



PREACHER-SHEPHERD
JEFFERSON R. CARUTHERS, JR.



COMMENTARY CORNER: "HUSBANDS, LOVING WIVES AS THE GODLY CHOICE"

"Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself" (Ephesians 5:25—28).



Jesus is God's expression of love (John 3:16). And no greater love is manifest than the love of God as seen in both the Father and the Son (John 15:13). Jesus commands that his disciples learn to love one another as he loved them (John 13:34). And throughout the ministry of Jesus, his love for all is evident.

He loved men and women who were considered good, as well as those others thought undeserving of love. Accordingly, when teaching on love, Jesus teaches his disciples to love their neighbors as they love themselves (Matt 5:43). And not only their neighbors, they were to love their enemies (Matt 5:44). Love for any begins with loving God with all ones heart, soul, and mind (Matt 22:37).

Jesus demonstrated love for those who did not completely understand his ministry the same as he loved those who gave their all for it. When a young man sought to understand what he should do to inherit eternal life, a young man who was proud that he had kept the law from his youth up, we read,

Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me" (Mark 10:21).

Jesus loved this man whom he knew was too attached to his wealth to follow the Lord. Let us remind ourselves that our love is not based on people understanding or agreeing with our purposes in life. We love because we seek to be like the

Father and the Son.

We learn from the love Jesus had for those who could not follow and from the love he had for those who did all they could to serve him. We read of his relationship with three with whom he spent time: "Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus" (John 11:5). He spent even more time with his apostles, and we know that this factor can result in our having less affection for another. But John records, "Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end" (John 13:1).

Jesus loved and Jesus loves always. His example is what we should aspire to emulate as we relate to others. And our first opportunity to express love always is in the family, beginning with the relationship between husband and wife. More specifically, husbands should lead in the practice of love. And not just the love that encompasses passion and sexual intimacy, but a love that is as intensive when one is an enemy as when one is a friend. Let us be reminded that God loved, not when we were at our best. No, "God commends his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

We understand that the love husbands grow in is the love that Paul delineates to the Corinthians. It suffers long, and is kind; it envies not; it does not vaunt itself and is not puffed up. It does not behave itself unseemly, and seeks

not her own. It is not easily provoked, and thinks no evil. This love does not rejoice in iniquity, but rather in truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never fails (1 Cor 13:4—8).

This love has no affinity with the kind of love that disappoints, forsakes, blames, holds grudges, keeps account of misdeeds, points the finger, excuses distance and coldness. It claims no kinship with love that feels at one time, and ceases to feel at other times. It is not related to love that one falls in and out of. It does not take a seat with love that is overwhelming when another pleases me and bankrupt when the same disappoints me. Men and women suffer when their relations are based on pseudo love, false love, fake love.

Make a query, ask the masses, poll the numbers of women who have been hurt and disappointed by shallow and selfish love from husbands who loved one moment and detested the next. Seek to understand if there have been greater hurts than from men who have spoken of love while their wives' looks pleased them, when their cooking satisfied them, when their checks assisted or even supported them, while they never questioned, never disappointed, never stood in the way, did not dare to disagree, were available always, did not arouse suspicion, and whose eyes were trusted to be for them only. Husbands who have loved according to these prerequisites have not understood the depth of love to which they are called to learn.

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CHURCH



2015 THEME: "In All Things, Examples Of Good Deeds" (Titus 2:7)

Calendar of Events

PREACHER-SHEPHERD

JEFFERSON R. CARUTHERS, JR.

MINISTER EMERITUS

CLOYS R. CECIL, SR.

SHEPHERDS

JEFFERSON R. CARUTHERS, JR.

JOHN FOXWORTH

LEROY NELSON

WALTER WEATHERS, JR.

ELDER EMERITUS

FRANK W. DULIN

DEACONS

ROSCOE BURGESS

MICHEAL CURRY

JAMES E. GADSON

GEORGE MCNAIR

ROY OLIPHANT

BERNARD TERRY

JOE WILSON



SUNDAY SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE DAY DRIVE

We need your help to reach or succeed our goal of **275** or more on Sunday, March 15, 2015. We look forward to seeing you.

MEN'S AND LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Our Men's and Ladies' Bible class will meet today at 5 p.m. We are encouraging all of our members to attend.

Southwestern Christian College National Dinner Day

Southwestern Christian College National Dinner Day for this area will take place on March 22, 2015 at Carver Road Church of Christ. Our goal is to reach \$10,000. Please save the date for this event.

10TH ANNUAL FAITH, FRIENDS & FAMILY WEEKEND

Please save the date for our 10th Annual "Faith, Friends & Family" Weekend taking place on the 13th and 14th of March 2015. The guest facilitator for this event will be brother Jeffrey Pointer of Charlotte, NC. We look forward to seeing you!

