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COMMENTARY CORNER: THE CHURCH AT ANTIOCH: "COOPERATION BOTH NEAR AND FAR"

"Now there was in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon, that was called Niger; and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they and fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away" (Acts 13:1-3).

Jesus assured his disciples that when the Son of man was lifted up He would draw all unto him (John 12:32). He knew that the purpose of his suffering on the cross was to redirect men and women and to prepare their way back to the Father. Accordingly, he proclaims, "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

The ministry of Jesus, then, is to bring men and women to the Father, assuring his disciples that He is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). Jesus invites all with the words "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt 11:28-30). As long as there is night and day, the seasons of this life, birth and death, we know that the work and invitation of Jesus to come to the Father, through Him, will be a part of life all live with. There is today an open invitation to relationship with God the Father through God's Son, Jesus Christ.

We are to understand also that though an invitation is extended to all, the sacrifice necessary to respond appropriately will not be the desire or ability of all. Jesus gives the parameters and depths of the calling. Any who would come to him must deny self, take up his cross and follow (Matt 16:24). Any who would come must arrange his priorities so that nothing comes before commitment to Christ (Matt 6:33). The potential follower must be willing to confess Him even when family is not in agreement (Matt 10:32-39). And therein those necessities

are the great dilemma for men and women. The truth is, the majority of people find it most difficult to choose Jesus over self, mother, father, sister, brother, spouse and possessions.

The inability to choose what is appropriate and godly not only affects those who would come into fellowship with Jesus, it works to give opportunity for ungodly activity among those who are in fellowship with Christ. This reality brings us to our focus on cooperation. Many churches have used the assurance that there will be false teachers among us to close fellowship to brothers and sisters for whom there should be an open door.

Jesus does warn his followers to beware of false prophets who would come in sheep's clothing, inwardly being ravenous wolves (Matthew 7:15). Jesus does teach that not everyone who says to him "Lord", "Lord," is known by Him; their refusal to do the will of the Father giving them away (Matt 7:21). Jesus encourages all who love Him to keep His commandments (John 14:15). We cannot escape, nor should we try to avoid the truth, that not all religious people or practices are accepted by God.

The apostles also warn believers to walk aware of false prophets and teachers. Paul instructs the elders in Ephesus to feed the church of God and to know that after his departure grievous wolves would enter in, not sparing the flock (Matt 20:28-29). Peter prepares his fellow believers for Christian living after his death cautioning them to understand that just as there were false prophets among the people of Old Covenant times, there will

be false teachers among those living under the New Covenant (2 Peter 2:1, 2). The apostle John exhorts and commands his readers: "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed" (2 John 10). The apostles make it clear that a part of their ministry was to prepare God's people to make distinctions between those who brought and practiced sound teaching and those who did not. We would do well today to understand the limits that should be placed on our association and cooperation with other religious people.

Again to our lesson. What happens when disciples use these teachings to limit their association and cooperation with believers who are genuine, true, godly, and trusted children of God? What do the people of God say about their understanding of God and the church of Christ when they neglect to see, that among those who are faithful, there is to be the widest of fellowship and interaction with one another? What ground are we losing, which hearts are not instructed, which lives are not saved when we do not use the strength of unity and cooperative fellowship to point Jesus as the way, the truth and the life, as the one who says, "Come unto me"? Does Scripture show such a dynamic in the first century churches?

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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, May 17, 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.



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

Please pick up your blue ribbon in the foyer to wear during the month of April. This will remind others and you that together we can prevent child abuse and neglect to save our children. Thank you for your support sister Diane Foxworth.

Liledoun Road Church of Christ

Taylorsville, NC

The Liledoun Rd. Church of Christ cordially invites you to attend their series of Gospel Meetings to be held April 26th-April 29th, 2015. Guest Speaker: Bro. Brock Shanks. Schedule of services: Sunday 10am Sunday School, 11am Worship & 1:30 Gospel Meeting; Monday - Wednesday 7pm.

University Church of Christ at Charlotte

University Church of Christ cordially invites you to attend their Annual Homecoming and Family & Friends Day April 26, 2015. Guest Speaker: Bro. Hulon McIver. Sunday Services: 9:00am Sunday Bible Classes; 10 am Morning Worship Service; 12pm Lunch & 2 pm Afternoon Worship Service.

Capernaum Church of Christ

cordially invites you to attend their Gospel Meeting to be held May 1- May 3, 2015. Guest Speaker: Bro. Eddie Sanders. Friday & Saturday services begins at 7 pm. Sunday services are as follows : 10 am Sunday School; 11 am Morning Worship Lunch will be served following Morning Worship & 3:00 pm Afternoon Worship



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: Veterans, if you would like to learn what types of benefits that you, your spouse and/ or dependents may be eligible to receive please visit www.benefits.va.gov for more information.

