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UPCOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP ◆

Monday to Friday

Morning and Evening Prayer

8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

In addition, on Wednesday

9:45 a.m. *Litany*

10:00 a.m. *Holy Communion*

In addition, on Saturday June 24th

NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

10:30 a.m. *Holy Communion*

COMFORT

In the Bible, names often disclose a person, and a relationship to God; and so it is with St. Barnabas the Apostle, whose feast we kept last week. The meaning St. Luke supplies for 'Barnabas' is usually rendered in English translations as "son of comfort", "son of consolation", or "son of encouragement". To call someone a "son of x" is to say that he personifies the quality of x. In Greek the word for the quality which Barnabas personified is *paraclesis* – a word which no one word in English can adequately represent. Depending on context, it can be translated not only as comfort, consolation, and encouragement, but also help, refreshment, exhortation, admonition, appeal, and entreaty. In the New Testament, *paraclesis* is what the Holy Ghost gives, the one that Jesus calls the Paraclete, the Comforter – it is the comfort of salvation which he has accomplished for us, by taking our sins upon himself, that we might be freely accepted and beloved of God; it is the

comfort which the Holy Ghost exhorts and entreats us to believe and receive. The comfort of the gospel is a kind of inner security, the freedom from fear and guilt, from anxious self-concern, that allows us to act with boldness and generosity of spirit. This is the comfort that Barnabas, the "son of comfort", exhibits to exceptional degree.

The Acts of the Apostles gives us a number of concrete examples. He sold land, and handed over the proceeds to the church, for the relief of its needy members (4:36). When the disciples in Jerusalem were fearful and suspicious of Saul's conversion to Christ, it was Barnabas who brought him to the apostles and spoke for him (9:26, 27). When news came to Jerusalem that the gospel had been received in the multi-ethnic metropolis of Antioch, it was Barnabas who was sent to engage with them. "When he came, and had seen the grace of God, [he] was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord." His 'exhortation' is also *paraclesis* – an appeal or entreaty firmly to believe the gospel, and in that faith to live consistently with it. He brought Paul out of seclusion in Tarsus to assist with his ministry in Antioch (11:25, 26), and when news came of famine in Judea, it was Barnabas and Saul who collected funds for relief and delivered them to Jerusalem (11:29, 30). When the church in Antioch decided to send

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STANDING NOTICES

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary. Please call the Church Office to notify the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Joseph R. Ross, Esq.

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8:00 a.m. Henry Osborne
10:30 a.m. Jack McClellan Edwin Shepard
Patrick Perrie Jacob Perkins
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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Robert A. Burnett by Mrs. Robert A. Burnett, Decie and Wendy;

And in loving memory of William Finn Summerell by Mrs. Timothy E. Coy;

And in loving memory of Jennifer Liscomb Ross by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Russell Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Russell Ross, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. William Richards Kittredge;

And in loving memory of Mr. John M. Saylor by his family;

And in loving memory of Thomas E. Johnson by Barbara Johnson Howard;

And in loving memory of Albert B. Lufburrow by Mr. and Mrs. George Fawcett;

And in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Bonney and Earl Gilbreath (who were married at St. John's Church in Savannah on June 15, 1957), by their loving family.

The flowers at the Baptismal Font are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sarah Alexander Patterson Summers by her family.

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SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
READING ROOM: *II Samuel*- Fr. Dunbar

MEN'S WEEKDAY STUDY & DISCUSSION
Thursday- *St. Luke* with Father Dunbar
7:00 a.m., Reading Room, CH3

JANE'S CANNERS

Canning begins at 9:30 a.m. on June 21!
All are welcome! 8-ounce jars needed.

WANTED: SANTA CLAUS

St. John's is hosting a Girl Scouts 'Christmas in July' Toy Collection at the Green Meldrim House 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday, July 14 and 10-2 on Saturday, July 15. If you can be a Santa for some of this time, please call the Church office.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

missionaries to evangelize the cities of Asia, it was Barnabas and Saul that were sent, in a mission that led to the first mass conversions of Gentiles to Christ (13-14). When some Jewish Christians demanded these Gentile converts be circumcised and observe the ritual law (i.e. become Jews), it was Barnabas and Saul who spoke up for their converts (15:12) and helped win the momentous decision that the Gentiles should not be required to observe the Jewish ritual law. The last time St. Luke refers to Barnabas, is on the second mission, when Paul refused to have Mark with them, because he had deserted them early in the first. Barnabas stood by Mark, and the disagreement was such that they (temporarily) parted ways (15:36-41).

What do all these examples of *paraclesis* in action have in common? they all involve reaching out to people in need, people who are strangers, or people of whom there is suspicion. When others were afraid, or self-protective, Barnabas was bold and generous. And in every case, the result was significant strengthening of the church and advance in the gospel. Yes, the church changed because of this – there was a massive influx of Gentile converts who were exempt from observing the Jewish law; but these Gentile converts in turn helped sustain the church in Jerusalem during the famine. And after A.D. 70, when the Romans had crushed the Jewish rebellion, and there was no church left in Jerusalem and Judea – Christianity survived, and prospered and went on to conquer the empire, in the churches that Barnabas had helped to found.

At St. John's we are trying to do something of what Barnabas did – to engage with our young families, our

youth, the community around us, and to share with them the distinctive comfort in the gospel that we have in the faith and worship of St. John's. If we are going to follow Barnabas' example, we need to know what motivated him. We don't have any writings of St. Barnabas, but in the writings of his partner in the gospel, St. Paul, we do have his version of "the gospel according to Barnabas": *Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.* (2 Cor 1:3-4). The comfort Barnabas gave others is not something that was just naturally his, an aspect of personality, but was rather the comfort wherewith he himself had been comforted of God – it is the comfort that the Holy Ghost gives in the gospel of Jesus Christ to those who believe. In the comfort that the gospel gives, we are set free from anxious self-concern, and motivated to comfort others with it also. And the more deeply we are grounded in the gospel, therefore, the more inner security and inner freedom from anxious self-concern we will experience, and the more boldly and generously we will act. In most of us this is a slow process of change in outlook, attitude, and action – and maybe it is just baby-steps now. But is that what is happening in us? Is that what we are praying for? Come Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of thy faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of thy love! GGD

INSTRUMENTALISTS

AT THE OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY:

Gabby Abbott, *Clarinet*

Eliza DeRienzo, *Flute*

Sarah Eliasoph, *Dutch Bells*

8:00 A.M. – HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and GospelPrayer Book, page 188
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30 A.M. – ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Cranmer Hall)

10:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Noon) - *Nursery (Cranmer Hall)*

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HYMN #370 *Spirit Divine Attend our Prayers* Graefenberg

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Address Father Dunbar

OFFERTORY

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Voluntary: *Largo Cantabile* (from Sonata I in C) Jean-Baptiste Loeillet

Everyone is invited to attend the Coffee Hour in the Parish House immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service.

If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.

12:00 P.M. (NOON)-HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel) as at 8:00 a.m.