White Street Church of Christ

1301 White St, Lexington, NC

The White Street Church of Christ cordially invites you to come join them for their Fellowship Meeting on March 8, 2015 at 3:00 pm.. Guest speaker will be Alan Brown Sr. of the Capernaum Church of Christ. Congregational singing begins at 2:30

17TH ANNUAL

CAROLINA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Carolina Men's Fellowship sponsored by the Charlotte Ave. Church of Christ is set for Saturday, March 14, 2015, 9:00-3:00. Location: 1055 Gold Hill Rd., Fort Mill, SC. Direct inquiries about the program to Charlotte Ave. Church of Christ (803) 327-7853; charlcoc@comporium.net or drpharr@msn.com.

Teachers' Banquet

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Teachers' Banquet taking place on March 21st.



KURIAKOS HOUSE

Don't forget to visit the Kuriakos House table located in the foyer for events and happenings. You may contact sister Felecia Caruthers at (336) 767-4201 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Contact Update:

Angela Weathers
563 Kolekole Ave
Honolulu, HI 96858

Cornelius Corner: VA's Cash Out Refinance Loan is for homeowners who want to take cash out of their home equity. VA will guarantee loans up to 100% of the value of your home. For additional information go to www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans

YOUTH NEWS

Reading Safari

STAY TUNED FOR THE NEXT READING SAFARI ACTIVITY

EASTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST YOUTH RALLY

Saturday, March 28th, 2015.

Theme: **Facing Our Giants**

Speaker: Leslie B. James

Registration begins at 8am ; a light breakfast will be served. Program ends at 12 noon followed by lunch. RSVP by March 8th, 2015 with number of youth attendees and chaperones. (336) 631-8232 or (336) 287-1207.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

(6 Years) Kevin & Shundra McLaurin—14th
(40 years) Worth & Jacalyn McCloud - 20th
(48 years) Joe & Mattie Wilson 26th
(18 years) Adolphus & Valarie Coplin 29TH

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1st, Jarred Monroe; 4th, Worth McCloud; 5th, Martica Dixon; 9th, Kecia McCloud; 10th, Delores Reaves; 13th, Theresa Witherspoon; 15th, Eshe Johnson; 16th, Tonya Taylor; 17th, Antwan Davis; Eshe Johnson; 18th; 19th, Novell Hall; 19th, Simon Johnson; 20th, Katherine Eichleberger; 20th, Athenia Pouncey; 21st, Jerri Evans; 22nd, Jefferson Caruthers Jr.; 24th, Keith Matier; 28th, Angela Weathers; 29th, Jefferson Caruthers, III; 29th Shakeia Taylor.



ALL VISITORS!

**YOU ARE OUR HONORED
GUESTS!**

PRAY THAT GOD LEADS US TO SOULS TO SAVE TODAY & THROUGH

SICK AND SHUT-IN LISTING

Bro. Dwight Correll.....
 Sis. Immogene Bray.....
 Bro. Leroy Nelson
 Bro. Barry Harper.....
 Sis. Georgla Glenn.....
 Bro. Charles Leak.....
 Bro. Joseph Transou.....

RESPONSIVE READING

II Cor. 10: 17-18; II Cor. 11:1-4

READER: But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

CHURCH: For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.

READER: Would to God you could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me.

CHURCH: For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

READER: But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

UNISON: For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, teach us not to commend ourselves, but rather seek to be commended of the Lord. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Bro. James Gadson, Sis. Cynthia Judge, Bro & Sis. Gordon, Sis Maggie Shephard, Bro. Victor Baldwin, Sis. Shanita Greene, Sis. Athenia Pouncey, Sis. Trena Wilson, Sis. Courtney Massey.

SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR MARCH

BRO. JOHN FOXWORTH
 (336) 924-5029

ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M.

SONG LEADER Randy Dulin
 SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Ron Jessup
 INVOCATION Thomas Loyd, Sr.
 SONG DIRECTOR James Gadson
 SCRIPTURE Victor Baldwin
 RESPONSIVE READING George mcNair
 PRAYER Simon Johnson
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Reginald Nichols
 LORD'S SUPPER T. J. Loyd
 READER Timothy Pilson
 CLOSING PRAYER Ollie Carpenter
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

6:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Ron Jessup
 INVOCATION Harold Brown
 SONG DIRECTOR DeMarcus Miles
 SCRIPTURE Joseph Crim
 RESPONSIVE READING Jonas Caruthers
 PRAYER Howard Brown
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Joel Caruthers
 LORD'S SUPPER Kolbe Adkins
 READER
 CLOSING PRAYER D. J. Crim
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 5:18)

Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the Sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.



USHERS

Andrew Jackson	James Cherry	DeMarcus Miles
Todd Woods	Anthony Clinton	Novell Hall
Adriel Hall	Harold Brown	Arnold Thomas
Isiah Black	Jarred Monroe	Bernard Wallace

EVENING USHERS

Jonas Caruthers D.J. Crim
 Michael Terry Kolbe Adkins

COMMENTARY CORNER

And while we speak of the husband's relationship with the wife, let us not be so naïve as to believe that the love he is called to have fits only the category of married people. This is no more true than the love Jesus had fitting only the category of rich young rulers, or people like Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, or the apostles. What we learn about love in one relationship teaches us how we are to love in others.

