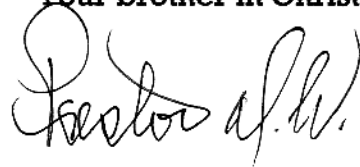


## The Barnabas Letter

The halcyon days of summer are upon us! For many, this time of year is for relaxing, taking vacations, or celebrating the Fourth of July. But for Christians, these days are days of increased evangelism. The reason is that as we have a more relaxed atmosphere we can use the opportunity to tell those around us the good news that is the Gospel. As we encounter those of our friends that know not our Lord it is our bounden duty to tell them that the Lord whom we serve is calling them into his service also. We have been given a great gift, eternal life, and it is our Lords command that we give everyone, both small and great the astounding news that this gift is for them also! But of course, we have every excuse in the world for not telling our friends about our Lord, why they might think that we are weird or that we are religious fanatics or something! But our Lord will hold us accountable for not sharing the Gospel with all we meet and, after all, if our friends are really our friends, we do not want them to end up in hell! Therefore, as we enjoy these days of summer let us invite our friends to come to church with us or let's have a good old-fashioned barbecue and invite the pastor of our church over to share the Gospel with all who are gathered there. Let's make sure to invite those who are not only un-churched but also those who are marginal believers too. In other words, let's use every means available to us to proclaim the Gospel to all those with whom we come into contact with on a daily basis. While we are at it let's do our very best to get folks into our churches so that there will be more Christians in our little corner of the world. The truth is, my brethren; that

Christians are becoming a distinct minority in many places and persecution is increasing. Our Lord has told us in his Word that this will happen as the time of his returning draws nearer. Therefore, as the time grows short, let our zeal grow ever stronger so that we will have done our very best to fulfill our Lords command to preach the Gospel to every living creature. Until next month: may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Your brother in Christ Jesus;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pastor A. W." with a large initial "P" and a stylized "W".