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PREACHER-SHEPHERD
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COMMENTARY CORNER: BEHOLD, YOUR MOTHER “When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, ‘Woman, behold, your son!’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Behold, your mother!’ From that hour the disciple took her into his own household (John 19:26—27).

Jesus completed His work on earth with the words, “it is finished” (John 19:30). Interestingly, among all of the last days’ preparations, one of his tasks included making sure of the safekeeping of his mother (John 19:27). This is significant on many levels. Usually, mother is saying final farewells to her child. And with many, it is most challenging to have to say good-bye to a child, one who was carried, nursed, reared, cared for and loved. But on occasion, a child departs this life before mother.

It is not only a matter of noting that Jesus leaves this life before his mother, but that he should appoint one of his disciples as her caretaker, guardian, one to watch out for her (19:27). If it were not for the excruciating torture Jesus was enduring, one might have moments to reflect on how tender a scene this is. The Son of God demonstrates affection, caring and love for His mother. What might have caused this tender and compassionate undertaking?

An observer could conclude that since Jesus is very God, that He obviously would have love for everyone, including His mother. And that observation would certainly be true. But what have we missed if we fail to recognize that as the mother of Jesus, Mary had a relationship with Him like no other would ever have?

Mary carried Jesus in her womb. When she was first with child, she was the mother of God’s son. She knew Jesus not to be just another child born into the world, but a child whose coming was by way of the Holy Spirit (Matt 1:18). How tenderly and consciously she must have borne Him. How carefully she must have lived

her days of pregnancy. How obediently she fulfilled the task of carrying the Son of God nine months.

Mary nursed the young child Jesus. On one occasion, one who heard Jesus reflected on what a privilege it must have been for the woman who nursed the great teacher she was hearing. And although Jesus redirected her thinking about who was blessed, her words are still significant when reflecting on motherhood: “Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked” (Luke 11:27). How blessed, she was saying, must be the woman who carried and nursed you.

Mary reared Jesus in His religion. We have insight into the kind of person the young woman Mary was. She and her husband, Joseph, were apparently focused on their faith. Annually, the two of them would go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. But they did not go leaving Jesus behind, we read that Jesus went with them from year to year. (Luke 2:41). As a twelve year old, Jesus is with His parents in Jerusalem. We learn what godly parenting involves through Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Mary guided Jesus. What a position Mary is in knowing that her Son is not just another young man, while at the same time feeling the maternal instinct of providing guidance and direction for the Son of God. As she and her husband were returning home from the feast in Jerusalem, she discovered that Jesus was not with the family. She felt terrible, later explaining that the family sought Jesus sorrowing. But could it be that Jesus was really ever in any danger? Mary asked Jesus if he knew that she and Joseph would be seeking Him with that same

uncomfortableness and sorrowing (Luke 2:48). How could Jesus not know? But a mother’s love is a mother’s love.

Mary respected Jesus. Mary was the mother of the Lord. Mary nursed, fed, reared, guided, and even instructed her son, Jesus. But she also respected His calling and mission in life. Early in the ministry of Jesus, when the wine ran out at a wedding event in Cana, she advises the servants at the feast to do whatever Jesus commanded them to do (John 2:5). She respected and honored Jesus in His mission.

Mary followed Jesus. She followed Him through his days of teaching, his days of popularity, and the days when people chanted that her son be crucified. Loyalty, devotion, and love are evident from her from the beginning. Could Jesus leave this earth without thinking about the continued well being of His mother? Is it not most natural for Him, having prayed for his disciples, and for those who would eventually believe their preaching, to show the world that His mother was essential to His life, His ministry, His saving work? Do we not learn something of the significance of every child realizing the importance of a mother’s guidance and love in one’s life?

Let us agree, then, that honoring mother is a godly disposition. And let us honor mothers at every level. There has been the necessity in some children’s lives to benefit from the immeasurable love of those who care for other people’s children. Some children lose their mothers and first know love at an agency, a foster care environment. Thank God for those who lovingly work in this field.

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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 May 24, 2015 at 5 p.m. We are encouraging all of our members to attend.

Happy Mother's Day



White Street Church of Christ Lexington, NC

White Street Church of Christ cordially invites you to attend their Gospel Meeting to be held Friday, May 15 through Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 3:00 pm. Guest Speaker: Bro Eddie Sanders. Schedule of Services: Friday & Saturday at 7pm; Sunday at 3pm. Please show support of our brethren who labor to spread the gospel.



3rd Quarter Honor Roll Celebration

3rd Quarter Honor Roll recognition will take place on May 17, 2015 following morning worship. Kudos to our students for a job well done!



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 may receive vocational rehabilitation and employment services to help with job training, employment accommodations, resume development, and job seeking skills coaching. For additional information visit us at www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab

YOUTH NEWS

Reading Safari

The next Reading Safari activity is scheduled for May 16, 2015. Continue reading and remember to bring your book tags for prizes!

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- (30 Years) Walter & Carol Weathers - 4th
- (22 years) George & Antoinette Leak - 14th
- (45 years) Roscoe & Linda Burgess - 16th
- (29 years) Howard & Saroya Brown - 23rd
- (42 years) James & Alinda Gadson - 26th
- (4 years) Michael & Chava Mash - 28th
- (45 years) Simon & Dollean Johnson - 29th

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2nd, Cynthia Cecil; 5th, 7th, Roscoe Burgess; 9th, Alphonso Green; 9th, Adriel Hall; 9th, Centrece Kendall; 11th, Cristina Judge; 11th, Mattie Richardson; 17th, Megan Belanger; 17th, Walther Weathers, Jr.; 19th, Selena Little; 20th, Margaret Covington; 20th, Jessica Ford; 22nd, Jesse Green; 23rd, Carlos Rucker; 24th, Mary Williams; 25th, Joseph Ford; 25th, Cecil Oliver; 26th, Micheal Curry; 26th, Michael Coplin; 29th, James Gadson.



