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**Welcome! We're glad you are here!**  
Sunday - March 17, 2024

## Barnabas Was an Apostle?

by Troy Spradlin

Acts 14:14 says, *"But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this ..."* So, hold on just a minute! We know that Jesus had twelve Apostles (Matthew 10:2-4) and that Paul was called to be an Apostle (Romans 1:1), but was Barnabas also an apostle? The short answer is: "Both yes and no." The long answer involves considering a few other verses in the Bible and gaining a little knowledge of the Greek language. With just a brief study, it is not difficult to figure out what the inspired writer Luke meant by the word "apostle" in relation to Barnabas in the Book of Acts.

### Capital "A" Apostles and little "a" apostles



Perhaps the best place to begin is with the language in which the word originated, Koine Greek. It is the vernacular Luke used to write his account of the *Acts of the Apostles*. In Greek, it is the word *apostolos*, (our English word is from an Anglicized version of the Greek word) and it simply means, "a delegate, a messenger, or one sent." So, technically, anyone who is sent can be considered an apostle. It is in that sense that Barnabas can be called an "apostle" because he had been sent by the Holy Spirit and the church in Antioch to be a missionary (Acts 13:1-3).

That same word, *apostolos*, is used by Matthew, Mark, and Luke when they write about the day when *"He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles"* (Matthew 10:2-4; Mark 6:30; Luke 6:13-16). Here, the term takes on a different meaning. There is a distinction being made in how the word is used, or what is implied by the term. In this sense, the New Testament writers imply a specific office, or special position.

Perhaps, we could think of it as capital "A" Apostles and little "a" apostles. An apostle with a capital "A" is one chosen by Jesus. These were the men who received a special anointing of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4). An apostle with a little "a" is what Luke means when referring to Barnabas in Acts 14:14. Both are sent delegates, but each has a specific implication attached to the term. Therefore, context determines what is implied. Barnabas was not one of the chosen twelve Apostles, but he was a delegate "apostle" sent as a missionary.

### There Are No Apostles Today

There is still another point to consider concerning the term *apostle*. With a distinction being understood between a sent delegate "apostle" and one of the chosen twelve "Apostles," can we assume that there are still apostles today? Once again, it depends on context. In Acts 1:12-26 we have an account of the chosen twelve Apostles replacing Judas Iscariot. But not just anyone could step into Judas' place. Peter lists some very specific qualifications required of the man who would become the next Apostle. They were, *"of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection."* (Acts 1:21-22) Only two men (out of many) met those requirements.

These same requirements were apparently applied to Saul of Tarsus. That is why he said, *"Paul, called to be an apostle ... through the will of God ... not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father"* (1 Corinthians 1:1; Galatians 1:1). This naturally implies that only men who lived during the time of Jesus' time on earth could be considered as meeting those requirements. It also means that no one today can call themselves an "Apostle" of Jesus (a capital "A" apostle) despite the fact that some religious organizations like to use that word for leadership positions.

Perhaps, we could say that anyone who is sent out to evangelize could call themselves "apostles" in the sense of being a delegate, but that isn't the term we commonly use for such work. Instead, we simply call them missionaries, or evangelists - primarily to avoid any confusion that might be caused by using the word "apostle."





# MSYG EVENTS & INFO

## YG BIRTHDAY NIGHT

Wed. March 27<sup>th</sup>  
4:30 pm in the FH



## GILEGACY

YEAR THREE · JULY 18-21 2024

Sign up & pay by April 28<sup>th</sup>



Gulf Coast Bible Camp  
120 Bible Camp Road  
Lucedale, MS 39452

### Camp Sessions & Dates:

**Baldwin County Week:**  
May 26 - 31 (1st-12th grade)

**Gulf Coast Week:**  
June 2 - 7 (1st-12th grade)

**Middle & High School Week:**  
June 9 - 14 (6th-12th grade)

**Junior Week:**  
June 23 - 26 (1st-5th grade)

**Hattiesburg Week:**  
July 7 - 12 (1st-12th grade)

register at [gulfcoastbiblecamp.com](http://gulfcoastbiblecamp.com)

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GULF COAST  
AREAWIDE 2023-2024  
SCHEDULE

AUG 13 / AZALEA CITY COC

SEPT 17 / GULF SHORES COC

OCT 15 / SCENIC HILLS COC

NOV 10-12 / FUEL RETREAT

JAN 7 / SPANISH FORT COC

FEB 18 / EASTERN SHORE COC

MAR 10 / UNIVERSITY COC

APR 21 / MARGARET ST. COC

### 2023 - 2024

#### Upcoming Events & Info

**March 17:**  
All hotel money due  
Puppet Presentations after PM service

**March 24:**  
Final Workshop  
Puppet Presentations after PM service

### 2023 - 2024

#### Margaret Street Presentations

**Girls:**  
Wednesdays, March 13 & 20  
(during Bible Class Hour)

**Boys:**  
Sundays, March 17 & 24  
(during PM service)

## L2L Easter Bags

Easter bags will be given to L2L participants at convention. If you would like to donate money or candy please see Renee Ray, April Estain, or Ashley Ray!

