



PREACHER-SHEPHERD
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COMMENTARY CORNER: “RESURRECTION IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK”

“And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun” (Mark 16:1, 2). (0003280800)>

Jesus suffered crucifixion the day before the Sabbath. When he died, he was taken off of the cross and laid in Joseph’s new tomb (John 19:38-42). No one could do anything for him on that second day, it was the Sabbath. But on the third day, the first day of the week, Jesus arose some time early that morning. It was the first day of the week that became the day that Mary Magdalene and others first had opportunity to worship the risen Savior (John 20:1).

Mary meets him at the tomb and after seeing him says, “Rabboni” (John 20:1). We read later, in the apostle John’s account, “Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you” (John 20:19). What we have in these two texts are appearances of Jesus to Mary on the first day of the week, and an appearance to the disciples who were gathered together on the first day of the week.

What we also witness is how and why the first day of the week became significant in the lives of the disciples. The first day of the week is the day that Jesus arose from the dead. The first day of the week is the day when Jesus showed himself to Mary, and when he gathered with the disciples after his resurrection. The first day of the week is the day when he reminds the apostles that they are sent, breathes on them, telling them to

receive the Holy Spirit, and informs them that their ministry will be one of preaching remittance of sins (John 20:21-23).

The day of Pentecost was on the first day of the week. It was the first Pentecost after the resurrection, a day when God came through the Holy Spirit, when the church of Christ began (Acts 2:1-5, 47). This was the first time believers were baptized into Jesus Christ (Acts 2:41). It was the first time that the apostles’ fellowship included all those who belonged to Jesus (Acts 2:42). The first day of the week was indeed the Lord’s day (Revelation 1:10). It was the day that Paul would encourage believers to lay aside something for poor saints (1 Corinthians 16:1, 2). And it was the regular day of meeting for the disciples to come together and break bread (Acts 20:7).

We learn that the first day of the week afforded Paul the opportunity to preach to the disciples. Luke records, “And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight” (Acts 20:7). The Jews maintained their allegiance to preaching Moses. James says, “For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath day” (Acts 15:21).

Contrast when Moses is preached, every Sabbath day (Acts 15:21), with when Jesus was preached by Paul, “And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow” (Acts 20:7).

Remembrances of the resurrection and the first day of the week have reached holiday status in our country. It is another day to be marketed, advertised, and sold, without any real reflection on what Jesus’ resurrection means and how it is to impact our lives. It is a day when some people plan to be out before sunrise, like Mary Magdalene, attending a sunrise service, and then devoting the remainder of the day to ungodly pursuits.

Resurrection reflection is a day for dress up, wine, parties, and merry making. And for many, it, like New Year’s, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Mother’s Day, and Independence Day, comes once a year. Remembering the sacrifice of Jesus for believers, however, is not a once a year holiday. Jesus is remembered every week in the Lord’s Supper (Acts 20:7).

The practice of observing communion services for believers should be found wherever the church of Christ assembles (1 Corinthians 11:23 ff.). Jesus commanded that the disciples were to observe the Lord’s Supper in remembrance of him (Luke 22:19).

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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 April 12th at 5 p.m. We are encouraging all of our members to attend.

71st National Lectureship

Chicago, IL

April 5-9

"Celebrating the Covenant"

Let's remember to keep those who will be participating and/ or traveling to attend this event in prayer!

Ladies Lectureship Retreat

Washington, DC

APRIL 9-12TH

Christian Woman: The Evolution of Royalty (I 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: Free tax preparation for Veterans! For more information visit www.benefits.va.gov

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!

Lake Norman Church of Christ

Youth Rally

April 17-19, 2015

Theme: Follow Me (I Cor. 1:11) Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. Online Registration: www.lakenormancoc.org For more information please see flier posted on the bulletin board in foyer.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

(27 years) George & Kim McNair - 16th

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Annie Brimfield 1st; Chanel Williams 5th; Donna Toney-Gaither 5th, Anthony Green 5th, Cheryl Stokes 6th, Alaqua Howell 6th; David Coplin 7th, Joel Caruthers 8th, Jonas Caruthers 8th, Scott Pass 9th, Bobby Robinson 11th, T. J. Loyd, Jr. 11th, Caleb Williams, 11th; Rogers Brimfield 12th; Cheryl Green 12th; Jordan Monroe 12th; Mary Terry 13th; Imogene Bray 13th; Gloria Brown 13th; Mary Thompson 13th; Kiona Wilson 13th; Shundra McLaurin 14th; Everette Jones 17th, Josiah Downing 18th, Alphonso Green, II, 19th, Charles Leak, Sr. 22nd; Bryan Brewington 22nd; Annie Campbell 22nd; Arianna Watkins 22nd; Natalia Watkins 22nd; Maggie Shepherd 24th, Sylvia Jenkins 28th; Frances Mason 29th.

WELCOME

ALL VISITORS!

