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Pause With Dawes

By Denny Dawes
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There is a wonderful story in the book of 1 Chronicles 11. David has been installed as King following the death of Saul. We read about David's mighty warriors in this chapter. We might think of these men as being King David's bodyguard. Similar perhaps to the Secret Service protecting the President of the United States, these men are the protectors of the king of Israel.

Jashobeam killed three hundred men with his spear in one encounter. (v. 11) Eleazar defended a field of barley from the Philistines, striking many of them down. (v. 12-14) Benaiah struck down Moab's two mightiest warriors and he killed a lion in a pit on a snowy day. He also struck down an Egyptian who was about seven feet six inches tall. (five cubits tall – v. 22-24)

One day David longed for a drink of water from the well at Bethlehem. The only problem was there was a Philistine garrison of soldiers in Bethlehem. Perhaps David was remembering his childhood and drinking water from that well and he longed for it one more time. I can remember as a teenager working on my grandparents farm at haymaking season. If you



have ever put up hay you know it is a hot and tiring job. I can remember getting back to the farm house when the day's work was done. All of us wanted to get a drink of cold water. There was a pump at the house and we would all take turns getting drinks of water. This was water that you could see flakes of iron in it but we didn't pay any attention to that. The water was cold and it was refreshing. I think of that water occasionally and I can almost taste it. It would be nice to have a drink from that water.

Three of David's mighty men heard what David said about wanting water from the well in Bethlehem. Even though the Philistine garrison was there, these three men broke through the Philistine lines and drew water from that well for David. The story takes an interesting turn here, for when they gave the water to David he refused to drink it. He poured the water out to the Lord. 1 Chronicles 11:19 – *"God forbid that I should do this!"* he said. *"Should I drink the blood of these men who went at the risk of their lives?"* Because they risked their lives to bring it back, David would not drink it. ...

David would not treat this action of these men as a trifling matter. Though he longed for the water from the Bethlehem well, he regarded as greater the risk the men had taken for him.

In a few days we will remember those who have given the supreme sacrifice of their lives to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today. Do not count their sacrifice as trifling. Even greater still, do not count the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for your sins as a trifling thing.



Don Seevers

Pictured is Danny Evans, Associate of Barnabas Ministries, and Don Seevers, preacher at Sand Hill Christian Church, South Shore, KY. Danny is presenting the **Honored Servant Award** to Don. This is in recognition of Don's faithful service to our Father and His kingdom. Don has been preaching for seventy-five years. Only God knows the number of people who are in the kingdom because of Don's faithfulness.

If you would like to nominate a faithful preacher to be honored, submit their name to us. Contact Denny Dawes at preacherman1971@twc.com





Wisdom From Willie

By Willie Purdee
Trustee With Barnabas Ministries

What are some of the most meaningful words that have ever been spoken to you? What words have impacted your life and life will never be the same since they were spoken?

I love you! I hate you! I hope I never see you again! Will you marry me? I want to spend the rest of my life with you! It is a healthy baby boy/girl! I am sorry but we did everything we could! You have cancer! I am so proud of you!

We all have experienced words of encouragement that make us soar. On those days the sun seems to shine a little brighter and the smell on the wind is a little sweeter. We have all experienced words of hurt, words of loss. Those days are dark and difficult and if you

have experienced those days, you just hope they are over quickly.

Recently a minister friend of mine passed away. Robert Warren was a minister in the Tri-State area (Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia) several years ago. He passed suddenly at the age of 54. He left behind a sweet wife and two handsome young men. I was stunned to read of his passing, and it made me stop about how short this life is.

Paul says, "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." (Colossians 4:6) How we speak to others and what we say can have a long-lasting impact.

I hope that what I say and the way I speak is full of grace, love, and encouragement. May my family benefit from the caring words that come from the overflow of my heart. May those I meet in different places be encouraged by what I say and how I speak. Speech and conversations are one of the most powerful tools of communication. May we use them to benefit others.



Winter Worship Workshop

Music Road Resort • Pigeon Forge, TN

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Speakers For 2026 WWW

We have a lineup of great speakers for our 2026 WWW program. We will be challenged and encouraged.

- **Monday Evening:** Tony Sullivan
- **Tuesday Morning:** Bill Horton, Vernon Eldridge, Keenan Gooseman
- **Tuesday Evening:** Jerry Bliffen;
- **Wednesday Morning:** Danny Dodds, Denny Dawes, Rick Mathena
- **Wednesday Evening:** Aaron Davis
- **Thursday Morning:** John Mitchell



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Bye-Words From Bob

By Bob Huron
Trustee With Barnabas Ministries

If you look at the theme of Jesus's teaching, you find that everything centered on one thing. Matthew 4:17 says: From that time on Jesus began to preach, "*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.*" And so, it is no surprise that we find so many parables that tell us, "*The Kingdom of Heaven is like ...*" In the book of Matthew, chapter 13, Jesus tells two short parables back-to-back about the value of the Kingdom of God. Beginning at verse 44, we see the parable of the Hidden Treasure and the parable of the Pearl.