## Kingdom Kids Easter Egg Hunt

MARCH 17, 2024 | 11:45 AM  
MARGARET STREET LAWN

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED  
PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE KK FB PAGE EVENT IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING

### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE: Galatians 2:20

*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*



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# CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

## Recent/Urgent Requests

- Joe Bartell\* - hip replacement, recovery
- Cassie Buchanan\* - 2nd surgery, recovery
- Sherry Davis\* - prayers for peaceful final days
- David West family - passing of mother, Ann
- Richard Curtis - SHH, kidneys (Fisher\*)
- Wilfred Derrick - kidney failure (Renee Ray\*)
- Talor Freeman\* - prayers, encouragement
- Gloria Martin\* - humerus broken, recovery
- Donald McGriff\* - serious health, prayers
- Mary McGriff\* - upcoming test, prayers
- Sharon Parker\* - seizures, upcoming surgery
- Sharee Patrick - tests, prayers (Jeanna's sister)
- Edwina Sumrall-broken tailbone, prayers
- Edith Sullins - heart damage, rehab (Hatcher\*)
- Ted Russell\* - stent replaced, recovery
- Willie Waitman Jr. - leg amputation(Pace)

## Grieving a Loss

- Terry Baxley\* - passing of Darlene
- Bostwick\* family - loss of mom, Kandi
- Gary Good\* - loss of sister
- Hatcher family\* - loss of mom, Rachel Sullins
- Judy Jennings and family\* - loss of Terry
- Paul Lipford and family - loss of mother
- Linda Loftin\* and family - loss of Jim\*
- Scott Shanahan - loss of Scott's father, Kevin
- Gloria Vonada & family - loss of Troy\*

## Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Ron Bartanen\* - Victorian Manor
- Dennis Brice - hospice (Gary Coleman\*)
- Sherryn Canniff\* - homebound
- Sherry Davis\*-Memory Care (Davis/Napier\*)
- Renee Decker - hospice (Lester\*)
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis\*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia\*- Fort Walton Beach
- Linda Mann\* - Shut In
- Peggy Masoner - Santa Rose Health Care
- Larry McDaniel\*-Santa Rosa Rehab
- Ina Ruth Miller\*
- Ruth Phillips\*- Shut In
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines\* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith - Shut in (J.English mom)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton\*)

## Expectant Mothers

- Hannah Newcomb - April 2024
- Tara Henry - May 2024
- Lauren Godwin - August 2024

## Other Requests / Health Issues

- Sharon Ates - upcoming surg. (Gallagher\*)
- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Louie Bond - knee surgery, recovery
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health
- Rachel Bugsby - heart surgery, recovery
- Robbie Bullard-aneurysm/defect valve (Lee\*)
- Janice Carter\* - mobility, prayers
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire\*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee\* mom)
- Myrna Fuller\* - pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Dixie Gorham - heart failure
- Scott Graham\* - back pain
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Jackie Hamilton-severe health issue(McGriff\*)
- Chris Hollins - health, test (McGriff\*)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's\* friend)
- Joe Lewis - lupus
- Josie Locklin\* - fractured vertebrae , health
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes\*)
- Victoria Martinez - thyroid, prayers
- Theresa McHargue-ill, prayers (Gallagher\*)
- Ron Miller- esophagus infection (Ina Ruth\*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes\*)
- Patsy Prince - health struggles (Burnham\*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher\*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott\*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia\*)
- Jennifer Salter - surgery, recovery (Ruth W. \*)
- Rodger Schwitzerlett - (Gallagher\*)
- Donnie Turner- (Helms\*)

## Military

- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer England - Jacksonville, FL
- Javanta Johnson - NAS Jacksonville Airforce
- Spencer Gable - New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey\* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kansas

