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Gary L. Norris
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Dear Joseph,

I finished up my two-week ministry at Manna Baptist Church, Shelby, NC on Thursday the 28th. I sincerely appreciate any Pastor who would trust me with his flock for two weeks.

I lived in Shelby for almost 10 years and while I lived there, I made a lot of friends. I used the two weeks I was there to catch up with some friends and family.

I had lunch on Tuesday with Pastor Dan and Amy Quorllo. I have known them for over 30 years. He is the pastors of Morganton Baptist Church, in Morganton, North Carolina.


On Wednesday, I took Clyde Justice out to lunch. Brother Clyde is one of the two remaining charter members at Manna Baptist Church.

On Thursday, I took my grandson Stephen and his wife Maddy out to lunch. I don't get to see them very often and I certainly enjoyed my time with them.

On Friday I flew back to Jacksonville, FL. Brother Ted Johns picked me up at the airport. We had lunch at the Cedar River restaurant in Callahan ... And then he took me to my home sweet home in Hilliard, FL. No matter where we go it's always good to be back home.

I spent most of the day with Pastor Carringer. We just got back from visiting Arthur Joe Geiger. He had a fall a few days ago and is in the hospital. He's doing well and hopes to be through the recovery process very quickly.

I Hope you had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend. I am trusting that God will give you a good Lord's Day tomorrow.

Have a wonderful week 

Let us continue to pray  one for another.



Your Barnabas Always Enjoys The Opportunity To Preach At Manna Baptist Church.



We Did Not Assemble Any Bibles This Trip But I've Always Admired The Seed Line Ministry At Manna Baptist Church



Pastor Dan and Mrs. Amy Qurollo, Morganton Baptist Church, Morganton, NC



A Great Day With My Grandson Stephen And His
Wife Maddy



Brother Ted Johns Dining With Your Barnabas ...
After He Picked Me Up At The Airport

Saturday Eve Barna-Post

“Thoughts To Ponder” “Investments ”

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

OUR INVESTMENTS

More than likely, everyone reading this knows a little bit about investing time, energy, or money in a property, a business, or even a person. I lived in the world of investments until I was 42 years old. I don't know about anyone else, but when I made an investment, I usually looked for a return in the form of blessing, privileges, or financial benefit.

GOD's INVESTMENT IN US

Have we ever considered that God has invested in us?

Psalms 127:3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is His reward. So, we ourselves are investments of God. Will we give Him a return by glorifying Him, or will we be a disappointment? If we give into” 1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life ...

we spurn God's investment ... We will disappoint Him.

John 3:16 says that God “GAVE” (invested) His only Son for “whosoever believeth in Him.” That whosoever means exactly what it says ... WHOSOEVER ... That can be

you 🙏 ... but if we resist Jesus Christ and his redemptive work on Calvary Cross that He did for us ...we are a poor investment.

God wants us to be saved and in fellowship with Him here and now ... And eventually spend eternity in Heaven with Him.

God created humans with the capacity to reason, make choices, communicate, and worship. But when Adam and Eve sinned in the garden of Eden, "death passed upon all men" (Romans 5:12)

So, what did God do? In Genesis 3:15 He promised that the seed of the woman (Jesus) Would bruise the head of the serpent (Satan). John 3:16 speaks of that "free gift" available to us. When someone graciously gives us a gift, we naturally prize that gift and give it our best care. This is pleasing to the giver and beneficial to us. If we receive the great gift (eternal life) of God's investment, we will never be disappointed, and He will not be disappointed with us.

Have you accepted that free gift ... IF SO ...Psalms 116:12 What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?

WHAT KIND OF INVESTMENTS ARE YOU MAKING TODAY?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT 🤔

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Sinner Saved By Grace 🙏

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