



The Relator

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*"Salute one another with a holy kiss.
The Churches of Christ salute you!"
Romans 16:16*

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Cosma's Corner

You might have heard the story of the married couple asleep in bed on a stormy night who were awakened by a loud knock on the front door. The man crawled out of bed and grumpily went downstairs. When he opened the front door he found a man dripping wet and obviously very drunk who said to him; "I can't get my car started. Can you give me a push?" To which the man of the house replied sharply; "NO! Go and sober up and we will sort it out in the morning!" He slammed the door and stormed upstairs.

When he got back into bed and explained what had happened to his wife she was indignant and said to him; "That wasn't a very kind Christian response. He could be in trouble and you have just sent him out into the storm

for the rest of the night!" Reluctantly the man got out of bed a second time and put on his coat and went downstairs. He figured he wasn't going to get any peace until he did something for the man out in the rain. When he got to the front door the rain was teaming down and he couldn't see the other man. He could hear a faint noise out in the front yard so he called out;

"Hello? Are you still there? What can I do to help?"

To which the other man replied; "Could you give me a push?"

"I'd be happy to if I could see you, where are you?"

"I'm over here, on your swing!"

Have you ever had the experience of being out some place and the car won't start; the battery is flat? Everything else in the car works fine but the "get-up-and-go" in the battery has "got-up-and-gone". Leaving aside the

more serious reasons as to why batteries run down, the short term solution is usually for another car to come alongside and hook up a set of jumper leads from their strong battery to your weak one. Drawing from the alongside energy and power your car is able to start up again and function normally.

That act of drawing alongside or lending energy to get another going is the basic idea behind a key word in the New Testament. The word is "encourage". There is an example of a man in the New Testament who had a particular reputation for encouragement. His parents named him Joseph (means increase or in addition or God will add) but the leaders of the early church called him Barnabas, which literally meant "son of encouragement".

Read : (Acts 11:19-24, 26 NIV)

I heard the story of a man who interviews some people for a secretary job. First enters a very beautiful woman and the boss asks her:

"What's your name?"

"Lily", says the woman.

"Why Lily?" asks the boss.

"Because when I was born, a lily fell on me from the sky".

Then enters a second woman, more beautiful than the first.....

"What's your name?" asks the boss.

"Rose", says the woman.

"Why rose?" asks the boss.

"Because when I was born, a rose fell on me from the sky". (cont'd on Page 3)



The road of life

God of our life,
 there are days when the burdens we carry
 chafe our shoulders and weigh us down;
 when the road seems dreary and endless,
 the skies gray and threatening;
 when our lives have no music in them,
 and our hearts are lonely,
 and our souls have lost their courage.
 Flood the path with light,
 turn our eyes to where
 the skies are full of promise;
 tune our hearts to brave music;
 give us the sense of comradeship
 with heroes and saints of every age;
 and so quicken our spirits
 that we may be able to encourage
 the souls of all who journey with us
 on the road of life,
 to your honor and glory.
 –St. Augustine



August 9th ... 8:00 am Elders Meeting
 August 16th ... 8:00 am Board Meeting



Our Congregation, Our Nation,
 Unspoken Needs, Lost Souls,
 Northeast Ohio Bible College,
 Highland Christian Church
 Nathaniel Davis (immune system problems)
 Bill Wiley (meds for migraines helping some)
 Landon Redmond (had surgery for cancer on
 cheek, 4 yrs old)
 Ethan Redmond
 Danny Vernon (health problems)
 Maxine Vincent (cancer)
 Walter Bragg (is home and regaining strength)
 Mary Lou Eberhart (health problems broken
 arm)
 Jeff Strange (pray treatments are successful)
 Kim Bergman (kidney cancer)
 Steve Singer
 Bill Yeager (health problems)
 Bob Fluharty (stroke rehabilitation is working)
 Jean Fluharty (health issues)
 Staci Sanders (health concerns)
 Kim Briggs (cancer)
 Suzanne Holloway (lung cancer)
 Dorothy Knepper (lung Cancer)
 Mary Lou Hartzell (throat cancer)
 Elizabeth Thatcher (health problems)
 Dominic Dangelo (serious motorcycle accident)

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Joe Phillis; Joel Newburn, Germany;
 Kyle Stephenson ; Clinton Barnhart;
 Paige Wyss

OUR SHUT-INS

Jim Dorsey; Bess Staubs; Pat Kalbfell;
 Dorothy McFadden; David Phillis; Margie
 Bell, health is failing; Martha Crookston;
 Ellie Wright - Essex II Room 100



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(cont'd from Page 1)

Then enters the third man, hideously ugly.....

"What's your name?" asks the boss.

"Piano", says the man.

BARNABAS was a man who lived up to his name.

Barnabas was a person who you felt good being around. He was a man who believed in the potential of people – particular those whom others were cautious or suspicious of. Barnabas was willing to give a failure a second chance, and because of his predisposition or default setting towards encouraging people the leaders of the early church gave him the nickname of "son of encouragement".

One of the main reasons why I want us to look at the life of Barnabas is to see if there is some aspects of his encouragement DNA that we can isolate and use to genetically modify our personality so that we behave in a similar way. People like to be with people who encourage them. To be a Barnabas towards others is to exercise a powerful influence on people. In terms of the root meaning of the word encourage simply means "to put courage in". It means the imputing or infusion of power or advice or inspiration that makes another person perform better.