## Mission Works

- Shanahans\* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute

## Cancer

- Mike Anderson - (Warrington)
- Misty Bray\* - (Bird\*)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott\*)
- Tish Clark - (Hatcher\*)
- Lynn Colada - (Ted's sister)
- Jack Davis\*
- Sheryl Downy - (Burnham\*)
- Eddie English - (R.English\*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley\*)
- Ricky Jennings - (McGriff\*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff\*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley\*)
- Evergena Larkin - final stages (McGriff\*)
- Greg Lewis\* - lung cancer
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz - (J. Bartell\*)
- Peter Machon - (Torpey\*)
- Darrel Mason - (D.Hill\*)
- Connie Moore - (Fulton\*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin\* friend)
- Ariel Perry - throat (Hatcher)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher\*)
- Al Sherdan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley\* - lymphedema, bone
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff\*)
- Meg Stojanik - (Hatcher\*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- David Walther - brain (English\*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (former mem.)
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

## Students in College

- Haley Bartell
- Seth Crider
- Stephen English
- Caitlyn Frizzell
- Jackson Lash
- Caleb Owens
- Savannah Smith
- LizAnn Webb
- Nick Webb
- Lily Weathersbee
- Reed Wilson
- Lexi Wildes

## Recently Baptized/Restored/Identified

- Makenley Hitchcock\* - Baptized 12/31/23
- Debbie Gill\* - Baptized 1/23/24
- Savannah Smith\* - Baptized 1/31/24
- Brad & Amy Turner\* - Baptized 2/18/24
- Logan Ray\* - Baptized 2/25/24
- Dawson Hitchcock\* - Restored 12/31/23
- Joe and Gloria Martin\* - Identified 2/4/24





## SERVING WITH HONOR SUNDAY, MARCH 17

### MORNING

Opening Prayer ..... Matt McReynolds  
Song Director ..... Casey Bearden  
Sermon ..... Troy Spradlin  
..... *"Our Identity in Christ"*  
Scripture Reading ..... Jack Davis  
..... Galatians 2:17-21  
Closing Prayer ..... Phillip Webb

### Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Josh Owens ..... Nick Bartell  
Jake Newcomb ..... Parker Godwin  
..... Paul Lipford (Balcony)  
Comments ..... Mike Scott

### EVENING

Opening Prayer ..... L2L Boys  
Singing ..... L2L Boys  
Scripture ..... L2L Boys  
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Comments ..... L2L Boys

### Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep ..... Jan Holmes  
PowerPoint ..... Connie Bartell  
Greeters ..... John Pace  
Secure Building ..... Casey Bearden

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director ..... L2L Girl Presentation  
Opening Prayer .. L2L Girl Presentation

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class ..... 183  
AM Worship ..... 240  
PM Worship ..... 117  
Wed. Night Bible Class ..... 165  
Contribution ..... \$8,329

**Weekly Budget: \$11,558**

### TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class ..... 9:00 am  
Sunday AM Worship ..... 10:00 am  
Sunday PM Classes, Worship . 6:00 pm  
Wednesday PM Bible Class ..... 6:30 pm

## Visitors:

### Thank you for coming!

#### You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.

Or, ask any member for assistance.

***Please take a moment to fill out a  
visitors card, or sign our guest book  
so that we might have a record of  
your attendance. Thank you!***

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is **Thursday, by noon.**
- If interested in utilizing the library, please reserve with Blisse or Lisa.
- Apologetics Press Study Bibles available for purchase - see Blisse.
- **Reminder:** If you use online giving, please consider covering the processing fees as part of you contribution.

## FOOD PANTRY

- Food Pickup : 4/9/24@ 9:30 AM
- Preparing Boxes:
  - 4/9/24 @ 5:30 PM
  - 4/10/24 @ 9:30 AM
- Distribution : 4/11/24 @ 2:30 PM

### EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!

## OWLS BIBLE STUDY

### ANGELS AND DEMONS

**Every Thursdays @ 10:30 AM**

**Starting February 1st**

<WiFi Password posted in Foyer>



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Evangelism ..... Troy Spradlin  
Finance .....  
Fellowship ..... Jeff Scott\*  
Involvement ..... Joe Taylor\*  
Lads to Leaders ..... David English  
OWLS ..... Stephen Fulton  
Missions ..... Mike Scott\*  
Visitation ..... Bob Locklin  
..... Mason Chandler  
Kingdom Kids ..... Dane Harrington\*  
Worship ..... Blake Hatcher\*  
Youth & Family ..... Casey Bearden