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.....

SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR MAY

BRO. JOHN FOXWORTH
 (336) 918-6359

RESPONSIVE READING

II Cor. 12: 20-21; II Cor. 13: 1-4

READER: For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults:

CHURCH: And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.

READER: This the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

CHURCH: I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present the second time; and being absent now I write to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all other, that, if I come again, I will not spare:

READER: Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty in you.

UNISON: For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but shall live with him by the power of God toward you.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, we acknowledge that though seen as weak in Jesus, that we live with Him because of Your power. Guide us to live powerfully. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Bro. Adolphus Coplin, Bro. Jeff Caruthers, Sis. Maegan Gomez, Sis. Chava Mash, Sis. Hazel Gordon, Sis. Immogene Bray, Sis. Dorothy Livingston, Bro. Barry Harper, Sis. Claudette Eldridge, Bro. Victor Baldwin, Bro. Joseph Crim, Sis. Athenia Pouncey, Bro. George Leak, Bro. Garrin McNair, Bro. Jonas Caruthers, Bro. Kolbe Adkins, Bro. Thomas Loyd, Sr., Bro. Roy Oliphant, Bro. Arnold Thomas, Bro. James Cherry, Sis. Willie M. Cherry, Sis. Marleisha Young & Sis. Latasha Gandy

ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M.

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

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Joe Wilson
 INVOCATION Victor Baldwin
 SONG DIRECTOR Roy Oliphant
 SCRIPTURE Juan Williams
 RESPONSIVE READING Jason Adkins
 PRAYER Roscoe Burgess
SERMON Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.
 OFFERING T. J. Loyd
 LORD'S SUPPER Rodney Evans
 READER Simon Johnson
 CLOSING PRAYER Jarred Monroe
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

6:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Joe Wilson
 INVOCATION Cecil Oliver
 SONG DIRECTOR Timothy Pilson
 SCRIPTURE Todd Woods
 RESPONSIVE READING Joel Caruthers
 PRAYER Adolphus Coplin
SERMON Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.
 OFFERING Novell Hall
 LORD'S SUPPER Kolbe Adkins
 READER
 CLOSING PRAYER Doug Crim
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 5:27)

And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.



USHERS

Todd Woods	Joseph Ford	G. Eichelberger
Isaiah Black	Andrew Jackson	A. J. Crim
Novell Hall	Anthony Clinton	Harold Brown
James Cherry	Jarred Monroe	Bernard Wallace

EVENING USHERS

Michael Terry Kolbe Adkins
 D.J. Crim Jonas Caruthers

COMMENTARY CORNER

We all should be thankful for those who mother other people's children. Mothering contributes to the well being of any society.

Praise God, too, for mothers who are blessed by God to rear their children. Most especially, we should be thankful to God for our very own mothers.

It is later in life that we realize that mothers have done more for us than our minds have the ability to enumerate or remember. They don't just do the big things expected of decent people in any society: making sure of food, clothing, and shelter; they do many things that may seem significant while one is young, but that make a world of difference when one is older.

Mother feeds you. But she doesn't neces-

sary have to make sure that you enjoy what you are eating or that you even get enough. She doesn't have to give you instruction to wash your hands and to say a prayer. But because she is mother, she does so.

Mother clothes you. But she does not have to search for styles in fashion. She doesn't have to assure you and herself that you are comfortable with what you wear. She does not have to counsel what is appropriate and what is not, but because she is mother, she does so.

Mother shelters you. She makes sure that you have a place to lay your head, free from danger, protected from the elements. But does she have to make sure that your living quarters are nice? Must she make sure it clean, sanitary, and safe? Mother does all of these things because she is mother, endowed

by God with the ability to nurture and love.

Mother looks out for your future. Society ask that you become educated, prepared for a job, ready to be productive. Mother expects more. She looks for you not to do something, only, but to do what you do well. Mother expects not that others know you, but recognize you as number one. She does these things because she is mother.

And who is without those moments when just having mother near to observe, to understand, to assure and comfort meant everything? Let us appreciate that Jesus had this kind of history with His own mother. Surely, His relationship with her prompted Him to task John with the words, "Behold, your mother," before concluding His earthly work with the words, "It is finished."

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 MAY



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 God through 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

3rd- Diane Foxworth & Shundra McLaurin

10th- Kendra & Mellany Scott

17th- Tamah & D' Asia Williams

24th- Leah Adkins & Janel Brown

31st- Alfreda & Alaqua Howell

NURSERY DUTY

3rd

TBA

10th

Janel Brown & Leah Adkins

17th

Meika Sherrard & Sherri Pilson

24th

Shundra McLaurin & Ashley Georgre

31st

Edelina Oliphant & Valarie Coplin

MAY GREETERS

3RD- Gerldine Jackson

Shirley Correll

10TH- Janel Brown

Anita Terry

17TH- Kim McNair

Shundra McLaurin

24TH -Lillie Holmes

Devonda Holmes

31ST- Linda Burgess

Frances Mason

COMMUNION PREPARERS for May

Athenia Pouncey/Lillie Alford



Baptismal Committee

For

Month of May

Lillie Holmes, Wanda Jones & Shanita Green