

THE BEACON

ST. BARNABAS: BRINGING ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE WORLD

The Newsletter of St. Barnabas Anglican Church
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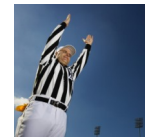


SEPT 7th - KICK-OFF SUNDAY !!

Picnic Games Food Fun

**Start the new St. Barnabas year off with a bang
after the 10:30 a.m. service**

**(and, YES, you will still be able to make the
Browns' home game!)**



September 6 Acolyte Training 11 a.m.

For those 6th grade and older who want to be an acolyte and for current acolytes

September 13 Saturday 5:30 p.m. Newcomer's Dinner

Please contact the church office if you would like to attend

Stepping Stones for Confirmation September 28

10:30 a.m. service

For all 6th, 7th & 8th Graders who wish to be confirmed.

Parents' prep meeting Sunday August 31st 6:30 p.m.

There is a lot going on at St. Barnabas.

**Look for other important dates and events throughout *The Beacon*.
We value your company and know you will be blessed by your participation.**

September Sermon Schedule:

September 7

Mark 2: 1-12

September 14

Mark 2: 13-17

September 21

Mark 2: 18-22

September 28

Mark 2: 23-28





Thoughts from the Study

"It's the most wonderful time of the year" – Andy Williams, 1963.

Most people feel as Andy Williams does that Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year, but I beg to differ. As the Dad of 4 kids – 3 of whom are teenagers – I propose that Back to School is the most wonderful time of the year. Instead of those lazy hazy crazy days of summer, we're back to a more normal routine; back to normal bedtimes, and back to – O yes – schoolwork. I confess that with my teaching background, I do sincerely enjoy September. But as a pastor I have found that September is always one of the most exciting times of the year as we begin our program year. In fact, to coincide with the beginning of football season, we're changing the name from Rallye Sunday – to Kickoff Sunday, on September 7th!

We have been busy this past month "conditioning" ourselves to provide opportunities to find relevant ways to grow in Christ. And not only are we offering opportunities for our adults, but we've also "tweaked" our children and youth offerings to be more relevant and more in depth than previously offered. So get ready for Kickoff Sunday with me, Sunday September 7th. Not only will our Discipleship Hour begin (at 9:15 AM) that day, but our services will be altered (1 text and a Psalm) so will be able to field questions from the congregation – any question in written form. By writing the questions down people are then more willing to ask that question they've always wanted to ask, but were afraid to ask. The usher team will help choose the most interesting questions and I will do my best to answer them. It's a risk, and some of the questions may be a little taboo, but if they can't ask the pastor – who can they ask? Unanswered questions will be posted on the blog – St. B's Open Mic. The purpose of this service is so that you can invite a friend who may be sensitive to the Lord, but is not plugged into a local church.

As mentioned, our Discipleship Hour begins on September 7th with something for everybody. There's a Marriage class, Evangelism Class, and Christian Theology class for adults. There are small group Bible studies for Jr. / Sr. Hi students as well as children. Our midweek family night also begins that week on September 10th at 7 p.m., as we kick off our adult evening study of Philippians, along with programs for kids.

Therefore my friends, it's Kickoff Time! Let's line up, start off during this most wonderful time of the year and follow the Lord where He leads.

Faithfully yours,
Gene

YOU ARE INVITED . . .

Sunday, September 7th starts the new season for various Bible studies offered at St. Barnabas. We hope there is one that fits your interests and schedule. Come and join in the fellowship as you read and discuss God’s word. Whether you chose Sunday’s sermon text, one of the historical books, or a more current topic of interest, there is something for everyone. Don’t hesitate to ask the contact person for more information on any specific offering.

Sunday Discipleship Hour 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
(Nursery care provided)

Christian Basics: Sharing Your Faith with Confidence - Two Ways to Live
8 weeks Led by Gene Sherman

Christian Living: Building Your Marriage
8 weeks Led by Pat & Robin Malone

Christian Theology - Discussion of the text of the day
Ongoing Led by Bob Andrew and others

Jr. / Sr. Hi Study
Ongoing Led by Youth Leaders

Bible Song Children age 3 through 5th grade
A fun time to become familiar with scripture verses through song and music.

