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COMMENTARY CORNER: "EVANGELISM IN THE HIGHWAYS—AFTER THE INVITATIONS"

"Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests" (Matt 22:8—10).

Jesus has an incomparable success rate for finding lost people. This thought might be cause for alarm for those who are content not to be found. But for those who are lost and who have not found their way back to safety, family, and wholeness, it is comforting to know that there is One who is seeking, who will find. We should encourage that if any is lost and has not been found, don't lose hope, hold out hope, cling to hope, Jesus can find you.

Those who have been found must remember that all lost are not so because they want to be lost. There are a number of causes for people finding themselves lost. Consider the child who has wandered too aimlessly from the side of a parent in a market. A little too much exploration, a little too much distance, a little too much lack of focus on where the parents are, and before the child is aware, she is lost. And we have seen the look on that child's face who is lost. We have noticed the nervousness, the charged gait, the look of confusion. We have witnessed the wandering in circles. And we have wanted to ask, "Are you lost?" Not everyone lost wants to be lost.

Children are not the only ones who find themselves unwittingly lost. Older persons have thought that it might be good to wander, to explore, to investigate, to see what is on the next aisle, what is on the other side of the store, or perhaps, even, what is in the next store. Older persons have enjoyed the fascination of seeing how things are presented in other places, how things are marketed, how things might benefit the consumer. They have sought to compare the costs in alternative shopping places. And adults have

looked up to realize that they have wandered to an extent that they don't know how to get back. And tragically, some wanting to help the lost become found are not sure exactly how they can help, if they want to help. Further, let us not be naïve to the truth that not everyone wants the lost found.

We have witnessed and heard of the horror associated with adults preying on children who are both lost and not lost. These adults don't associate the fears of the child with an opportunity to bring the lost back to loved ones, but insanely believe that this is their lucky day, a day when evil gods have smiled on them, a day when their sadistic longings can now find satisfaction. Everybody finding the lost is not interested in the lost being found.

Lost adults do not always hear from others the right directions for finding their way back. They are not given the names of people to call who might help them come home. They are sometimes not even encouraged to believe that it is better to be found. Men and women whose livelihood is dependent on the illegal market of providing pharmaceutical enjoyments to those looking for a high don't want the lost found. Those who profit from the willingness of others to spin the wheel, bet on the number, take a chance, don't want the lost found. Those who benefit from broken families, broken homes, miserable marriages, and frustrated children don't want the lost found. Let us remember that not everyone seeking and finding the lost does so with intended good.

If the pain, uneasiness, frustration, and confusion of being in places we have no desire were not enough, it is all the

more tragic when we voluntarily take ourselves to dark places and become so discouraged that we enter the prison cell and throw away the keys, believing that this will be our peace. It is true, some purposefully seek relief by being lost. We voluntarily have disengaged, walked away, ceased association and conversation. So desperate were we for a better lot, a better place, a better feeling that we sought escape from the better path, the better way, the better hope. When a child, evidences of such a desire manifested itself in our going to the room and slamming the door to let others know that we did not want to be disturbed, didn't want to be engaged, didn't want to be bothered—we sought to be left alone.

As adults we go through the world's door and slam it to signal that we will not be in the world's conversations, its celebrations, its associations. We won't travel where others travel. We won't show up where others gather. We are through and we are finished. We have dreamed of the peace we will have, if we can just be left alone.

We must remember that it is always tragic to be lost. This is why it is so important that we remember that there is One whose success rate for finding the lost is astounding, incomparable, and impeccable. Let it be known that Jesus can find you. He has come to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10). Jesus can find you.

When you have embarrassingly become lost, Jesus can find you. When you have unsuspectingly been taken to unfamiliar places, Jesus can find you. When you have even imprisoned yourself, Jesus can find you. Don't give up hope.

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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, June 21st, 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.



Seniors Spring Fling Celebration!

Seniors age 62 and older are invited to attend a fun filled fellowship on Saturday, June 13, 2015 in the Frank W. Dulin Family Life Center. Please see flyer in the foyer for more information and to sign the guest list.