These parables point out how valuable the Kingdom of Heaven really is. We see that in both parables, the subject gives up everything to obtain the valuable item. **Are you holding any area of your life back from God? Or are you giving your life fully to Him?** The price Jesus paid for you was his life. He left HEAVEN to DIE, taking on YOUR SIN AND MINE. Now, instead of asking for your death, He is asking for your life. Romans 12:1 will say that this is only reasonable. This is how we thank Him. He died for us; we will live for him.

You cannot escape the teaching here in this parable that the kingdom of heaven is a valuable matter, worth sacrificing everything in order to obtain. How valuable? 1 Corinthians 2:9 says, "*No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.*" No person, no position, or possession is worth missing out on God's kingdom. So, seek and you will find. Matthew 6:33 tells us, "*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*"

Make the
Kingdom of
Heaven your
**NUMBER ONE
PRIORITY!**



Tom's Thoughts

By Tom Logan
Trustee With Barnabas Ministries

On the last Monday in May we celebrate Memorial Day. This was formerly known as Decoration Day. We pay tribute to the men and women of the military who died while in service to the United States of America. This was first established to honor the Union soldiers who died during the Civil War. The first Memorial Day celebration was held in Waterloo, NY, May 5, 1866. After the first World War it was expanded to honor all who died in any war. It was a day for visiting the grave sites of those who made the supreme sacrifice. Today, it seems to be more about a day off from work, picnics and races.

We also have a Memorial Day that is far more significant than the one observed the last Monday in May. We who are the Lord's church meet together on the Lord's Day to worship and to remember Jesus as he died on the cross. He paid our sin debt with his life so that we could be set free from sin's condemnation through our faith and obedience to God's Word. We follow the example of those in Acts 20:7, in meeting together to break bread. Jesus asks us to remember Him.



Dying, for Jesus, is a sacrifice I will probably never have to make. But living for Jesus is the sacrifice I choose to make each day. When men and women died for our country, it wasn't so I could eat hot dogs and watch a parade. It was so I could live in the freedom they helped to preserve. Jesus went to the cross for me. His blood was shed for my sins, not His. We should always remember the men and women who made the supreme sacrifice for us so we can enjoy the freedoms that we hold so dear. Let us all make the sacrifice to live for Christ. It is the least we can do considering all he has done for us.



PREACHER RECRUITMENT & ENCOURAGEMENT SEMINAR

To Schedule a Meeting Contact:

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Upcoming Seminar:

October 11, 2025
Woodburn Christian
Children's Home
Woodburn, IN

Barnabas Ministries wants to recruit and encourage preachers. We will provide a FREE seminar. If you would like to host one of these seminars, here is what Barnabas will do:

- We will bear the cost of speakers and hotels if needed.
- The speakers will present material relating to ministry and to the preacher's family.
- We can have sessions just for the wives.
- We will provide a binder for the material given out and a few other gifts for preachers and their wives.

The seminar schedule will be two speakers, a break, two more speakers, lunch and a final speaker. If this does not "fit" your plans, we are flexible.

Seminars are held on Saturdays. We are simply interested in encouraging preachers. The host church will provide lunch and snack for break time. Barnabas will reimburse the church for all expenses.



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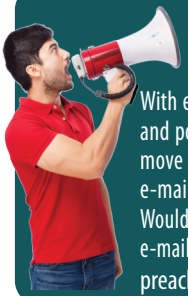
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Denny Dawes ON THE ROAD...

Revival

September 28-October 1
Guyandotte Church of Christ
Huntington, WV



Check Out These Events

- **KYOWVA Quarterly Supper Mtg.**
Westwood Chr. Church
Ashland, KY
June 16, 2025
- **Sugarloaf Family Camp**
Wallingford, KY
June 28-30, 2025
- **Hillsboro Family Camp**
Hillsboro, OH
July 21-24, 2025
- **National Prayer Clinic**
Grundy, VA
October 13-16, 2025

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BIBLE:
the only inspired record of God's revelation to us
SIN:
the only thing standing between God and man
JESUS CHRIST:
The only perfect One who paid for sin
THE GOSPEL:
The only record of Jesus' life
SALVATION:
the only hope for sinful man
FAITH:
is only "saving faith: if it includes repentance, confession of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and being baptized as did every convert after the resurrection of Jesus.