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Monday Mornings

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Women’s Study

A 6-week study of 1 Thessalonians, chapters 4 - 5, a DVD and workbook titled, “A Spiritual Road Map in a Mixed Up World”. Contact: Lucy Morgan (440-808-1173)

Tuesday Mornings:

7 a.m. Men’s Study

9 a.m. Women’s Study

Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians Contact: Linda Jackson (No childcare)

Wednesday Evening

7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Family Night.

Study of Paul’s letter to the Philippians (13 years & up)

Nursery care and children’s program provided



**St. Barnabas Golf Outing
Saturday September 27
1st Tee Time — 3 p.m.
Hilliard Lakes Golf Club
31659 Hilliard Blvd, Westlake**

Calling all duffers to join in the fun at the annual St. Barnabas Golf Outing and Picnic.
Nine Holes - \$35 per person, includes golf cart, prizes, and catered picnic.

Picnic for non-golfers starts at approximately 6 p.m.
\$12 per family / \$6 per single

Sign-up early - We need 40 people to keep the reservation
Fees payable in advance

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Stepping Stones for Confirmation

Sunday, September 28, is an important day for all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders and their parents. The first steps toward Confirmation will be taken as the kids and their parents renew their Baptismal Covenant at the 10:30 a.m. service and the kids begin their journey to the day they confirm their faith.

Parents - Don't forget the prep meeting with Gene on Sunday, August 31 at 6 p.m.

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Bishop's Visit and Confirmation

October 19, 2008 Services at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Bishop Roger Ames is coming for his annual Bishop's visit on Sunday October 19th.

For students, 9th grade and above, desiring to profess their faith in Jesus Christ in Confirmation, we will have Confirmation preparation events after the 10:30 a.m. service on September 28, October 5, and October 12. We will eat lunch together and get into God's word with the themes of Confirmation, Confession and Call. At least one parent must attend the events with the student in order for the student to be Confirmed.

In addition, a visit with the Rector, Gene Sherman, is required (with both the student and parents(s) in attendance) before the first Confirmation preparation event on September 28th. Call the church office (440 - 871 - 6200) to schedule an appointment.

Any adult seeking Confirmation should attend Membership Matters when offered, or speak directly to Gene Sherman.



KIDVENTURE

KICK—OFF Day - September 7th

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We have terrific programs planned for the kids during the 9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m. Discipleship Hour. While youth (6th grade and up) and adults are in their groups, the kids will have their own special groups. September 7th we will start the new fall curriculum of *Bible Song*, for children age 3 through 5th grade. Nursery care will be provided for those under age 3 or those who aren't quite ready for the larger *Bible Song* group.

After Discipleship Hour, the kids will join their parents for the start of the 10:30 a.m. service. During the Sequence Hymn before the Gospel reading, the kids will follow the Crucifer from the church to the children's worship area for Children's Chapel. They will hear the same scripture reading as those in the main church, with the message given in language and terms more understandable by kids. The kids will rejoin their parents in the church for the exchange of the peace before Communion and remain with them for the rest of the service.

We're looking forward to having all of the kids join us for Discipleship Hour and Children's Chapel.

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As school starts another year (and the years are flying by, 2008 has only 4 months left, wow!) I am reminded of something my grandma told me. She, as many of you know, was the main caretaker in my life and noticed that I was getting more quiet than usual as the date to start a new school got closer. I was sitting out under the large tree in our yard and she came to join me. She just sat down and looked out over the yard. For what seemed like an hour she just looked at the yard and said nothing. Finally I started quietly talking, under my breath, you know not really sure I wanted her to hear. She still didn't look at me or say a word. I spoke some more, nothing too personal, and after about an hour had gone by I had told her all that was bothering me, and she had finally held my hand as I talked and gave nods at times and a few glances my way to reassure me that she was really listening. She gave me a few word of advice that I don't remember now, but the time and non-pressure to get it out quickly was what spoke volumes to me.

