

<p>Clothes Swap 22nd Nov @ EBC 7pm-9pm £3 entry (drink and cake included) Items in good condition to be dropped to church office 18th -21st November. See Kate Bird or Rachael Pearce for further info</p>	<p>Christmas Fun and Craft Fair Saturday 1st Dec 10am -2pm. Here at Emmanuel .Craft Stalls, Indoor snow ball fight kids activities and café. Free entry</p>
<p>Food for Thought This Thurs 22nd Nov. Guest Speaker is Chris Trueman Starts at 2.30pm</p>	<p>OASIS Groups Fri 23rd Nov is Nerf Night. See Claudia, Duncan or Amy for more info</p>
<p>Church Members Meeting To be held on Tues 27th Nov 7.30pm. Please make every effort to be there.</p>	<p>Foodbank Collection In order to help our clients to eat well over Christmas. We are required to man the donation collection points at Tesco in Falmouth on the 29th and 30th Nov and the 1st Dec If you can help, could you please contact the foodbank on 01326 618575</p>
<p>Food Bank - This week's needs are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Carrier Bags * Washing up liquid * Shaving foam * Toothbrushes * Toothpaste * Deodorants * Pasta Sauce Jars * Tin Potatoes * Sweets /Chocolate * Dog and Cat food * Jam/Marmalade * Fruit squash * Toilet Rolls * Christmas food * Wrapping Paper * Toys * Gifts * Toiletries * Christmas Cards 	

Sunday 18th November 2018

10.30am **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**
A warm welcome to you all. We would love to get to know each other better, so please introduce yourself. If you can, join us for refreshments after the service.

11am **Children and youth groups leave**
Nippers: Pre-school 2+
Buzz: Reception, school years 1-5
Salt: School years 6-11

No meeting for prayer in the Lounge tonight.



10.30am **Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.**
Main Door Lynne Pellow
Inner Door Chris & Wendy Tabb
Easy Worship Vicki Kneebone
Teas & Coffees Hazel Evans & Kathy Payne- after Bryan & Hazel Green

NEXT WEEK:
We have the dedication of Alfie Pearce and the baptism of his Great Grand-father Keith Whittaker

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A HOUSEGROUP?
Email housegroups@emmanuelbaptist.co.uk and one of our Housegroup co-ordinators will put you in touch with a group.

WOULD YOU LIKE US TO PRAY FOR YOU?
Please come and ask the service leader and they will find one of our prayer team to pray with you.

SERMON OUTLINE NOTES:

Encourage one another
A Study on Barnabas

Introduction

Everybody has what I call a 'fuel tank'. It's in their inner being, in their spirit and you can read their 'gauge'. Look them in the eye: some are alive and their eyes have fire in them, some are just glazed over. There are some people who fill your tank, what I call balcony people, and there are some people who drain the life out of you—what I call basement people.

Encouragement correctly understood is the language of the New Testament! The word encourage is used more than a hundred times in the New Testament! One of the great characters—perhaps the patron saint of 'balcony people' is the man we are going to look at today. His name is Barnabas and we find him mostly in the book of Acts.

1) Barnabas was a 'balcony person' by giving.

- We meet Barnabas for the first time in Acts 4:36-37.
- Barnabas is the first recorded donor in the new Christian community

2) Barnabas was a 'balcony person' by sharing grace.

- The next time we see Barnabas is in Acts 9 alongside a man named Saul.
- Barnabas was willing to take a 'risk' on Paul. He believed you can change with God's help.

3) Barnabas was a 'balcony person' by serving

- It seems that initially Barnabas was the leading person in the church at Antioch. But it seems that later Paul's ministry began to flourish and Barnabas is content with the situation.

4) Barnabas was a 'balcony person' by developing others.

- In Acts 15:36 -41 we have the story of Barnabas and Paul disagreeing strongly over John Mark. We are not told who was right or who was

wrong but the story certainly indicates as a encourager to someone who had 'failed'.

5) We need to be 'balcony people' for each other.

This concept is written everywhere in the New Testament (see Hebrews 3:13, 1 Thessalonians 4:18 etc.)

Conclusion

In my imagination having studied Barnabas I pondered what his funeral would have been like. I can imagine several people standing and giving testimony to what they had received from Barnabas by way of encouragement. What would people say about us at our funeral? Are we 'balcony people'?

Points to Ponder

- 1) Why do we need encouragement. In scripture God does not merely recommend it, he explicitly commands it- 1 Thessalonians 4:18; 5:11; Hebrews 3:12.
- 2) What is encouragement ? How is it different from flattery and merely giving/quoting motivational platitudes to one another?
- 3) What do you think of the following quote? *'One biblical metaphor for the Christian life pictures it as a race we are to run to the finish. As we run the race that God has set before us, run it together, alongside of one another, we are to encourage one another to run the race to the finish line to break the tape. So encouragement has different voices because what people need to hear is different in different seasons'*