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February 16-19, 2026 Speakers



Monday, FEB 16 Evening Session at 7 PM



Tony Sullivan from Union City, GA



Tuesday FEB 17 Morning Sessions at 9 AM



Bill Horton
Lansing, MI
Session 1



Vernon Eldridge
McConnelsville, OH
Session 2



Keenan Gooseman
Ripley, WV
Session 3



Tuesday FEB 17 Evening Session at 7 PM



Jerry Bliffin from Pikeville, KY



Wednesday FEB 18 Morning Sessions 9 AM



Danny Dodds
Washington
Court House, OH
Session 1



Dennis Dawes
Portsmouth, OH
Session 2



Rick Mathena
Bluefield, WV
Session 3



Wednesday FEB 18 Evening Session at 7 PM



Aaron Davis from Pikeville, KY



Thursday FEB 19 Morning Session



John Mitchell from Mason, OH



Pause With Dawes

By Denny Dawes
Director, Barnabas Ministries

It's an old parable. Perhaps you have used it. Perhaps you have even told it. The point is timeless and still true. Even if you have heard it before, act like you haven't and enjoy it.

A team went forth to play a game of baseball. Just as the umpire was saying, "Batter up", the catcher for the home team arrived and took his place behind home plate. The centerfielder didn't show up at all, but he sent his regrets. The first baseman and third baseman also did not come to the game because they had been up too late the night before. The shortstop was there but he had left his glove at home. Two of the substitute fielders were gone on a weekend trip but said they were there in spirit. The pitcher went to the mound and looked around for his teammates but his heart was heavy for their positions were empty. The game was announced and the visitors were in the stands. There was nothing to do but to pitch the ball and hope for the best. But in addition to pitching, the pitcher had to cover first and third base, as well as shortstop and centerfield. When the absent players heard their team had lost the game, they were very upset. They had a meeting and decided they needed to get a new pitcher.

Just as a team cannot win the game with only one or two players the church cannot accomplish her mission with just one or two who are involved. Jesus has given to us a mission. A word that might be new for some of us – actually this word has been in use about 25 years – is the word 'missional'. The idea and concept of this

word is that every Christian must be mission minded. What if every one of us took seriously and personally the mission that Jesus gave? What could be accomplished for our Lord and our Father?

Our mission is not to be in the place of worship on the Lord's Day, though our being in the assembly is vital to our relationship with Jesus and with our brothers and sisters. Our mission does not lie within the four walls of the church building. Our mission lies in the community in which we live. Jesus said, Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20)



Check Out These Events

• Hillsboro Family Camp Hillsboro, OH • July 21-24, 2025

The annual Family Camp at Hillsboro, Ohio, is a time of great spiritual uplifting and renewal for the entire family. If you are attending this year, please be sure to stop at our display and say hello.

• National Prayer Clinic Grundy, VA • October 13-16, 2025



Dots & Dashes From Danny

By Danny Evans
Associate, Trustee With Barnabas Ministries

Something Light-Hearted:
*Why did the pencil break up with the eraser?
It couldn't handle the constant change!*

YES, WE DO NEED CHANGE

Change is a constant in our lives. Just looking back over my years I just can't begin to realize how many changes have happened. From childhood to adulthood there was change. From a single life to a married life there was change. From being a child to having children, yes, there was change. Change is part of life, and we all do experience change.

I have heard for years that what the church needs today in order to grow is change. Change in worship music, change in how we present the gospel, change in what we emphasize from the Scripture. I believe we have tried all of that but there has not been

much of a change. Has change become the new norm? Change! I don't believe a change is the answer. What we need is to get more people to stop "Receiving God's Grace In Vain". (2 Corinthians 6:1)

What did Paul mean when he wrote that to the Corinthians? He meant that we all want to receive 'the unmerited favor of God' but we don't want to do anything with it. We have many today who can quote Scripture but they can't make it to worship with the assembly. We know what the Bible says and we agree with it, but we do not follow it because we are too busy. Or we just know we have a loving God who really understands us and the sin we have in our life is really okay because we have a loving God and no one is perfect.

