



# Weekly Booster

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## Jesus' Example of Living Life to the Fullest

Living in this broken world, people know defeat all too well. Everyone has experienced a relationship where someone let them down, or a situation that didn't work out the way they hoped. These moments of disappointment or frustration reveal the tragic fact that this world is deeply flawed. Even though believers live in the hope of the resurrection and the victorious life that Jesus promises through his Spirit, he still calls us to live in this world, where we experience death, brokenness, mourning and pain (in contrast to the coming kingdom: [Revelation 21:4](#)).

Jesus' resurrection reveals to believers the true way to life. Those who think that the abundant life consists of finding one's way around suffering and hardship have a misguided perception of what Jesus promised.

Jesus' life and example teach that the way to a full life consists of service, hardship, opposition, pain and suffering. Believers look at Jesus' life and see that God's best plan for his Son was to stay close to him through the most unimaginable of circumstances. The New Testament shows many times over that God was with his Son until the end, when Jesus took our sin upon himself and suffered on the cross.

But the good news is God didn't leave his Son in the grave! Because Jesus submitted to the point of death, and then defeated death, he paved the way for all people to find eternal life.

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*Did you that the actors who voiced Mickey and Minnie mouse got married in real life? Russi Taylor (Minnie) and Wayne Allwine (Mickey) tied the knot in 1991.*

### Reminders

**July 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Communion Sunday

**July 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.  
No Bell or Choir Practice until Fall

**July 11<sup>th</sup>**  
T.O.P.S.

**\*\*No PK-6 or Jr/Sr High  
Sunday School until Fall**

**\*\*Worship Assistants are needed for  
July 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\* Fellowship Volunteers needed  
sign-up in Fellowship Hall**



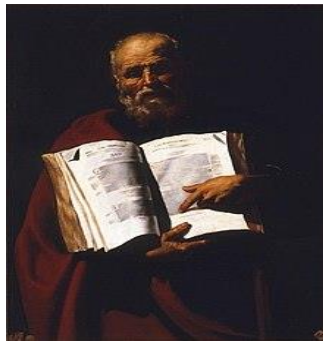
*Did you the last letter added to the English alphabet was "J". The letter dates back to 1524, and before that the letter 'I' was used for both for the 'I' and 'J' sounds.*

### Living Life - Continued from page 1.

By submitting himself to death, Jesus found life. "For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it" ([Mark 8:35](#)). It's only in surrendering to his will and his way that believers actually find the fullness of life as God intended it.

In all of this, Jesus is victorious. He was, is, and will always be undefeated by sin, by death and by the grave. His victory is found in the fact that he was, and is, a selfless servant. In graciously giving his life, he also created a pathway to the life that is truly life eternal.

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### The Barnabas Way of Shaping Lives for Jesus

*Barnabas ("son of encouragement," [Acts 4:36](#)), was just an ordinary member of his local church, but we shouldn't overlook his significance in leading the early church. Jonathan Murphy explores Barnabas' crucial role in spreading the gospel and shows us what*

*his life teaches us about becoming a servant leader as we seek to be everyday influencers for Christ.*

Barnabas was a picker and a piggybacker. He got those around him involved. He made sure he gave them the lift they needed to succeed as God intended. We see this clearly as his role in the book of Acts begins to increase and he is used by God to lead the first globally minded church in history, the church in the city of Antioch.

Up until this point in Acts, we've seen Barnabas emerge gradually through a few verses in [Acts 4](#) and one in [Acts 9](#). But in [Acts 11:19-30](#) God begins to shine the spotlight on him some more in the pages of Scripture. God wants us to see His choice role model as the leader of the first church that strategically planned to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth.

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## Volunteers Needed



**LAST PERSON LEAVING**  
PLEASE TURN OUT LIGHTS  
AND LOCK DOORS

First United Methodist Church  
**Please wear your  
name tag on  
Sunday mornings**



### Church Ad Board Members

- Michelle Morelock - Chair*
- Mary Peterson - Secretary*
- Margaret Brady - Vice Chair & Trustee*
- Gary Milstead - Trustee*
- Roger Jones - SPRC*
- Robin Hensen - Finance*
- Dave Lashier - Treasurer*
- Craig Harris - Lay Member to Annual Conference*
- Connie Anderson - Memorials*
- Linda Haldane - Membership*
- David Clark - Pastor*

## Church Office Hours

**\*\* Children & Jr.-Sr. High Sunday School – will resume in the Fall. Have a safe summer!**

**\*\*Choir – No choir until Fall.**

**\*\*Bell Choir – No Bells until Fall**

The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.

