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COMMENTARY CORNER: "SALVATION, THE CAUSE FOR WHOLE HOUSE REJOICING" "And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes, and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house (Acts 16:32—34).

Jesus assured that His coming was to benefit men and women. He says that He came into the world, not only that we might have life, but that we might have it more abundantly (John 10:10). The gospel record further declares that the God who loved the world so much that He gave His only begotten Son, did not send Him to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might have life (John 3:16—17).

Life and its blessings are themes related to salvation. Those who receive life from God don't do so to become pitiable and miserable. Their lives are not of such a nature that it becomes easy to explain why they would abandon the faith. There is no better life to live than a life that honors God. And those in Christ can love life and see good days (1 Peter 3:10—12).

Believers, then, should not be ashamed of actually enjoying being children of God. They should not hide, sneak, nor go underground with their faith. They should not, for the sake of pleasing the world, pretend that they are being forced to be Christians because of family traditions, expectations, and habits. It is important that as God has allowed us to live in an environment where we can have an open faith, that we live our faith openly. After all, the victory of living in a peaceful society comes from God.

It is within this country, where God has provided us peace, that the most ardent advocates of enthusiasm for evangelism should be found. Since believers have the best lives, they should be unselfish enough to share with others how they

got where they are, who is behind their quality of living, and how others can share in the same. And there must be conviction that regardless of the ups and downs all live, the best and most qualitative life to live is one in Christ Jesus.

This is certainly not to say that living with Jesus causes no controversy, complaining, nor consternation. The gospel record demonstrates this. Religious people contemporary with Jesus followed Him complaining, stirring up controversy, trying to create feelings of consternation, that is constant anxiety. They not only questioned why Jesus would be guest in the home of some people, but they had ill feelings for the people themselves.

When Jesus went to be guest with Zacchaeus, religious persons questioned why Jesus would be guest in the home of a sinner (Luke 19:7). Jesus eventually informed them that His mission was to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10). We should learn something more. It took courage for Zacchaeus to agree to be host to a Teacher suspected of others of not being who He said He was. He was, after all, a Teacher with whom a great number of leading religious leaders disagreed. But Zacchaeus accepted Him and the challenge of clearing any thought of himself being unscrupulous, promising to give half his goods to feed the poor and to restore to any fourfold whom may have been falsely accused by him (Luke 19:8).

Another house Jesus frequented that became subject to controversy was the house of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. In the final days of the ministry of Jesus, Jesus and His apostles were invited into the home of these sisters and their brother (John 12:2). It was there, too, that Ju-

das Iscariot became disturbed over ointment poured over Jesus (John 12:5; 13:2), determining to betray the Christ (John 12:4). Notice, however, that the chief priests not only wanted Jesus put to death, they also wanted Lazarus killed because his being raised from the dead caused others to believe on Jesus (John 12:11).

What we are encouraged to understand is that though Jesus was a person around whom was controversy, believers knowing that His mission was to come and to give forgiveness and life, welcomed Jesus into their homes. And their association with Jesus resulted in others coming to faith in the Lord. We are encouraged to live in such a way that the same result is realized in our generation.

There are many who misunderstand the coming of the Lord and faith in Him. They really believe that Jesus takes joy from the world. They really believe that to live with faith in Him is to live an inferior and degraded life. They really believe that faith in Him should not result in people disagreeing with one another, or questioning, or even despising the Lord. Enter the child of God.

The child of God knows that his life found no reason for existence until it found itself in Christ. The child of God understands that real joy and happiness were finally realized when the soul gave itself to the Lord. The child of God accepts that his faith will cause others to disagree, question, and despise, but life in Christ is worth it all. The child of God then not only accepts this life for himself, but shares it with others.

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2015 THEME: "In All Things, Examples Of Good Deeds" (Titus 2:7)

CHURCH LEADERS

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ROY OLIPHANT

BERNARD TERRY

JOE WILSON



ALL VISITORS!

YOU ARE OUR HONORED

GUESTS!

UPCOMING EVENTS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
DAY DRIVE**



SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST

Help us reach or succeed our goal of 275 on June 21st. We look forward to seeing you.

**3RD QUARTER HONOR
ROLL CELEBRATION**



Today following morning we will recognize our students who achieved Honor Roll during the 3rd quarter of the school year. Kudos to our students for a job well done!

MEN'S AND LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Men's and Ladies' Bible Class will meet on Sunday, May 24th at 5:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

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

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 Bellanger;
- 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;

YOUTH NEWS

Reading Safari

THE READING SAFARI WILL MEET ON SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2015 AT 10:30 AM AT THE KURIAKOS HOUSE! MORE DETAILS FORTHCOMING...STAY TUNED!