Centergrove Rd Church of Christ

Centergrove Rd. cordially invites you to attend their Gospel Meeting which will be held Sunday, June 7, 2015- Thursday, June 11, 2015.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS CARVER RD. MEMBERS FOR OUR UPCOMING GOSPEL MEETING!!!!

June 28, 2015– July 1, 2015

We are encouraging you to invite any and everybody to come hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ so they too can partake of God's amazing grace and receive salvation!



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 WILL BE HELD AT THE KURIAKOS HOUSE ON SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2015. 10:30 AM- 11:30AM WE PLAN TO HAVE A GRAND CELEBRATION!

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; 26th, Micheal Curry; 26th, Michael Coplin; 29th, James



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

SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR MAY

BRO. JOHN FOXWORTH
 (336) 918-6359

RESPONSIVE READING

II Cor. 13: 11-14; Gal. 1:1-2

READER: Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

CHURCH: Greet one another with a holy kiss.

READER: All the saints salute you.

CHURCH: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen

READER: Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)

UNISON: And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, grant us the strength to be of one mind, to live in peace so that You will be with us. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Sis. Keisha Holmes, Sis. Wendy Thomas, Sis. Syietta Baldwin, the Robinson family, Sis. Martica D. Dixon, Sis. Hazel Gordon, Sis. Barbie Jones, Sis. Leah Oxley, Bro. Jared Monroe, Sis. Sherri Pilson, Sis. Monique Curry, Bro. Howard A. Brown & Bro. Edgar Henderson.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M.

SONG LEADER Randy Dulin
 SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Roscoe Burgess
 INVOCATION Jason Adkins.
 SONG DIRECTOR James Gadson
 SCRIPTURE Garrin McNair
 RESPONSIVE READING Howard Brown
 PRAYER Artis Rucker
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Reginald Nichols
 LORD'S SUPPER T. J. Loyd
 READER Timothy Pilson
 CLOSING PRAYER Elliott Thompson
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

6:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Roscoe Burgess
 INVOCATION Adriel Hall
 SONG DIRECTOR Roy Izzard
 SCRIPTURE Todd Woods
 RESPONSIVE READING Juan Williams
 PRAYER Roy Oliphant
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Novell Hall
 LORD'S SUPPER Rodney Evans
 READER
 CLOSING PRAYER Richard Jones
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 5:29)

And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.



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

A few decades ago there was a series of movies experiencing box office success with the theme of a champion finding imprisoned people at different levels of hope. Sylvester Stallone played the role of a former soldier who suspected that there were still prisoners being kept in Vietnam who should be rescued. His fight was convincing superiors that this was the truth.

Prisoners of war, who knew that they were being held hostage, could live with no such disillusion of the possibility that they were not free. They are portrayed as hungry, emaciated, mistreated, beaten down, and some, hopeless. They found themselves asking if anyone knew, if anyone was looking for them, if anyone cared, if anyone would chance finding them.

Enter the character, Rambo. Rushing to the end of the story, when others had ceased looking, ceased daring, ceased being concerned, ceased knowing that there were others unaccounted for; he finds the lost, shows up, and rescues the perishing. And it was not important to discover how these became prisoners, just that they needed to be rescued.

It is not always clear how people end up off the regular invitation list as Jesus teaches in Matthew 22:3–10. It is not clear how some end up off the beaten track, end up in the highways and hedges. But it is clear that there is Someone looking who can find them, who can find me, who can find you. Jesus can find you. And He finds even after we have concluded that the darkness will prevail, the sun will not shine; cold will freeze, the warmth will not come, clothes insufficient, no garments to cov-

er; when relationships are imagined lost, and we will not be apart of the conversation again; when the invitations have found their addresses, and we don't even have a mailbox—even then, let us know that Jesus can find.

He is portrayed in His real scene of seeking and saving the lost. He has shown up in the dark places, in the unfrequented halls, off the beaten path, where others dare not go. He has shown up to lead the captive to freedom. He has shown up to hand out the invitation. He has shown up to assure that we can come to the feast, reenter the fellowship, be clothed in wedding garments. Let us remember that on whatever highway the lost find themselves, we evangelize to demonstrate that Jesus invites all to come. And let us work understanding that Jesus knows how to find the lost. He has an incomparable and unblemished success rate.

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 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-

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 Geogre

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