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BARNABAS 1

MAY 1988

<p>a Box-maker</p> 	<p>a Smith</p> 	<p>a Sho-maker</p> 	<p>a Taylor</p> 	<p>a Confectioner</p> 
<p>a Sadler</p> 	<p> <i>"each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others ~"</i> <i>1 Peter. 4, 10.</i> </p>			<p>a Sope-boiler</p> 
<p>a Porter</p> 	<p>a Chalk-en-man</p> 	<p>a Meal-man</p> 	<p>a Glover</p> 	<p>a Button-maker</p> 

Join us in worship any Sunday
 8am - 10am - 7pm
 Wednesday 10:30am

BEING BARNABAS

We are all given gifts through the Holy Spirit, not for our own gratification or even necessarily for our own spiritual growth, but "to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." [1 Cor. 12,7.] Our spiritual growth, in fact, results from using our spiritual gifts in service to the other members of the Body.

St Paul points out that we are not all given the same gifts, in the analogy of each of us being a different part of a human body. "We have different gifts according to the grace given to us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it; if it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully." [Rom. 12, 6-8.]

It is obviously not given to all of us to be teachers, or prophets, or leaders, but some of the humbler gifts could probably be practised by all of us - and I do mean PRACTISED! The gifts I have in mind are the ones I think Barnabas probably displayed - these are listed in Romans 12,9-18. St Peter makes the point that it doesn't matter what our gift is; we must use it to serve others. [1 Pet. 4, 10.]

Reading about Barnabas in Acts, we get a picture of a man who reached out in love to the people around him in the young church. He encouraged Paul in his apostolic ministry and wasn't afraid to stand up for him when others were looking askance at the past enemy who said he had been born again.

I'm sure Barnabas did good quietly; giving generously to the needy, exercising a ministry of hospitality, and above all ENCOURAGING the other members of the Body as they tried out the gifts the Holy Spirit had poured on them. Even his name speaks for him - "Joseph, a Levite, whom the apostles called Barnabas, (which means Son of Encouragement,)" [Acts 4,36.]

Have you considered being a BARNABAS in the Body? We need Barnabas now just as much as the early church did!

THE COST OF CONSECRATED LIVING

It cost ABRAHAM the yielding up of his son.
It cost DANIEL to be cast in the lions' den.
It cost STEPHEN death by stoning.
It cost PETER a martyr's death.
It cost PAUL to be beheaded.
It cost JESUS to die on the cross.
DOES IT COST YOU ANYTHING?

Elizabeth
by
Dennis



BABY BOOM:

St John's parish family and the wider family of the Church has grown by three over the past couple of weeks. Congratulations to LINDSAY and ROBYN PHILPS on the birth of JOEL CAMERON, their first son, (April 7), and to KEVIN AND ANN BOOTH for OWEN SAMUEL, (April 22), also their first.

NUMBER SIX

The third new baby, also a boy was born to ex-St John's parishioners and experienced parents, ROSEMARY and ROSS MITCHELL. In news from the Mitchells, now at South Hedland, we hear that Rosemary gave birth on April 9 to ROBERT KENNETH, bringing the Mitchell children to six - neatly divided three each way. "Children are a heritage from the Lord; happy is the man that has his quiver full of them."

LOVELY LISA

It was a great thrill for all her supporters at St John's to hear that LISA KIDD had won the MISS ROLAND QUEEN in Burnie on April 9. Lisa, her family and her Committee have worked hard for the past six months, raising money for the Roland Boys' Home, (and entertaining the parish at the same time!). The title couldn't have gone to a nicer entrant. We expect to see photos of lovely Lisa on the notice board in the Parish Centre very soon. Having had a preview of them, we can say she scrubs up well!

RAINY HOLIDAY

Good to hear news of JOHN and JOAN BROOK, who are spending a month's annual leave in Sydney with family and friends. From reports of the rainy weather they've been experiencing during our drought, it almost seems that rather than simply praying for rain, they headed for Sydney, where there was plenty of it! At least they'll recognise rain when they see it, when they come back to us this week.

ROUGHING IT

Over 100 girls attended a State GFS Camp at Bridport last weekend, organised and co-ordinated by our own JUDITH MOXON. On arrival, willing hands started putting up the tents in which many of the older girls were to sleep, when down came the rain - in buckets! One sodden parent (a St John's person), was heard to comment in disgust, "Maybe they should've held this camp sooner, for the farmers' sake!"

Elizabeth

**HENRY ON
THE MINISTRY OF
ENCOURAGEMENT.**

We all need encouragement. Families today face a multitude of crises in our society, and God has given to each one of us the gift of being His channel of comfort.