There are times for each of us when our battery runs flat. Encouragement means the coming alongside and the inputting of courage or perspective or attitudes that makes us get up and get going again.

Many things in life cause us to experience discouragement - the draining of courage. Sometimes it's a crisis, sometimes it's simply tiredness or sickness, or sometimes it's the cutting words or actions of another person. To encourage is to do the direct opposite. Where courage has dissipated, encouragement is the replacing or replenishment of courage. It represents the putting back what has been taken or that which has leaked out of us.

While Romans 12:8 indicates that some people have a special gift or Holy Spirit-given ability to encourage, the act of being encouraging is a responsibility we all have as followers of Jesus. We are all supposed to be like Barnabas and to a greater or lesser degree there are fellow pilgrims on this planet to whom we are called alongside for the purpose of putting courage into them. People have done it for us in the past and we need to do it for others. Amen.

From One with this Challenge: **Be a BARNABAS!**



Tom & Linda
Miller

August 1 ... Ted Bell
August 4 ... Jen Shinn
August 8 ... Angela Davis
August 9 ... Brenda Schmidt
August 10 ... Ali Opsitnik
August 11 ... Diana Reiter
August 13 ... Robin Janofa
August 15 ... Dorothy Miller
August 23 ... Janet DiBaggio
August 29 ... Rorie Reiter



Little Angels:

Missy Opsitnik

Curious Kids:

Marty Shinn,

Emma Jenkins

Junior Hi: Anthony DiBaggio

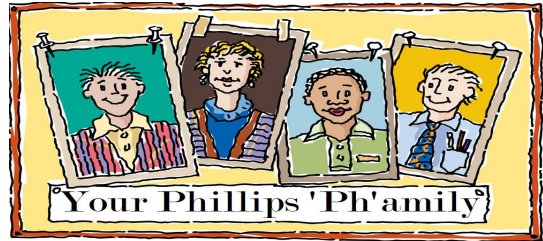
Teens: Ali Opsitnik,

Cody Opsitnik, Dom DiBaggio

Homebuilders/ Loyal Sons & Daughters: Don Huston, Ada Bailey, Gail Phillis, Jr.*, Bill & Marty Snyder, Carl & Judy Merriman, Robin Janofa, Bev Evans, Jack & Bonnie Vincent, Tom Miller, Rorie & Diana Reiter, Dorothy Faloba



Our August Phillips "Ph"amily profile is on Rorie Charles Reiter.



Rorie lives on Depot Road where he built his home on the Phillis farmland in 1988. He had moved from his first

home on South Union in Salem. He was born on August 29, 1957 to parents Earl and Elizabeth (Blaine) Reiter (both deceased) who lived in Salem on Shady Lane.

Rorie married Diana Phillis on September 1, 1979 at PCC. They had met at the local Burger Chef Restaurant while on a lunch break at Lincoln Machine where he worked in 1977.

He has seven siblings: Stephen (deceased from cancer), Rodney, Sharon, Christopher (Kit), Michelle, Roch, and Ramon (deceased @ one month).

Dustin Lee, age 31, Chillicothe, Ohio and Emily Nicole Shoff, age 29, Salem are his two children.

For now, Rorie has only one grandson, Ryker Lee Shoff, age 3 but has another grandson or granddaughter on way in about two weeks??? He can't wait to see what he has to hold.

Rorie started his working years at age 12 at Bricker Farms nearby where he lived. He went on to work for Salem Wax & Detail until he got his job as a drill press operator at Lincoln Machine and on to Paxson Machine as the truck driver who ran for parts etc. He has been at American Standard, Salem for 32 years as the industrial tow motor driver for the press room till present. He is a member of the USW Local # 1538 Union there.

His alumnus is Salem High School where he graduated in Class of 1977. He worked after school and did not participate in any extra-curriculars. He likes to hunt deer and fish when he has spare time.

One of his best talents is he knows how to make a car shine like glass when detailing his vehicles.

His favorite verse in the Bible is John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life." Christmas is his favorite holiday because you get to be with a lot of your family.

Activities he is involved with at PCC are deacon, head of trustees, greeter, usher, fellowship committee, and drove the first church bus in the past. He has been involved in our Relay for Life team also. Rorie says his nicest memory, so far, at Phillips has been getting to walk his daughter down the same aisle that he remembers watching his wife walk down to him 35 years ago.

Lots of people may not know that he was one of the first set of triplets born to Salem Hospital in Salem in 1957. He had his photo on the front page with his mother holding all three of them (he has a copy of it to prove it!). He owns a pristine maroon colored 1957 Chevy Bel Air which wins him quite a few best of show trophies over the years that he takes much pride in driving.

Now, you know a little bit more on Rorie and maybe a few more things to talk to him about !

- Submitted by Diana Reiter

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Job description: As a follower of Jesus, you'll share his love and gospel with everyone. Kindness and humility are vital as you speak about your hope in him. To battle evil, you'll receive a complete set of armor. Use it to defend against attacks by a prowling lion or the temptation to place self above others.

Preferred qualifications:

- complete surrender to God
- a desire to follow his commandments
- a servant heart
- courage to face fiery furnaces or shipwrecks



Everyone's welcome, and training and support are provided. Though you can expect persecution and adversity, the rewards are life-changing — and eternal!

—MaryAnn Sundby