**100 +
CHARLOTTE
5/31/2015**

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

RESPONSIVE READING

II Cor. 13:5-10

READER: Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

CHURCH: But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates.

READER: Now I pray to God That ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates.

CHURCH: For we can do nothing against the truth. But for the truth.

READER: For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, even your perfection.

UNISON: Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, equip us to examine ourselves, determining for ourselves whether we are in the faith. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Bro. Howard Brown, Sis. Wendy Thomas, Sis. Brandi Evans, Bro. George McNair, Bro. Ollie Carpenter, Bro. & Sis. Harper, Sis. Immogene Bray, Bro. Rodney Evans, Sis Detrice Ingram, Bro. Jeff Caruthers, Sis. Monique Curry, Sis. Beverly Wallace, Bro. George Leak, Sis. Magdalene Fleming, Sis. Rosalyn Evans, Sis. Emma Westbrook, Bro. Arnold Thomas, Bro. James Cherry & Bro. Victor Baldwin

SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR MAY

BRO. JOHN FOXWORTH
 (336) 918-6359

ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M

SONG LEADER Roy Izzard
 SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Adolphus Coplin
 INVOCATION Ron Jessup
 SONG DIRECTOR Randy Dulin
 SCRIPTURE Victor Baldwin
 RESPONSIVE READING George McNair
 PRAYER Richard Jones
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Joel Caruthers
 LORD'S SUPPER Roscoe Burgess
 READER Howard Brown
 CLOSING PRAYER D. J. Crim
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

6:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Adolphus Coplin
 INVOCATION Harold Brown
 SONG DIRECTOR Victor Baldwin
 SCRIPTURE Howard Brown
 RESPONSIVE READING Doug Crim
 PRAYER Simon Johnson
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Thomas Loyd, Sr.
 LORD'S SUPPER Adriel Hall
 READER
 CLOSING PRAYER Jonas Caruthers
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 5:28)

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,



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

The story of the house of the Philippian jailer is an example of how salvation in Jesus changes family dynamics and a family's future. Whatever the jailer knew about life before Christ it was insufficient for sustaining him when difficult and unsure times came. When Paul first spoke to the jailer, the jailer was about to take his own life (Acts 16:27). The jailer had a family, a household, but was about to take his own life. The jailer had people who depended on him, who loved him, but he was about to take his own life. The jailer had people who expected him to be there in their futures, but was about to take his own life. It was Paul who exhorted him to do himself no harm (Acts 16:28). And it must be the children of God today

who exhort the people of the world to do themselves no harm, expecting that God will provide opportunity to share further.

Opportunity was provided for Paul and Silas. The jailer asked the apostle and prophet, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). The jailer's salvation would mean that his family would not be abandoned, his loved ones would not have to live without him, his future could be clearer and brighter. What did the man need? Paul assures, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved and thy house (Acts 16:31).

Paul continued by doing what all believers must be willing to do, that is speak truths about Jesus unabashedly, unashamedly, unapologetically. We have no reason to believe that we are causing harm, leading people in the wrong direction, giving them information

that will result in an inferior life. The world needs to hear the good news related to God sending His only begotten Son into the world.

Men and women need to hear from Christians that God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might have life (John 3:17). The lost need to have something more to look forward to than a life without aim and purpose, a life that is unfulfilling and without reward. The lost should hear that Jesus came to give life and to give abundant life (John 10:10).

Jesus impacted the lives of men and women positively. He impacted homes, And through impacting homes today, He is saving the world, bringing salvation and rejoicing.

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

Sunday

Early Morning Worship	8 A.M.
Bible School	9 A.M.
Morning Worship.....	10 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....	6:30 P.M.

Wednesday

Mid-Week Bible Study

11 A.M. & 7 P.M

Men's & Ladies' Bible Class

5 P.M.

2ND & 4TH SUNDAY

(September-May)

MEETINGS & MINISTRIES

Teachers' Meeting 1st Sat. 9 a.m.
Husbands/Fathers Support Group 3rd Sat. 10:30 a.m.
Youth Fellowship Meeting 2nd Sat. 10 a.m.—12 noon
Young Adult Ministry 4th Fri. - 6:30 p.m.

WORSHIP TO THE SICK & SHUT-IN FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Bro. George McNair

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)

MAY 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

MAY NURSERY DUTY

3rd	TBA
10th	Janel Brown & Leah Adkins
17th	Meika Sherrard & Sherri Pilson
24th	Shundra McLaurin & Ashley George
31st	Edelina Oliphant & Valarie Coplin

MAY GREETERS

3rd	Geraldine 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