



PREACHER-SHEPHERD
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COMMENTARY CORNER: “THE COMPASSION OF A FATHER FOR ANGRY CHILDREN” (# 3) “And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him. And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed and I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends:” (Luke 15:28—29).



Jesus ministered to children of God who knew that they were in need of a Savior. Common men heard him gladly (Mark 12:37). Men and women in the categories of publicans and sinners heard him (Luke 15:1). These accepted that, like the son we call the prodigal, they had wasted their substance with ungodly living.

Let us acknowledge that it is an advantage and not a weakness to be able to admit we need a Savior. It is wisdom and not foolishness to be able to confess faults before God. It is sincerity and honesty and not insincerity and dishonesty to proclaim dependence on the need to be led by the Holy Spirit. The children of God are always at an advantage when they accept their dependence on a merciful and loving God.

Sons and daughters of God also do well to have the desire to want to please God. It is commendable to know the Father’s will and seek to do it. And there are actually men and women who, as much as they are able, seek to walk uprightly before God. These do not have the same desire to explore life away from the father as do others.

We need to remind ourselves that while some choose to take their substance and to go into a far country, this is not the only road to self awareness and growth possible. One need not become involved in riotous living. It is not necessary when coming to maturity to taste test alcohols. It is not mandatory to explore the highs brought on by illegal drugs. It is not compulsory to lie around, sleep around, and go around with all who are interested in sexual re-

lations. It is not compulsory that we make it a project to put together a portfolio of deeds done for later reflection on our lives of worldliness. Everyone need not choose to seek out the bright lights of dark and ungodly living.

Let us understand, too, that the Father has children in both bedrooms under his roof. In the one is the child who would take his journey into a far country. In the other is the child who chooses to stay home and to please his father. This is certainly the story that Jesus relates when teaching about the man who had two sons. For whatever reason, the younger son was the one who demanded that his inheritance be given to him (Luke 15:12).

What was it that caused the younger son to demand his portion? Was it that he was perhaps spoiled as younger children have been known to be? Was it that he felt that as long as there was an older brother, his path in life could only go so far? Was he bored, maybe disgusted with what appeared to be a dead end life of everyday routines, seasonal expectations, and annual renewals of commitments to the same? In his own mind there was a good enough reason to strive to make it away from the guarded provision of his father.

There is a lesson for all parents who are met with the demands of a son or daughter. There would be a tendency to discuss, to reason, to argue, to show frustration, to beg, and to plead with the offspring. But we must realize that there does come a time when wanderers will prepare to wander, explorers will gear up to explore, and thrill seekers will

be energized by imagined thrills to pursue those thrills. The mother has a choice, the father has a choice; when the child is reared in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, even then parents must be careful not to provoke to wrath and anger (Ephesians 6:4). Angry adults begin their growth as angry children.

The road leading to the far country and dim lights, on the map, is not the only road we must be careful on which not to construct anger lanes. The halls and paths in the home, near the father, can become lanes that lead to justification for anger. And this is the story of the older son.

The older son did not ask that his inheritance be given him, though it was divided for him (Luke 15:12). He did not seek leave into the far country. He did not expect to wander, to explore, and to be thrilled. He did not experience the shame and humiliation of having realized that he wasted what was his, experienced the sensation of extreme hunger, and exchanged his seat at his father’s table for space around the feeding trough of hogs. But this older son also had some misunderstandings about his father.

Love from the father understands that there would be no love if it were dependent on children always thinking and doing right. The father loves because he is father. And the father is not ashamed of the love he has for children when they are good or wayward. The older son did not understand the love and compassion of his own father.

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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, April 19, 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.

71st National Lectureship

Chicago, IL

April 5-9

"Celebrating the Covenant"

Expositions from the Johannine Christology. For registration packets and more information visit www.churchesofchristnationallecatureship.org

Ladies Lectureship Retreat

Washington, DC

APRIL 2ND-5TH

Christian Woman: The Evolution of Royalty (1 Peter 2:5, 9-10)

For registration information and schedule of events, please visit www.ladieslectureshipretreat.org.

CARVER ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOP

THE LAZARUS EFFECT (Titus 2:7)

April 25, 2015 @ 9a.m.

(Free Registration begins at 8:30) Come and celebrate the resurrection of the young adults!