In this time crunched life we live, please remember and use the method my Grandma used on me with getting your kids to open up to you. Grandma passed on just a few years ago and I have missed having the one person who never rushed me to the main point of my need. I have tried to use the method with my own children and I think I did OK. with being there and being the listening post. Laura moved to Virginia last week, Matt is in Germany and married, and Ben will be leaving soon, and yet I know that I will be getting calls, (already am in fact), to just listen. The act is sometimes more important than the words.

Isn't that how we talk to God? Knowing that He has no time limit and that He is always available.

God's blessings to all our families as the new school year gets started.
Joyfully in Christ, Becky



YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group Calendar Dates

KICK—OFF ***September 7th***
6 p.m.

All kids in grades 6 through 12 are invited to come to the first Youth Group meeting of the new St. Barnabas year. And, bring your friends!!! Dinner will be served.

There will be a parent's meeting on Sunday, August 31 at 6:00 pm in the Loft to discuss the upcoming year. We have exciting events in mind and want your input!

Pray for a mission trip guidance. Several high school kids have expressed great interest in taking a mission trip late summer 2009. We need location, leaders, fundraising, etc. Please begin to think about how you can help.

Any questions or suggestions, contact Brian and Tammy Hamp or Gene Sherman.

Military Personnel

A card, short note, or e-mail means so much to our St. Barnabas family members deployed in the military. Let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers!

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St. Barnabas Wear Available

Did you see all of the folks wearing shirts with the distinctive St. Barnabas logo on Bay Directory Day? Now you too can show your pride in St. Barnabas with St. Barnabas logo apparel. The following items may be ordered: golf shirts, golf pullover wind shirts, ball caps, and a fleece blanket. Contact the church office for details regarding cost, size and color choices.



A Note from Gratian . . .

Your cards, notes, calls, flowers, visits and hugs during my recuperation from a fall last March, have been most appreciated, cheering me greatly during this trying time. (I can now understand the legalistic term, pain and suffering.) I'm growing stronger and now back to practicing, teaching and playing around, (B-W Chapel and various churches).

It was a most interesting experience to have been a part of this church, its staff and wonderful congregation. You have a multi talented Organist/Director in Kathleen and I urge you to continue to support her in every way.

My blessings to you all.

Gratian M. Nugent



In and Around St. Barnabas ...

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



September 2	Bev Chiara	September 19	Annalise Corn
September 3	Karen Beall-Tonegato		Jane Godfray
	Julie Greene		Gus Laundry
	Sonia Holschuh	September 21	Emily Edman
September 4	Brenna Stewart		Bob Jabbusch
September 6	Alyssa Whalen		Peggy Joyce
September 7	Emma Corn		Megan Middlemiss
September 10	Sean Marron	September 23	Brendon Hall
September 12	Mary Coleman	September 24	Dylan Accorti
	Adele Torok	September 25	Mina Hughes
September 13	Catherine Despo	September 28	Emerson Gray
	Elijah Jackson		Sue Hill
September 15	Shelly Gray		
September 17	Bob Finley		
September 18	Stephen Vernon		

Anglican Awakening

Unity isn't real unless it is embraced at the local level. That is something that somewhere between 1,000 and 2,000 Anglicans of many jurisdictions will be living out when they meet together in Ohio this October.

They will be participating in a national movement called Anglican Awakening. The event, which will be held at St. Luke's in Akron October 21 - 23 will bring together the leaders and congregations of the Anglican District of the Great Lakes, encompassing 50 congregations from eight different Anglican jurisdictions. A similar event will be held in Amesbury, Massachusetts in November for congregations in the Northeast.

The event at St. Luke's will focus on how Anglicans can more effectively reach people for Christ. Anglican Bishops from all over the world are expected to participate. Gene encourages everyone at St. Barnabas to attend this event. Watch for more information in the September *Beacon* and on the Parish Events bulletin board.