**Monday**

9:00-11:00

12:00-3:00

**Tuesday**

9:00-11:00

12:00-3:00

**Wednesday**

**CLOSED**

**Thursday**

9:00-11:00

12:00-3:00

**Friday**

9:00-11:00

12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.



According to Malachi, after the messenger purify the sons of Levi, in what will they bring offerings to the Lord?

- a) justice
- b) lowliness
- c) kindness
- d) righteousness

Who was asked to go to the ant in order to be wise?

- a) adulteress
- b) drunkard
- c) sluggard
- d) unorganized people

In 2 John 3, what did John ask should be with those he was writing to?

- a) mercy
- b) grace
- c) peace
- d) All of them

**Check page 4 for answers from the previous week.**



- 7<sup>th</sup> – Bradley Mauer, Ed & Donna Robison
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Dennis & Cheri Christiansen
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Grayson Howard
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Becky Livengood
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Logan Ehlers, Dennis McLaren
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Sloan Tackett

**\*\*See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to [office@shen.church](mailto:office@shen.church)**

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Services are now on our YouTube  
channel only.

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**\*Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: Terry Stafford**

**Call to Worship**

**Leader: Do you see him? Jesus is the Lamb of God.**

**People: Open our eyes that we may see.**

**L: Jesus asks us, "What is it that you want?"**

**P: We want to know where he is dwelling.**

**L: Jesus says to us, "Come and see."**

**P: We will follow and remain with Jesus.**

**"THE INVITATION: 'COME AND SEE'"**

**Scripture Reading: John 1:35-39**

**Songs**

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise #103**

**Cry of My Heart #2165**

**Lamb of God #2113**

**Special Music – Katelyn Darrah**

**Last Week's Attendance**

**In-Person Worship – 70**

**On-Line Worship – 15**

**Our Mission:**

***"Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love."***

**Our Vision:**

***"We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world."***

**Answers for June 30<sup>th</sup> are d) All of the above c) measuring line d) All of the above**

**Quiz hints – Q1) Malachi Q2) Proverbs Q3) 2 John 3**





## July 2024

Spaghetti Sauce, Green Beans & Corn, Brownie, Cake, and Muffin Mixes, Mandarin Oranges & Pineapple, Macaroni & Cheese, Hamburger & Tuna Helpers, Chicken Noodle Soup, Cereal, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Shampoo.

There are times when people who use the Food Pantry come to the pantry on foot. They are then forced to walk home carrying, pushing, or pulling several pounds of food. Southwest Iowa Transit, for a very reasonable fee of \$5.00, will take individuals with their food items home. If you are interested in helping pay for these fees, simply seal your cash (whatever you would like to give) in a plain envelope and add it to your donated food items.

Kids corn eating contest during "Celebrate Our Star-Spangled Shenandoah," July 3, 2024, at Sportsman Park.

Thank you to the Finlay's for providing the corn and Dan for preparing the corn for the contest.



**Chef Dan Finlay**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Two Volunteers Needed each Thursday  
to Deliver Meals**

**Sign-Up Sheet is on the  
Welcome Center Counter**

When we left Barnabas in that cameo appearance back in [Acts 9:27](#), he was the human hinge that swung open the door for Paul's acceptance into the church. Furthermore, he was the human bridge Paul walked across toward ministry life.

Much has happened since then in the book of Acts. If you recall, Acts is the record of the activities of the Holy Spirit through followers of Jesus. Acts tells the story of the unfolding of Jesus' words in [Acts 1:8](#) that His followers bear witness to Him in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth—all in the power of the Holy Spirit. And this was occurring.

The book of Acts captures this flow in its broad structure. In its introduction ([1:1–11](#)), we read Jesus' final instructions to His disciples, just before He is taken up to heaven: "and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" ([v. 8](#)). Then the rest of the book of Acts shows Jesus' followers carrying out that mission:

1. Witnesses of Jesus throughout *Jerusalem* ([1:12–8:3](#))
2. Witnesses of Jesus throughout *Judea and Samaria* ([8:4–11:18](#))
3. Witnesses of Jesus throughout the *ends of the earth* ([11:19–28:31](#))

What I want you to see is that this next account of Barnabas launches the third major section of that flow of Acts—the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. Barnabas is key to this right at the beginning of this global move.