Guest Facilitators: Nicholas & Nikki Glenn, Sharpe Rd Church of Christ

National Teacher's Workshop

Memphis, TN

April 16-18, 2015

Theme: "Educating for Eternity... Teaching True Word in an Untrue World." Please visit the website for registration and contact information. www.nationalteachersworkshop.org



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.

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

A special Reading Safari club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22nd after Bible Class. Continue reading and bring your book tags for prizes! Stay tuned for an update!

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, Richard Williams; 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.

WELCOME

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.....
 Sis. Dorothy Livingston.....

RESPONSIVE READING

II Cor. 11:17-22

READER: That which I speak, I speak it not after the Lord, but as it were foolishly, in this confidence of boasting.

CHURCH: Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also.

READER: For ye suffer fools gladly, seeing ye yourselves are wise

CHURCH: For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face.

READER: I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly,) I am bold also.

UNISON: Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, help us to be thankful for the spiritual things you do in the lives of everyone of us. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Sis. Treva Loyd, Sis. Maegan Gomez, Sis. Brandi Evans, Sis. Tonya Oliphant, Sis. Dolly Warren, Sis. Willie M. Cherry, Sis. Latasha Gandy, Bro. Arnold Thomas, Bro. George Leak, Sis. Kellie Pouncey, Bro. Andrew Jackson, Bro. Jarvis Warren, Bro. Garrin McNair, Bro. Bernard Terry, Bro. Walter Weathers, Bro. Howard Brown, Bro. Johnny Correll, & Sis. Dawn Jones

SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR MARCH

BRO. JOHN FOXWORTH
 (336) 924-5029

ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M.

SONG LEADER James Gadson
 SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Ron Jessup
 INVOCATION Victor Baldwin
 SONG DIRECTOR Adolphus Coplin
 SCRIPTURE Juan Williams
 RESPONSIVE READING Jason Adkins
 PRAYER Roscoe Burgess
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Garrin McNair
 LORD'S SUPPER Joel Caruthers
 READER Kolbe Adkins
 CLOSING PRAYER James Gadson
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

6:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Ron Jessup
 INVOCATION Bernard Wallace
 SONG DIRECTOR Andrew Jackson
 SCRIPTURE Jerry Evans
 RESPONSIVE READING Todd Woods
 PRAYER Adolphus Coplin
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Harold Brown
 LORD'S SUPPER Anthony Clinton
 READER
 CLOSING PRAYER Doug Crim
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 5:21)

For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quicken them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.



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

When fathers are confronted with the anger of their children, they understand that it is not necessary to meet anger with anger. The older sons of their homes may not waste their substance with riotous living, but they manifest the need for the understanding and love of the father who has the younger son under his roof.

How sad it is that when the family wants to celebrate one child, the other is upset and hurt. How tragic, even, it is that when the dancing is lively and the music of celebration can be heard, one child will pout, will be sad, will refuse to be cheerful, will show anger. For many, this has been the kind of child that one would turn away from in disgust.

How tempting it is to deal with the angry child in anger, to tell the child that if he wants it that way, forget about him, let him do what he will, and talk about why he should know better—after all that was done for him.

But the father who showed the compassion of putting a robe, sandals, and ring on one child has the compassion to go out to his angry child and to help him understand that he is loved (Luke 15:28). Let us not miss the needs met for both of these sons.

For one son, it was necessary to run to meet him. For the other, it was needful for him to leave the party to assure him of what was his. Hear the father, "Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine" (Luke 15:31).

The inheritance had been divided between the sons, but the father assures the older son that all the father has is his. We should speak a word to those who have imagined themselves different from the younger brother, more noble than the younger brother, more holy than the younger brother, wiser than the younger brother, regardless of whether we avoid the entrapments of a world gone wild or expose ourselves to the dangers of a wayward life, we are all created to have need and acceptance of a loving father. We need learn that father's love and compassion for all. Otherwise, we travel as far a journey as any younger brother. Let us not transgress by refusing to love as God loves. Understand that we all have need of salvation.

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

22nd- Brandi & Rodney Evans
29th-- Leah Adkins & Janel Brown
APRIL
5th-- Howard & Saroya Brown

NURSERY DUTY

TBA

MARCH GREETERS

29TH— Cynthia Judge
Indya Rucker

APRIL GREETERS

5TH— Delores Reaves
Eshe Johnson

COMMUNION PREPARERS For March

Treva Loyd/Tonya Oliphant



Baptismal Committee

For

Month of March

Diane Foxworth, Diane Robinson
& Wendy Thomas