



PREACHER-SHEPHERD
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COMMENTARY CORNER: EVANGELISM FOCUS: "BUT FOR THEM ALSO: WORKERS BEYOND THE APOSTLES" "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word: That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (John 17:20, 21). (0005291100)



Jesus labored to prepare a small group of men to be the frontline ambassadors for the great commission. He especially trained and mentored them, guarding and protecting them from distractions, misconceptions, egotistical ambitions, and compassionless interaction with others. We are to understand that no group of men would ever have a more important assignment than did these apostles. Their work was the greatest work ever to be carried out by mortal men. It naturally follows, however, that one would ask how the mission was to be carried forward after the lifetime of the apostles.

There were to be generations of believers after the apostles passed from the scene of the temporal into the far better existence of being in the presence of God. Who would have the passion, love, zeal, spirit of sacrifice, commitment, determination and faith instilled in the men who walked with Jesus? What would the great commission lose in intensity once a generation of workers landed on the shores of lost cities who did not witness Jesus walk on water, speak to the winds, calm the seas, allay fears, and safely deliver His beloved apostles? What did Jesus expect? What was heaven's expectation?

We must remember that in Jesus' intense prayer for the apostles whom He had called out of the world, that the prayer does not conclude before Jesus focuses His words on those who would believe on Him through the apostles' words (John 17:20, 21). How our souls should rejoice when reading the words,

"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also"! There is a group of people more numerous than the small group of men who first stood to proclaim, "This same Jesus whom you have crucified, God has made Him both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36). This group is the "but for them also" group.

The people in this group were not there when Jesus healed Jairus' daughter (Luke 8:49-56), but Jesus prayed for them also. The men and women numbered in this group were not there when Jesus stood with Moses and Elijah on the mount of transfiguration (Mark 9:1-8), but Jesus prayed for them also. The blessed persons accepting the exhortation, "repent and be baptized" (Acts 2:38-41), were not there with Peter, James, and John walked with Jesus in the garden, when He prayed, "not my will, but thine be done" (Luke 22:42), but Jesus prayed for them also.

How does this realization affect our understanding of the work of saving the world, the work of the apostles, and the great commission? Jesus makes several statements and requests in His prayer about what He hoped to accomplish through the apostles. He asks that the Father keep through His name those He had given Jesus, and that those men would be one (John 17:11). He prays that the apostles not be taken out of the world, but kept from the evil one (John 17:15). He prays that the Father sanctify them through the truth (John 17:17). He prays that as the Father has sent Him into the world, even so He sends the apostles into the world (John 17:18). In summary, He prays that the Father

keep the apostles, that the apostles be one, that the apostles be kept from the evil one, that they be sanctified through the truth, and that they go into the world. Those words are for the apostles.

There are words beyond the words for the apostles that call us to service in our generation. Those words: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their words: That they all may be one; as thou Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me" (John 17:20, 21). Pray God we don't miss the significance of these words!

Jesus' words cover and bless those who believe on Him through the apostles' words. All who have obeyed the apostles' words are blessed, sanctified, justified and saved beneficiaries of this prayer of Jesus. Then the words call for a relationship that complements the relationship between the Father and the Son: They are One. Jesus prays that those who believe be one with the apostles. And there is more! Not only are the ambassadors for Christ and the believers one with one another, the greatest significance is that they are also one in the Father and the Son! What greater place to be is there than this? What greater reason to be motivated to join in the work is there than this?

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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.



Our Deepest Sympathy to the following members in the loss of their loved one's: Bro. Jason Adkins & Family (Mother & Grandfather), Sis Willie M. Cherry, the Young Family and Gandy Family (Brother), Bro. David Ingram (Sister -Mrs. Betty Jean Guest) and Sis. Linda Burgess (Sister-Mrs. Frances Thomas). May God comfort you with His infinite care during your time of bereavement.

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

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.

REDLAND CHURCH OF CHRIST FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The Redland Church of Christ cordially invites everyone to attend their Fellowship meeting held today at 3pm.



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
(5years) Roy & Sonya Izzard- 24th

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, Roy Izzard, 24th; Amos Lewis, 25th; 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. Georgla Glenn.....
 Bro. Charles Leak.....
 Sis. Dorothy Livingston.....

RESPONSIVE READING

II Cor. 11: 29-33; II Cor. 12:1

READER: Who is weak and I am not weak? Who is offended and I burn not?

CHURCH: If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.

READER: The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.

CHURCH: In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me:

READER: And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

UNISON: It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, provide us the love to have compassion for the weak and of-fended, to love with Your love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Bro. Bernard Terry, Sis. Bridgette Gomez, Bro. Victor Baldwin, Sis. Dashanta Thompson, Bro. Juan Williams, Bro. Adolphus Coplin, Bro. George McNair, the Adkins Family, Bro. Joseph Ford, Bro. Howard Brown, Sis. Wendy Thomas, Bro. Cecil Oliver, Bro. William Pouncey, Bro. Roscoe Burgess, Bro. Arnold Thomas, Bro. Reginald Nichols, Bro. Timothy Pilson

SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR APRIL

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

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 5:23)

That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoreth not the Father which hath sent him.



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

The particular work for which the apostles were prepared was the work of preaching the gospel. In their generation, they preached the gospel throughout the world. But were not alone in their efforts.

We acknowledge that heaven was with them. But heaven's participation is not limited to what transpires on the throne as Jesus is with us always, even until the end of the world. Heaven's preparation includes working in the lives of men and women who would continue the work of fulfilling the great commission for generations to come.

Preparation for transition to minis-

try through those other than the apostles began very early in the life of the church. What study will show is that the church was moved forward, not just by the work of the apostles, but also by the several men and women whose hearts and minds were filled with the passion, love, and commitment necessary to be involved in the work of saving souls.

And thank God that the zeal, along with the concomitant thanksgiving, appreciation, and passion necessary to do God's bidding, thrived from that day, even to our time. That is, the church today does not expect to be less committed, less moved, less motivated, or less

intense in this work and ministry. How can we be when Jesus has prayed for us also? And do we not have reason to be intensely involved in the work of the church?

The Son who gave sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, healing for all kinds of infirmities prayed for us also. The Lamb who fed thousands, comforted the least of the little ones, and raised the dead, prayed for us also. The Savior who walked the waters, hushed the winds and calmed the seas prayed for us also. And the Risen One who was with the church during the days of the apostles is with us also.

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