Barnabas to see why the apostles named him so.

We are introduced to Barnabas in Acts 4:36. In verse 37, we find out why he was called the "Son of Encouragement." The text says he, "*owned a tract of land, sold it and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.*" You will remember that the church had recently been formed in Jerusalem and there were many new Christians who were foreigners. These people had no housing and probably very little food and clothing. To care for their needs, "*all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales, and lay them at the apostles' feet*" (v. 34).

Barnabas was among these generous Christians. We are not told if he was a wealthy man or if he owned more than one piece of property, but we do know that he had a willingness to help a brother or a sister in need. In this way, he provided encouragement in such a discour-

aging situation to many who had given up family, jobs, homes, etc. to follow Christ.

In Acts 9, we find another snapshot of Barnabas' life. When the disciples in Jerusalem refused to accept Paul into their number, Barnabas stepped in and defended Paul's apostleship, telling those brethren of his recent conversion and charge from Jesus to be a witness to His cause by preaching to the "Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel" (Acts 9:15). How encouraging it must have been to Paul, a new Christian and apostle, to have Barnabas go to bat for his sake.

In Acts 11, we find yet another example of Barnabas' encouraging spirit. Because of persecution, the Jerusalem church sent Barnabas to Antioch. Notice what he did there. "Then when he had come and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord" (v. 23). Here were some brethren who must have been sorely discouraged about enduring persecution. And Barnabas was able to come to them and encourage them to not give up, but to keep on keeping on! We know that much good came from his efforts as v. 24 tells us that "*considerable numbers were brought to the Lord.*"

How about for you and me? Could someone rightfully call us a "Son of Encouragement?" I realize not all of us have the same abilities, but are all of us looking for ways to encourage others? Let's try to do something this week to be a Barnabas to a brother or sister in Christ!

~via *College View Columns*, Florence, Alabama

News & Notes

THE SICK: *Millinea Word* is back at NHC in Pulaski for rehabilitation, room 230, after spending a couple of days at the Hillside Hospital in Pulaski...**Ashley Goode's father, Robert Barringer**, continues in the CCU at ECM hospital in Florence ..**Ronnie and Lou Ann Phillips** were better and able to be at Bible study Wednesday night after being sick over the week end..**Margaret Weathers** is continuing to have more tests this week ..**My sister, Anita Willis** will begin her treatments on Friday of this week..**Freda McConnell's father, Alton Wray**, continues at home following his rehabilitation ... Remember **James McConnell's father, Albert McConnell**, following his treatments ...**Scottie Goode's father, Hubert Goode**, continues at home taking his medication... **Mattie Blanche Word** continues at home ..**Millinea Word's mother, Nola McCafferty, and brother, Paul McCafferty** and **Aldeen Noles** are in the SunBridge Nursing Home in Lawrenceburg ..**Mary Best's nephew, Shannon Johnson**, who is at home ... **Tisha Thomas' grandmother, Nellie Hunter**, who is in the Meadow Brook Nursing Home in Pulaski.

MEETING BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY: A week from today our meeting with Bill Hall will begin. I know that brother Hall will do his work well and I hope that each one of us will have planned our schedules to be at every service. There will be three sermons on Sunday with the primary classes and up meeting in the auditorium. Remember there are still some fliers on the table in the vestibule for you to take and pass along to those that you invite to our gospel meeting. Remember to contact those you have previously invited and remind them that the week is here. Remember to pray for the meeting and for brother Hall. Let us truly take advantage of the spiritual feast that will be before us next week.



Remember Our Bible Class Periods

Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

GOSPEL MEETINGS/VBS: The **College View church** in Florence is having a lectureship this week beginning tomorrow morning at 9:30 a.m. The speakers in the lectureship this year are: *Dee Bowman, Randy Harshbarger, Lawrence Kelley and Mike Wilson*. They will have lectures through Thursday at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m. and 7:50 p.m. They will have a period of congregational singing beginning each evening at 6:30 p.m. There is a flier on the bulletin board with the topics and speakers on it...The **West Rogersville church** in Rogersville will begin a meeting today and it will continue through Wednesday. They will meet tonight at 7:30 and Monday through Wednesday at 7:00. *Mike Waters of Cullman* will be the speaker in this meeting ... The **O'Neal church** in Athens will begin a vacation Bible school tomorrow and it will continue through Friday with services at 7:00 p.m. *John Smith* will be the speaker in the adult class each evening ... The **Elgin Hills church** in Elgin will begin a vacation Bible school tomorrow and it will continue through Friday with services at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATION GROUPS: This week is Communication Group two's week to meet. If you are in group two, plan to participate with your group tonight.

OUT OF TOWN: *The McIntyres: Suzette, Sadie and Luke* along with *Sissy Clemmons* have been in Arkansas visiting with Ray & Judy Williams.

NEW BABY: We rejoice with the **Mosley family** this week in the birth of *Curtis and Jamie's* daughter, *Taylor Breece*, this past Tuesday afternoon. Taylor is now at home with her parents. Also, we want to congratulate **Roger and Cindy Mosley** on becoming grandparents.

BAPTISM: We rejoiced Wednesday evening when **Jimmy Glass** came forward and expressed his desire to be baptized into Christ. We are thankful for the courage and the conviction that Jimmy displayed and wish for him many years of faithful service to the Lord.

Come and Study God's Word With Us.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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