James 4:17 – Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin. If we know that some of the things we do are wrong, then why do we keep on doing them? We don't need to be better people – we need to be transformed people. The change people need is not simply about being a better person. That would be a gross misunderstanding of change and transformation. The transformation only comes by renewing our minds, not just changing a habit or two.



Learning With Larry

By Larry Boggs
Trustee With Barnabas Ministries

I know that one of the greatest desires for the child of God is to know that they are living within the will of God. I also know we make it more difficult than we should, whether we are making life-changing decisions or just day-to-day choices. Being in God's will should be a basic desire for Christians. Knowing if something is God's will is easier than people make it out to be. His will is not a mystery, for the Bible tells us not to know God's will is foolish – Ephesians 5:17 – Therefore do not be foolish but understand what the Lord's will is.

When I examine the Word of God regarding his will it seems to me it's broken down into three areas. The first being: to be in the will of God we must love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. The second is: if we love God then we're going to love his Word. The third is: we're going to obey his Word. The amazing thing about this is that God gives us a free will because he wants us to choose whether we love him or reject him. The crazy world we live in believes you can have the free will; you can make choices as long as it agrees with their free will. Then what's the difference? God's will leads to truth, life and peace; the world's will leads to lies, death, and chaos. God's will is very simple – just love him, love his word, and obey his word.

To know God's will simply starts by building a loving relationship with our heavenly Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. John 10:14 – "I am the Good Shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me." John 10:27 – "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me." We love our Good Shepherd because we know he will always lead us where we need to be. Then our love will be rooted in love for his divine Word. Psalms 119:11 – "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

God will never lead us to do something that goes against his word. If we want to understand his will then we will need to be deep into the Scripture and then we will begin to see his divine will for our life. And lastly, if we build on a loving relationship in Jesus and love his word then what we will do is walk in faith and obedience to that word. His will then will become our will, and God will lead us step by step, but he invites us to trust him by faith to take each step in loving obedience. Proverbs 3:5-6 encourages us to 'Trust in the Lord will all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight.' Trust and obey for there's no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Knowing God's will is not difficult to understand. We just simply build a loving relationship with Christ, get deep into his word, and have that word become our life and do what his word says for us to do. Galatians 2:20 – "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I love by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."



PREACHER RECRUITMENT & ENCOURAGEMENT SEMINAR

UPCOMING SEMINARS

Saturday, September 27 • 9:00am

Ohio Valley Christian Assembly, Pomeroy, OH
Lunch will be served. No cost to you

Speakers:

Danny Evans – "Why We Need Preachers"
Bob Huron – "Tent Making Preachers"
Willie Purdee – "Do The Work of an Evangelist"
Rase Martin – "Preachers and Parachurch Ministries"
Andy Dawes – "Preachers And Security"

Saturday, October 11 • 9:00am

Woodburn Christian Children's Home, Woodburn, IN
Lunch will be served – No cost to you

Speakers:

Denny Dawes – "Preachers – Born, Made, or Called?"
Danny Evans – "Why We Need Preachers"
Dave Jones – "Churches Producing Timothies"
Daryn Dawes – "The Preacher Recruiting Preachers"
Terry Peer – "The Bible College Recruiting Preachers"

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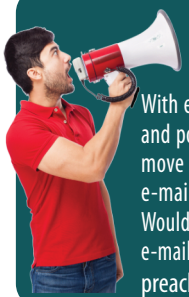
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The only record of Jesus' life
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FAITH:
is only "saving faith: if it includes repentance, confession of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and being baptized as did every convert after the resurrection of Jesus.



Pictured is Denny Dawes and Bill and Pam Teegarden. Denny presented the **Honored Servant Award** to Bill.

Bill has faithfully preached the gospel of Christ for nearly 50 years. He has also led several mission trips and served in church camp teaching young people about Jesus Christ.

Of course, Bill's wife Pam has been a faithful helpmeet and encourager for Bill.

Thank you, Bill and Pam, for your years of service for Christ. Bill currently is preaching for Tilton Christian Church, Flemingsburg, Kentucky.

If you know of someone that we should acknowledge as an Honored Servant, please let us know.