Mothers are affected by love given by husbands and it in turn will be borne out in her relationship to her children. Children learn from the love they see in mother and father: they witness care, concern, compassion, disagreement, forgiveness, patience, longsuffering, acceptance, understanding—all of which

should have positive impacts in their lives when as adults they relate to other adults. There are many hurt and disoriented, detached, uncompassionate, unfeeling, untouched, unforgiving adults because of what they witnessed in their fathers' love for their mothers. There is much to be learned from how we grow in and display love. Fittingly, then, Paul writes that husbands should love their wives as Christ has loved the church (Ephesians 5:25). They are to love their wives and not to be bitter with them (Colossians 3:19).

Husbands must lead in understanding, even when they feel they are misunderstood, because God has shown that wives need love. Husbands must be first to be longsuffering and patient, because God has shown that

wives are to be loved. Husbands must accept that the object of their love can never be measured by or held up to the standard of meeting requirements of perfection, completeness, and consistency. And, again, God has shown that she functions optimally in an environment of love.

Let it be understood that if love does not ultimately touch her, no amount of money, no extended vacations, no bouquets of roses, no boxes of candy, no engagement in domestic work, no repetitive assurances of beauty, no vacationing, no cruises, no begging, no pleading, no crawling, no attachment, nothing we offer will affect in her what God has created her to feel and to know, that is love that embraces her at every level and stage of her humanness.

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

Early Morning Worship ..8 A.M.

Sunday Bible School9 A.M

Sunday Morning Worship..10 A. M

Sunday Evening Worship

6:30 P.M.

Mid-Week Bible Study

Wednesday

11 A.M. & 7 P.M

Men's & Ladies'

Bible Class

5 P.M.

2ND & 4TH SUNDAY

MEETINGS & MINISTRIES

Teachers' Meeting 1st Sat. 9 a.m./

Husbands & Fathers Support Group 3rd Sat.

4 p.m. / Youth Fellowship Meeting 2nd Sat.

10 a.m.—12 noon

Young Adult Ministry 4th Fri.

Clothing Bank 1st Sat. 10 a.m.—12noon

WORSHIP TO THE SICK & SHUT-IN FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH



BAPTISMAL TEAM

Bro. Anthony Clinton

Bro. Thomas Loyd, Sr.

Bro. George McNair

Bro. Walter Weathers, Jr.

Radio Broadcast Stations

Sundays @7:30 A.M.

Thursdays @ 2 P.M.

1340 AM

1400 AM

103.5 FM



YOU CAN BE SAVED TODAY!

To be saved today, you must hear the gospel (Romans 10:17; Acts 15:7). You must believe the gospel that assures us salvation through Jesus who is the risen Lord (Romans 10:9, 10). You must be willing to turn your life over to God through repentance (Acts 17:30; Romans 2:4). Those willing to live for God through repentance are ready for confession (Romans 10:9,10).

The person who confesses is baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3, 4; Galatians 3:27). In baptism, the believer is washed, sanctified, and justified (1 Corinthians 6:11). Christ saves the baptized person in baptism (1 Peter 3:21).

If you believe that Jesus died for you and was resurrected, if you will repent and confess, then you can be baptized into Christ and be saved. Come to Jesus today!

ZONES

ZONE #1 Capt. Bro. J. Wilson (661-1312)

ZONE #4 Co-Capt. Bro. B. Terry (720-9694)

ZONE #5 Capt. Bro. J. Gadson (650-9693)

Co-Capt. Bro. A. Rucker (924-5696)

ZONE #7 Capt. Bro. J. Foxworth (924-5029)

Co-Capt. Bro R. Oliphant (765-3105)

ZONE #8 Capt. Bro. R. March (727-0052)

Co-Capt. Bro. R. Burgess (748-0282)

CHILDRENS' WORSHIP

1st- Rose Ellerbe & Paula Evans

8th- Rose Ellerbe & Paula Evans

15th- Brandi & Rodney Evans

22nd- Brandi & Rodney Evans

29th-- Leah Adkins & Janel Brown

NURSERY DUTY

1st

8th

15th

22nd

29TH

MARCH GREETERS

1ST— Alinda Gadson

Bayyunah Brown

8TH— Athenia Pouncey

Lilly Alford

15TH— Carol Weathers

Hazel Gordon

22ND— Cindy Dulin

Mary Robinson

29TH— Cynthia Judge

Indya Rucker

COMMUNION PREPARERS For March

Treva Loyd/Tonya Oliphant



Baptismal Committee

For

Month of March

Diane Foxworth, Diane Robinson
& Wendy Thomas