

# CHURCH

AN HONEST LOOK AT GOD AND FAITH

MAY 27 & 28

# WELCOME

# **WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE**

Our mission is to inspire people to follow Jesus and fearlessly change the world.

# YOUR **NEXT STEP**

visit the **WELCOME CENTER** on the patio where you'll find ways to get connected and opportunities to serve

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#### WEEKEND SERVICES

Sat 5p • Sun 9 & 11a

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CONNECT CARD today's date //
name
phone
email
birthday /
☐ I've <b>decided to follow Jesus</b> for the first time today!
☐ I'm new to Mariners
☐ I'd like to receive <b>The Compass</b> weekly e-news
☐ I'm interested in joining a <b>Life Group</b>
☐ I'm interested in serving ☐ on campus ☐ through Outreach

or you can fill out a Connect Card online at marinerschurch.org/connect

Our hope is you will find Mariners to be a place where you can ask questions, worship God freely and experience **community for life.** 

For info on all our events, visit marinerschurch.org



MON-FRI, JUN 26-30 8:45A-12:30P

\$65/child entering K-5th Grade Fall 2017 REGISTER ONLINE SEARCH wild life

REGISTRATION CLOSES SUN, JUN 4 - MIDNIGHT





search: women





High School meets **Sun 11a** Student Center

NEW! HSM will also meet Sat 5p starting June 24

Whether you're experiencing relationship failure, abuse, addiction or loss—you'll find safe places to experience redemptive relationships and take your next step toward freedom.

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#### MAKING GENEROSITY SIMPLE



#### **GIVE ONLINE**

once or set up a recurring gift marinerschurch.org/give



OFFERING BOXES near the exits as you leave

NOTES	

Please bring this card with you to our **Welcome Center** or drop in an offering box.

# NOT YOUR AVERAGE JOE Acts 4-15

# A toxic lifestyle...death and destruction Acts 5:1-11

## Encouragement...what it looks like

#### Generous

All the believers were united in heart and mind...they shared everything they had...There were **no needy people** among them...For instance, there was **Joseph**, the one the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (which means "Son of Encouragement")...He sold a field he owned and brought the money to the apostles. Acts 4:32,34,36-37

#### Courageous love

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to meet with the believers, but they were all afraid of him...**Then Barnabas** brought him to the apostles and told them...how the Lord had spoken to Saul...preached boldly in the name of Jesus in Damascus. Acts 9:26.27

#### • Builds a bridge across the racial divide

...a large number of these **Gentiles** believed and turned to the Lord. When the church at Jerusalem heard what had happened, **they sent Barnabas** to **Antioch**. When he arrived and saw this evidence of **God's blessing**, he was filled with joy, and he **encouraged** the believers to stay true to the Lord. Barnabas was a **good man**, full of the **Holy Spirit** and strong in **faith**. And many people were brought to the Lord. Acts 11:21-24

• Rescues, empowers and builds generous hearts

Then Barnabas went on to Tarsus to look for Saul. When he found him, he brought him back to Antioch. Both of them stayed there with the church...teaching large crowds of people. (It was at Antioch that the believers were first called Christians.)...So the believers in Antioch decided to send relief to the brothers and sisters in Judea, everyone giving as much as they could. Acts 11:25,26,29

### Encouragement...what it looks like (cont.)

#### Committed to the core

...the Holy Spirit said, "Dedicate Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them." So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and **sent them**...Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly...When the Gentiles heard this, they were very glad and thanked the Lord for his message; and...became believers. So the Lord's message spread throughout that region. Acts 13:2,3,46,48,49

#### Extraordinary concessions for unity

And so my judgment is that we should **not make it difficult** for the **Gentiles** who are turning to God...After some time Paul said to Barnabas, "Let's go back and visit each city where we previously preached the word of the Lord, to see how the new believers are doing..." Their **disagreement** was so sharp that they separated. Barnabas took **John Mark** with him and sailed for Cyprus. Paul chose Silas, and as he left, the believers entrusted him to the Lord's gracious care. Acts 15:19,36,39,40

# Encouragement...what it does

- Propels our faith
- Changes the world

# Detox our lifestyle

The One Year Study Bible reading for May 28-June 3: 2 Samuel 13-21, etc.