October 21 - 23

St. Luke's, Akron

JOINT DINNER FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK

Saturday September 20 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall

All of last year's Dinner Fellowship leaders and participants are invited to a potluck dinner. We will eat and share ideas about how we can continue this ministry here at St. Barnabas

Growing Marriage Seminar

Saturday October 25 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Cuyahoga Valley Community Church
Broadview Heights

Nationally known speaker, Dr. Gary Chapman, will be appearing at the Cuyahoga Valley Community Church for a seminar entitled *Toward a Growing Marriage*. Topics include: *Communication 101, Understanding and Expressing Love, Initiating Positive Change, Making Sex a Mutual Joy, and How to Share the Things that Bug You.*

**Cost is \$50 / person. You can register on the WCRF website:
www.moodyconferences.com/con_mainpage.aspx?id=7194**

Time, Talents, and Treasure

As you can see from all of the classes, meetings, dinners etc., mentioned throughout *The Beacon*, time and talents are important and valued contributions to the vitality and growth of the St. Barnabas family, not just this month but every month. To everyone who is, and has, participated - Thank You. We know you have been blessed for your willingness to share your time and energy. We encourage every member of St. Barnabas, of any ages, to pray and think about where your talents and heart might lead you to serve and lead. Exciting things are happening and we encourage you to let your light shine by sharing your gifts.

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who are undergoing treatment for various illnesses and the on-going needs of their bodies and spirits, please remember in prayer: Alberta, Alice, Amy, Andrea, Sam Andrew, Jean Andrews, George Armstrong, Mary Brewer, Kate Butler, Cameron, Carl, Carol, Celia, Cheryl, Cindy, Charles Clawson, Colgate, Ben Cox, Dave, Dave and Carolyn, Gordon Davis, Dick and Dona Dillon, Douglas, Elaine, Sylvester Eldridge, Corbin Fanning, Bill Forrester, Joseph Garca, Joann Glowark, Shelly Gray and family, Veronica Gildea, Kaylah Hackenberg, Harold, Lisa Hill, Emmie Holleman, Bob and Sonia Holschuh, Jack, the Jackson family, Kenny Jackson, Jane, Charlie Johnston, Raven Johnston, Kim and John, Kristen, Doug Lamb, Melissa Larzo, Laura, Rodney LeMaster, Russ and Kim Lenahan and family, Liz, Marcia, Marie, Mark, Janet Mahon, Bill McHenry, Mary Grace McLaughlin, Arlis Mercer, Michelle, Sherry Mitze, Nicole and Tricia, Gordon Palmer, Peggy, Phyllis, Robin, Danny Sabath, Sandy, Sara Kay, Sarah, Pat Saunders, Lauren Schmitz, Jake and Phyllis Seger and Judy, Shannon, Sharon, Colin Smith, Tom Smith, Charlotte Swanson, Tamara, Terry, Timothy, Tricia, Tyler White, Laura Vickers, Ann Williams, Tim Workman and family, and those other requests known to God.

Please pray for all those who have asked for healing, guidance, peace and comfort.

“Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

Philippians 4:6

To be certain we are praying for both immediate and on-going prayer needs, we request that you call the church office with your prayer requests and when your prayers are being answered. We keep the list of people with immediate prayer needs for the Lectors to read in the church services. The people with on-going conditions and prayer needs, will be listed on this prayer-needs page and in the weekly Announcements hand-out, so that they will be kept in our prayers during the week.

DEADLINE for the next issue of *The Beacon*

September 24

Sunday Services

8 a. m.

Holy Communion

9:15 a.m.

Discipleship Hour*
(Adults & Children)

10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion*
(includes Children's Chapel)

* Nursery Care Provided

Wednesday Service

10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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The Rev. Robert N. Andrew

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Love the Living Lord

Foster His Family of Faith

Call the Culture to Christ

VISION STATEMENT

A Church Community Full of Disciples (who are)

Joyfully Worshipping the Lord

Enthusiastically Serving One Another

Compassionately Reaching Out to the

World for Christ