God is a God "who comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God."

The fellowship at Antioch and Jerusalem was not unlike today's church. There were those who nourished and nurtured, those who preached and prayed, those who cared and cured, and there were others, such as Barnabas, who had no particular role except to be an encourager.

It seems that God used Barnabas to encourage Paul in his ministry, and through this encouragement we are indebted to Paul for many of the New Testament writings that come from him. As we look more closely, it becomes obvious that Paul owed much to men such as Barnabas, "who encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts."

Within our own fellowship at St John's, there are some great examples of encouragement. The lot of a student is often a series of ups and downs, disappointments and a great deal of hard work. One of our students worshipping at St John's has been going through just that experience. A Bible study group has followed the example of Barnabas, and taken on themselves the responsibility of encouraging the student through prayer and support.

It is a privilege each one of us has to be an ENCOURAGER in the extension of God's Kingdom.

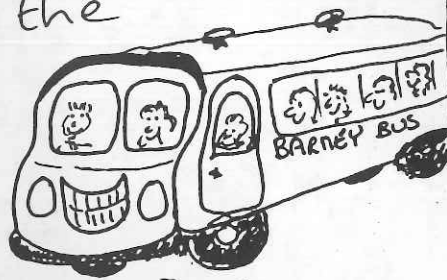
HENRY IVEY, ASSISTANT,

**BUSH CHURCH AID
AUSTRALIA FOR CHRIST**

May is Box Opening month. Please give your box to Celia Hill after Sunday services or leave at the Parish Office.

Thank you to all who so generously support the work of the Outback Church.
CELIA HILL, BCA Secretary,

There are no
Passengers on
the



BARNEY BUS....
only workers for
Christ! D

101 PC NEWS:

101 PC is going well. An active and varied program has included being shown around the church by MISS GILL and REV. HENRY, discussions around Bible passages, and a Games Night, when some people made fools of themselves dancing, having to do press-ups, kissing people - generally we had a great time! Later MR PIERCE is going to show us over the organ - we're looking forward to that.

AUTUMN PICNIC:

Twenty to twenty-five St John's/AMC/TAFE/TSIT folk and their families met together for an autumn picnic in Longford on Sunday April 17. VAL MURGATROYD hosted the picnic at her delightful 'Farm Cottage', complete with its own chapel and historical buildings. The informal gathering was a great chance to get to know one another, and an encouragement to staff and students, as well as to David in his ministry.

**ANGLICAN WOMEN'S
FELLOWSHIP,
CONFERENCE.**

The 1988 AWF Conference at Devonport this month promises to be a stimulating and exciting event.

The Conference will be held at ST JOHN'S, DEVONPORT, on MAY 10 and 11. The Speaker will be our Rector, REV. JOHN BROOK, and the theme of the two days will be "The ministry that is ours." We invite all women to attend this conference, even if only for a couple of sessions.

Information leaflets may be collected from the table in the Narthex. For further information, ring BEV BLIZZARD on 43 0833, or JENNY IVEY on 31 4566.

BODY PARTS

WEEKLY MEETINGS:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10 am, 1, 3, 4 & 5 Sundays; Family Service 2nd Sunday.

GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY: 6 pm Wednesdays.

CEBS BOYS SOCIETY: 6 pm Thursdays.

CHOIR - Boys: 4.45 - 5.30 pm Wednesdays. Adults - 7.30 pm Thursdays.

101 PC: 6.30 - 7.30 pm Fridays.

YOUTH GROUP: 7.30 pm Fridays.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: 8 am Saturday mornings.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS: Several groups meet weekly at different times. so check your Pew Bulletin.

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

MEALS ON WHEELS: 11 am 2nd Sunday.

ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY: 2.30 pm 2nd Monday.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA: 6 pm 2nd Tuesday.

MOTHERS' UNION: 1.30 pm 2nd Wednesday.

WOMEN'S GUILD: 2 pm 3rd Thursday.

GFS TOWNSEND: 9.45 am 4th Tuesday



**MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER FOR
MAY:**

IF YOU ARE ROSTERED ON A DAY THAT DOESN'T
SUIT - PLEASE ARRANGE A REPLACEMENT.

SUNDAY MAY 8

LAUNCESTON GENERAL HOSPITAL
AJ Green/H Pitt, J Stevenson, W Donaldson,
B Easter, J Moxon, J Watts, M Perkins,
H Bourke, A Whittle, M Willson.
QUEEN VICTORIA HOSPITAL:
A Neale, J Roberts.