Crusade for Christ Rally
100 or more to attend on May 31, 2015 at the Sugar Creek Church of Christ.

YOUTH NEWS

Reading Safari

Our next Reading Safari club meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2015. Continue reading and bring your book tags for prizes!

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. Georgia Glenn.....
 Bro. Charles Leak.....
 Sis. Dorothy Livingston.....

RESPONSIVE READING

II Cor. 12: 8-13

READER: For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it may depart from me.

CHURCH: And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

READER: Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

CHURCH: I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing.

READER: Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders and mighty deeds.

UNISON: For what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches, except it be that I myself was not burdensome to you? forgive me this wrong.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, teach us to rejoice in your grace. Make your strength perfect through our weaknesses. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Bro. Bernard Terry, Bro. Adolphus Coplin, Bro. Tyrone Williams, Bro. Howard Brown, Sis. Georgia Glenn, Sis. Hazel Gordon, Bro. Leroy Nelson, Sis. Johnson, Sis. Kimberly McNair, Bro. David Rice, Sis. Detrice Ingram, Bro. David Ingram, Bro. Ron Jessup, Bro. Arnold Thomas, Bro. James Cherry, Bro. Victor Baldwin, Bro. Thomas Loyd, Sr., Sis. Shundra McLaurin, Bro. Michael Foster & Bro. Anthony Clinton

SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR APRIL

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M.

SONG LEADER Adolphus Coplin
 SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Roscoe Burgess
 INVOCATION Ron Jessup
 SONG DIRECTOR Randy Dulin
 SCRIPTURE Adriel Hall
 RESPONSIVE READING Victor Baldwin
 PRAYER Richard Jones
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Reginald Nichols
 LORD'S SUPPER Roy Oliphant
 READER Randy Dulin
 CLOSING PRAYER George McNair
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

6:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Roscoe Burgess
 INVOCATION Anthony Clinton
 SONG DIRECTOR Timothy Pilson
 SCRIPTURE Jason Adkins
 RESPONSIVE READING Juan Williams
 PRAYER Adolphus Coplin
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Kolbe Adkins
 LORD'S SUPPER Novell Hall
 READER
 CLOSING PRAYER A.J. Crim
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 5:25)

Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.



USHERS

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

EVENING USHERS

Michael Terry Jonas Caruthers
 DeMarcus Miles A.J. Crim

COMMENTARY CORNER

In a tale that is told and true of two churches, we find both what happens when the godly are accepted and when they are rejected. We discover how the church progresses and how it regresses. We witness the booming spirit of a church with an open door and the busted spirit of a church with a closed door.

In the first church, men have come from far and near. There are apostles, and prophets, and teachers, and workers and giving believers eager to share the word with their city and with others. It is a church where godly people are welcome and even the Spirit finds occasion to give direction. It is the church in Antioch (Acts 13:1-4).

The second church is a church where insiders are in and outsiders are kept out. It is a

church where only a few feel it is their duty to encourage workers from afar. And where one man strives to have the preeminence. It is a church that recognizes what its members have done, but are blinded to what the Spirit of God is doing in the lives of men who work to spread the word near and far. It is a church that has misused the warnings about false teachers. It uses poor judgment when it comes to determining who is worthy of fellowship and cooperation. It is a church where men like Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence, will not accept the brothers, and where a good man, Gaius, does accept the godly worker, Demetrius (3 John 9-12).

What we learn from these churches is that even in the fellowship of the saints, care must be given, the faithful must be on guard to have the spirit of reaching out to

the lost in a cooperative manner. There should be identity with the mission of Jesus by all. None should believe that it is the mission of others, and not mine, to fellowship with one another, to support the work, to give time and effort to sharing Jesus with the world, to not allow negative responses to the gospel to justify a lack of identification with and willingness to sacrifice for Christ.

Jesus always knew that some would not respond positively to his saving work. He encouraged the disciples still. We know not all respond like they should. It remains, however, our privilege to work with, cooperate with, and to encourage our brothers and sisters, both near and far, in the work of the ministry to bring all to life in Christ.

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)

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

19TH - Dollean Johnson

Serena Brown

26TH - Edelina Oliphant

Alfreda Howell

MAY GREETERS

3RD- Geraldine Jackson

Shirley Correll

COMMUNION PREPARERS

For April

Geraldine Jackson/Mary Ann

Robinson



Baptismal Committee

For

Month of April

Rosalyn Evans, Shirlene Murray

& Sherri Pilson