



# Rockwood Church of Christ

## The Proclaimer

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## THE KID WHO CHANGED THE WORLD

The book *“The Kid Who Changed the World”* by Andy Andrews is based on the Butterfly Effect. The idea is that every time something happens, something else happens. When a butterfly flaps its wings, it moves tiny pieces of air, which then moves other tiny pieces of air. Essentially, every little thing you do, has some type of impact on the world around you. What you did yesterday, today, and what you will do tomorrow matters.

Norman Borlaug is the kid who changed the world, because he decided as a child, growing up on a farm, that all the corn they had could be used to feed the hungry people of the world. Norman learned all he could about plants throughout his school years. Then he was hired by a man named Henry Wallace to develop special seeds which would grow into super plants to help feed the hungry. He did, and two billion people were fed! But, Henry Wallace was actually the kid who changed the world, because as a child, he learned all he could about plants from a man named George. Henry learned so much he became the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture under Franklin D. Roosevelt.

However, George was actually the kid who changed the world, because while at Iowa State on the weekends, George would take his professor’s son, Henry Wallace, around campus teaching him all about plants.

But really, Susan Carver was the one who truly changed the world, because she and her husband Moses, rescued a child who they eventually adopted. His name was George Washington Carver.

No matter how old or young we are, we impact the world around us. May our impact be like Lois, Eunice and Timothy!

**Justin Barnes**

## Let God Send You

When we think of the great apostle Paul, we think of a rugged warrior for Christ – a courageous, daring, fearless man who laughed in the face of danger. After all, he was the man who got up and walked back into the town where folks had stoned him, drug him out of the city, and left him for dead (**Acts 14:19-20**). Paul was the guy who was whipped, beaten, shipwrecked, mugged, thrown in prison, and endured many great perils with his faith intact (**II Cor. 6:4-10; 11:24-28**).

In **II Cor. 7**, we see Paul continuing this life theme in being bold in speech and joyful in tribulation (**v.4**). But even Paul had times that were hard to handle. For in the very next verse, we see a side of Paul we are not used to seeing in the pages of the New Testament: *“For indeed, when we came to Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were troubled on every side. Outside were conflicts, inside were fears.”* (**II Cor. 7:5**) So Paul was human after all. And even he had to grapple with trouble, conflict, and fear in his life. Can you relate to that? I certainly can.

The first word of the next verse is “nevertheless” and it introduces the thought that a solution was provided – and it was: *“Nevertheless God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus”* (**II Cor. 7:6**). Titus was one who was able to comfort (**II Cor. 7:6**), console (**II Cor. 7:7**), and render proper affections (**II Cor. 7:15**). It was just what Paul needed. Titus was one who brought the light of a new day after a dark and stormy night.

The Century English Version of the Bible renders **II Cor. 7:6** this way: “But God cheers up people in need, and that is what He did when He sent Titus to us.” God uses various means to comfort His children. In this case, it was sending Titus to Paul.

There are many in the world (and this church) who are suffering, in pain, dealing with turmoil and fear in their lives. So many times just being there for them makes such a big difference. As one lady once said, “My friend just came over, made coffee, then sat down and drank it with me. I didn’t want to talk right then, and she did not try to make me do so. She helped me a lot” (from “Personal Counseling” by Bill Flatt).

Why not let God send you to someone to help bring them a little comfort?

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