Classifieds for CHRIST +

POSITIONS VACANT

CHILDCARERS - AGE NO BARRIER!
Honorary Grandparents and Aunts/Uncles are requested to join the roster to look after our Friday Morning Creche. Around eight well-behaved toddlers need some TLC, (tender loving care) for an hour and a quarter each Friday morning, while their aunts are at Faith and Fellowship. Books, toys, crayons and morning tea are all provided in the Parish Centre. If you can spare the time, the children will respond with love. Please talk to OLVA HARRIS on 31 2796, to start your new family.

KLOMP CLUB:



On again for TWO WEEKS during each holiday, (May 28 - June 13; August 27 - September 11,) and we need your help with TIME, TALENTS and THINGS. If you can help by providing any of these items, please contact GLENN CLARK on 31 8996. More volunteers needed to work with Glenn and the team with the children. Assistance is also needed in the kitchen providing meals for the workers, morning tea for the children, and cleaning up.

BABY WELCOMERS

Mothers' Union have a supply of 'Aussie Good News' New Testaments and baby booties to give to young mothers at the Queen Victoria Hospital. Could you spare a couple of hours one Tuesday afternoon a month to reach out to new families? Yes? Please contact OLVA HARRIS on 31 2796 to go on the Hospital Roster.

HELP!

MEALS ON WHEELS:

Volunteers with or without cars are urgently needed by the RED CROSS to deliver meals to frail elderly around Launceston once every two months. This essential service is being cut back because of a lack of helpers. People with cars would welcome extra helpers to assist with opening doors, carrying extra containers etc, as well as being another friendly face to greet the elderly. Please pray daily for Meals on Wheels, and give some of your time, either on Sundays or weekdays. See VAL MURGATROYD in the office if you can assist.

POSITIONS VACANT



PRAYER

PRAYER CHAIN

Not on one? These are being updated (but still functioning). Ring SYBIL BROWNRI66 on 31 1520 to share in this worthwhile ministry of intercession and praise.

SATURDAY PRAYERS:

A Prayer Group meets early on Saturday mornings (8.00 am) in the Narthex to bring before the Lord the special needs of our Parish. If you can function so early on a Saturday morning, do join this group for a time of praise, intercession and fellowship.

DAILY OFFICE:

A daily order of service is said in the Chapel each weekday morning at 8.00 am. What an encouragement it would be the Rector and Staff, and a great start to your working day if you could join them in this act of worship.

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP:

Feeling the need for a closer walk of faith, and a deeper understanding of God's Word in your life? There are several small Faith and Fellowship groups meeting at different times and places during the week. Contact names and phone numbers are published in the weekly pew bulletin. Talk to the Rector or Assistant if you can't find a group to suit your needs.

If no one bothered to
Make an effort - We may
have had.....



The Hanging Basket
of BABYLON

PUBLIC NOTICES

BODY PARTS NEWS:

ST JOHN'S CEBS:

Will be having their first Church Parade for 1988, on SUNDAY MAY 8 at the Family Service. An Admission Service and presentation of Leaders' stripes will be made at this service. St John's CEBS will be busy raising funds to send three boys to National Camp in Victoria in January 1989. This will be the first time St John's boys have been to National Camp for many years.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA

TUESDAY MAY 10, 6 pm.

Guest Speaker; Mr D. BARNES, WEC College. Please contact Donald Wall or Henry Ivey, if you wish to attend, or sign the m in the Narthex.

MOTHERS' UNION:

Monthly Meeting - WEDNESDAY MAY 11, 1.30 pm, in Parish Centre. MU now meet on the 2nd Wednesday each month.

WOMEN'S GUILD:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING; THURSDAY MAY 19, 2 pm, in the Parish Centre.

BEAN BAGS NEEDED

The Grade 7 & 8 Group, 101 PC, needs Bean Bags for their weekly meetings. If you can help in any way, please see MELANIE or DAVID MORRIS, Phone 44 9726.

GARAGE SALE:

ST JOHN'S WOMEN'S GUILD will be holding a Garage Sale in the Parish Centre on SATURDAY MAY 21, at 9am. Any articles you feel could be of use to us, please leave in the Parish Centre, or contact M BRAIN on 44 5550, or MRS D BUTLER on 44 2827

GFS TOWNSEND'S ANNUAL MIXED STALLS & GAMES AFTERNOON will take place on SATURDAY MAY 7th, at 1.15 pm in the Parish Centre. \$1 donation will go towards GFS Townsend Church Carpet Fund. Afternoon Tea will be served.

ST JOHN'S WELFARE AUXILIARY:

MORNING TEA

in aid of ROLAND BOYS' HOME at St John's Parish Centre THURSDAY MAY 12, 10 am to 12 noon. Well-laden stalls. All Welcome.