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AM Worship Svc. 10:00 a.m.
PM Worship Svc. 5:00 p.m.*
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The Gospel of ... Barnabas?

Have you ever heard of the Gospel of Barnabas? Christians are sometimes asked by Muslims why the church suppressed this gospel. Most Christians are caught off guard by the question, mostly because they are not even aware that such a document exists.

Some Muslims are interested in the Gospel of Barnabas because it promotes Islam in some ways. For example, it states that Jesus claimed that he was not the Messiah, but that the Messiah would be called Muhammad. (It is interesting that the Quran does not claim that Muhammad was the Messiah). Further, the Gospel of Barnabas declares that Jesus did not die on the cross.

The evidence seems to suggest that the Gospel of Barnabas was produced no earlier than the 14th century. Further, it contains errors of history and geography. Most scholars recognize that it is not what it claims to be.

This is not an attempt to investigate the Gospel of Barnabas. There is information available to those who wish to pursue it. This is intended simply to make you aware of the document, and make you aware that it is not accepted as Scripture for good reason – it was not inspired by God.

See you Sunday, trusting Scripture...

David

Survey of Numbers

David South

The theme is exemplified in 19:2 - "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." There are two points upon which the material in this document is based: how to become holy (1-10, 16) and how to stay holy (11-15, 17-27).

Numbers is difficult to outline, since it involves a number of unrelated stories that occurred during the travels of the Israelites from Sinai to Moab. Some outline the book based on the geographical movements of the Israelites. This would then include the various stories under each leg of the trip. This would involve a four-part outline, with individual stories listed under each heading.

- I. At Sinai: Preparation for travel (1:1-10:10)
- II. From Sinai to Kadesh (10:11-19:22)
- III. From Kadesh to the Plains of Moab (20:1-22:1)
- IV. Israel in the Plains of Moab (22:2-36:13)

The stories reflect repeated rebellion against God followed by atonement. For the book of Numbers, the biggest rebellion was the refusal to attack and conquer the land of Canaan at God's command (12-13). For this reason, they were condemned to wander for a generation. The two censuses (before and after the wandering) demonstrated that the army had actually shrunk slightly instead of growing. Perhaps the purpose of this was to demonstrate that the later success in taking the land was not due to an increased army, but rather was due to the second generation obeying God whereas the first refused.

Consider a few of the stories that stand out. Chapter twelve describes how Miriam and Aaron opposed the leadership of Moses. They claimed to be just as qualified to lead as he. The real reason for the opposition, however, is revealed as anger over whom he married (1). This is the place where Moses is described as the meekest man on the earth (3). So, God spoke up for him, and Miriam was cursed with leprosy for seven days.

Chapter twenty-one describes the poisonous snakes God sent among the Israelites because of their complaining. When they repented, God told Moses to build a snake out of bronze and put it on a pole. When they looked at the bronze snake, they would be healed of their snake bites. (By the way, they later turned that bronze snake into an idol and worshiped it – 2 Kgs. 18:4).

Chapters twenty-two through twenty-four describe the incident involving Balaam. This is probably most famous because it involves the talking donkey. It ought to be famous (or infamous) for other reasons. For one thing, it exemplifies how people who know better will compromise their beliefs for money. (Balaam is used later as an example of those who preach whatever brings in the money – 2 Pet. 2:15).

Throughout the book of Numbers, there are also those who are faithful to God (for example, Caleb and Joshua). It is possible to defy the crowds and stay faithful to God!

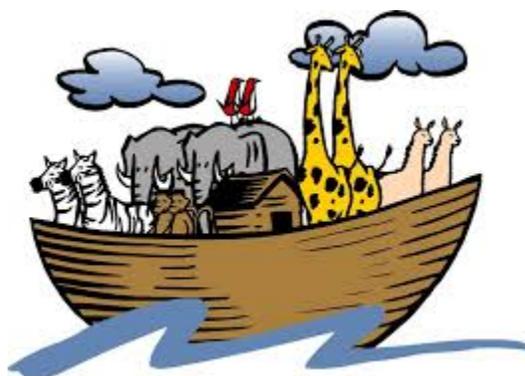
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FAMILY RETREAT

The Family Retreat this year will be July 12 – 14th. We will make the trip to Williamstown, Kentucky to see the replica of the Ark that has been built. Adults are \$75 and children 3 – 17 are \$50; however, the maximum cost is \$175 per nuclear family. This covers admission, hotel (free breakfast), t-shirt and transportation. You will be responsible for paying for all meals which will be on the road, near the hotel or in the Ark itself. We will spend Friday traveling and spend the night in a hotel in the Lexington area and then will travel and see the ark on Saturday. We will worship with a local congregation on Sunday or hold a worship service among ourselves on Sunday and then travel back to Cordova.

Information and sign-up sheets are in the foyer. If you have questions concerning the trip, be sure to see Matt Mitchell or you can visit arkencounter.com.

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Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Mark Hillis
Opening Prayer	Jerry Thompson
Scripture Reading	Dick Holt
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation:	Dennis & Annette Sangster
Serving Communion:	Dan Amar, Matthew Close, Dane Dacus, Ron Hinton, Jim Hubbert, Ryan Hubbert, Mark Mitchell, Matt Mitchell
Pick Up Cards	Chase & Spencer Dacus
AM Closing Prayer	Jacob Maynard
Nursery	Nedra Robison

5 O'Clock Evening Service & Pew Packers

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Opening Prayer	Mike Barrios
5 th Sunday Singing Night	Various Leaders
Closing Prayer	Larry Knox
Nursery	Mary Rigney



NEW SUNDAY PM LESSONS

On Sunday evenings, beginning April 14th, we will start a study on Apologetics. These lessons will be taught by David South, Matt Mitchell and Thomas Williams. Each one will take several lessons to present in a class format, similar to our Holy Spirit study on the second and fourth Sundays of the month when possible.



**Why not join us each week for a great home style meal? Only \$6!!
Please sign the back of your attendance card the individuals who will be attending this week!**

Menu:

*Chicken and Dressing
Sweet Potatoes
Green Beans
Rolls
Banana Pudding*

YOUTH CORNER

By: Thomas Williams

Hello to you all! I hope you are doing well. In youth ministry, it's always a blessing when you get to participate in things outside of your usual schedule, but especially when it lets you spend more time with your students. This week I had the opportunity to speak at a morning meeting at Arlington Middle School! It was such a blessing to be able to give a scriptural lesson to these kids, as well as see some of our own youth group members in their natural habitat, so to speak.

I spoke on one of my favorite passages of Scripture, James 1:2-4. It's so easy to look at the hard times in our lives as something to be frustrated or even angry with God about. Especially with kids at school, there are so many responsibilities and pressures that the stress can be a difficult thing to manage. What I love about this passage it truly is a complete paradigm shift. Instead of looking at our trials as burdens, let's look at them as blessings. Because we know that it is only through working through these trials that we gain the maturity of character that we desire. If God made our lives a cake walk, we would be just like a child whose parents never disciplined them. We would be spoiled.

What a blessing it is to have a God who doesn't spoil us, but instead trains us up in the way we should go. I hope you have opportunity to grow this next week. God Bless!



EASTER EGG HUNT & PICNIC

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic will be here soon. Save the date - April 20th. Start gathering your eggs to fill with wrapped candies for the kids and bring to the church building.

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