Barnabas was chosen by God to play a crucial role in the establishment of that first church that actively implemented God's vision to take the gospel to all. Again, our passage makes it clear that the hand of God was driving this move ([11:21](#)). These are the activities of the Holy Spirit! Sometimes He uses persecution or hardship to accomplish His purposes ([vv. 19–20](#)), but He also uses regular people like Barnabas and you and me.

## The Barnabas Way Guides Others

An authentic influencer leads regardless of any formal position of leadership. We've already seen that Barnabas influenced those around him from wherever God placed him. Up to this point it's not been from an official leadership role. We, too, must lead whoever is nearby from whatever position God has us in, even if it means stepping into formal leadership roles from time to time. Several insights emerge from Barnabas's willingness to step up into a more formal leadership role.

**Barnabas is picked to lead and bring organization to the task at hand.** Barnabas emerges in [Acts 11](#) as sort of senior pastor in the church at Antioch. He brings order and direction to this new church plant. Barnabas was specifically picked to do this, which again reveals his reputation among the leaders of the church in Jerusalem. In fact, previously in [Acts 8](#), the leadership sent none other than the apostles Peter and John up to Samaria to assess and organize the spread of the gospel into the second phase of God's plan: the witness of

the gospel in Judea and Samaria (8:4–11:18). As we enter this third movement, they pick Barnabas. That's a massive vote of confidence in Barnabas's leadership approach and organizational skills.

Barnabas is chosen and so he steps up. He doesn't shrink back. Upon arrival, he takes note of what's happening. He discerns it to be the work of God. He rejoices with the believers and encourages them to live with devotion to God. He also becomes their teacher, a role in Acts so far that is associated with the apostles as leaders of the church. Barnabas establishes this church plant into a healthy and outward-looking body. He moves them in the right direction; he leads them to catch God's vision for the world.

**Barnabas is a leader qualified by godly character.** A key qualification in the Scriptures for a godly influencer—be it a servant leader in a ministry or an everyday believer wanting to shape those around them—is godly character. When character, competence, and convictions merge in an individual, you have the makings of an authentic influencer. Skill sets and know-how (competence) and a commitment to truth with passion and vision (convictions) will collapse if the person does not have moral qualities and integrity (character)—*godly* character. It is indispensable.

Influence, at whatever level, is godly only if the heart is transformed to follow the pattern of Jesus Christ and produces the fruit of the Spirit. God wants us to know that Barnabas's qualification to represent Him in this pastoral role is in his heart: "He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith" ([Acts 11:24](#)).

**Barnabas is a generous leader who leads a church to generosity.** When we were introduced to Barnabas in [Acts 4](#), he was a role model of generosity to those around him; he was sacrificial in his giving. This emerges again. While it is mentioned briefly, it is significant. God sent word through a prophet concerning a famine that was about to occur, and those whom Barnabas had taught to discern God's Word responded with a relief mission. They set up a benevolence fund. The outward and self-sacrificial generosity of the believers at Antioch is but one expression of what they'd been taught from their leader. Barnabas had been their teacher for a year, and as we've seen, he showed God's people how to be generous. He was contagious!

Barnabas was always available to do what God needed done; he didn't care if the matter was big or small. Barnabas was always a breath of fresh air to those around him: he encouraged the apostles, he encouraged Paul, and he encouraged the churches in Jerusalem, Antioch, and all over what is modern-day Turkey.

No, Barnabas didn't write any book on theology or an epistle in the Bible, but he did give us the apostle Paul. He didn't write a gospel, but he gave us John Mark, the author of the Gospel of Mark. It is also believed that under Barnabas's ministry in Antioch, Dr. Luke—the author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles—came to faith. Yes, Barnabas was just an everyday Christian, but he is a perfect example of how God uses ordinary believers to accomplish His extraordinary purposes on earth.



We live in an age of anxiety. Many either wander aimless and distracted--moving from one thing to the next and never finding fulfillment or satisfaction and never actually outrunning the anxiety we are trying to escape. Or sometimes we just sit and become overwhelmed with boredom and apathy as we succumb to the weight of the anxiety. Out of this, Jesus calls us to follow. He calls us to meaning and purpose. He calls us to follow him in the way of life that leads us back home. This Sunday we are beginning a new sermon series called "Following Jesus: Coming Home Again for the First Time." I hope you can join us!

Grace and peace,  
Pastor David B. Clark