**YOU ARE OUR HONORED
GUESTS!**

PRAY THAT GOD LEADS US TO SOULS TO SAVE TODAY &

SICK AND SHUT-IN LISTING

Bro. Dwight Correll.....
 Sis. Immogene Bray.....
 Bro. Leroy Nelson
 Bro. Barry Harper.....
 Sis. Georgia Glenn.....
 Bro. Charles Leak.....
 Sis. Dorothy Livingston.....

RESPONSIVE READING

II Cor. 11:23-28

READER: Are the ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

CHURCH: Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

READER: Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep.

CHURCH: In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by my own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

READER: In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

UNISON: Besides those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, we pray that we triumph through every trial, and that we too have care for the church. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Bro. Michael Curry, Sis. Mary Terry, Sis. Dolly Warren, Bro. Reginald Nichols, Bro. Walter Weathers, Sis. Maegan Gomez, Sis Natalia Watkins, Sis. Alfreda Howell, Bro. George Leak, Sis. Willie M. Cherry, Sis. Latasha Gandy, Sis. Marleshia Young, Bro. William Pouncey, Sis. Drusilla Amos, Bro. Simon Johnson, Bro. Ron Jessup, Bro. Marchello Penn, Bro. Doug Crim, Bro. Johnny Correll, & Bro. Arnold Thomas

SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR APRIL

BRO. WALTER WEATHERS, JR.
 (336) 785-2520

ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M.

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

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Adolphus Coplin
 INVOCATION Thomas Loyd, Sr.
 SONG DIRECTOR Roy oliphant
 SCRIPTURE Victor Baldwin
 RESPONSIVE READING Joseph Crim
 PRAYER Simon Johnson
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Joel Caruthers
 LORD'S SUPPER Roscoe Burgess
 READER Isiah Black
 CLOSING PRAYER Ollie Carpenter
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

6:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Adolphus Coplin
 INVOCATION Doug Crim
 SONG DIRECTOR Andrew Jackson
 SCRIPTURE Cecil Oliver
 RESPONSIVE READING T. J. Loyd
 PRAYER Howard Brown
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Novell Hall
 LORD'S SUPPER Kolbe Adkins
 READER
 CLOSING PRAYER D. J. Crim
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 5:22)

For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:



USHERS

Kolbe Adkins	Elijah Gibbs	G. Eichelberger
D.J. Crim	Bernard Wallace	A. J. Crim
Novell Hall	Anthony Clinton	Jared Monroe
Joseph Ford	Jarvis Warren	Jesse Green

EVENING USHERS

DeMarcus Miles A.J. Crim
 Jonas Caruthers Michael Terry

COMMENTARY CORNER

There was a time when religious people understood that a part of their practice of faith was observance of the Lord's Supper. Since, however, men and women have devised religion suitable to their tastes, and without recognition of God's holy word, there are religious bodies that seldom, if ever, observe the Lord's Supper. But what should we really expect from religion that is not founded on the word of God?

There are some religious organizations that observe the Lord's Supper once a year, around the Easter holiday. There are others that observe the Supper quarterly. Still others observe it monthly. The Lord's church observes the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week. Every week has a first

day, and every week the church of Christ breaks bread.

It is amazing how some churches cannot understand why this is practiced weekly, but can understand why they give weekly. The same phraseology, "upon the first day of the week" is used for both practices (1 Corinthians 16:1, 2; Acts 20:7).

It is the responsibility of the true church to be the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15). The church of Christ then remains true to the witness of Scripture. We are to remember Jesus, his body, and his blood, not just when the world says that it is a holiday. Reflection on the cross, the sacrifice, the resurrection, and the Lord's Supper is a weekly observance that impacts our lives everyday.

The resurrection, itself, was a day for gladness with the disciples. It was a day of joy and victory. It gave man an assurance that God would give everyone of us a new beginning, a chance to put to death sinful ways, and an opportunity to walk in the newness of life.

The people of God and of His Son, Jesus, have every reason to reflect and rejoice over the life of Jesus. We should pray, too, that our faithfulness to what Jesus accomplishes at his resurrection results in our responding to his commission to take him to all the world. Praise God for life, and especially the first day, the day when God said yes, once and for all, to our living with Him forever.

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 APRIL



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

5th- Howard & Saroya Brown

12th- Howard & Saroya Brown

19th- Tamah & D'Asia Williams

26th- Leah Adkins & Janel Brown

NURSERY DUTY

5th

Janel Brown & Leah Adkins

12th

Meika Sherrard & Maegan Gomez

19th

Sherry Woods & Sydney Johnson

26th

Tonya Oliphant & Treva Loyd

APRIL GREETERS

5TH—Delores Reaves

Eshe Johnson

12TH—Diane Foxworth

Kiona Wilson

19TH - Dollean Johnson

Serena Brown

26TH - Edelina Oliphant

Alfreda Howell

COMMUNION PREPARERS For April

Geraldine Jackson/Mary Ann Robinson



Baptismal Committee

For

Month of April

Rosalyn Evans, Shirlene Murray & Sherri Pilson