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PREACHER-SHEPHERD
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COMMENTARY CORNER: "EVANGELISM AFTER MUCH EVIL" "Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem.... But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken of him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem" (Acts 9:13 & 27).

Jesus would certainly know who the leading religious officials were of His day. We read of Him among the doctors of the law, hearing them and asking them questions, and at the same time astonishing them with His answers and understanding (Luke 2: 46–47). Jesus had understanding that the temple was the place where the Father's business took place (Luke 2:49). He would certainly know both the importance of the temple and the place of the priests among the Jews.

The place of the priests, the place of the High Priests Annas and Caiaphas (Luke 3:2), and their absence from the calling of the twelve apostles is a cause for wonder and reflection. It certainly seems plausible that when the Son of God would come to earth, ready to usher in the kingdom of God, that He would go among religious leaders, men of lineage, and heritage, place, respect, familiarity. Men, too, who were grooming themselves to be religious leaders of the people of God. It would seem wise, even, that Jesus would seek out the students of important religious teachers like Gamaliel, the educated, the learned. But all of these are absent from the calling of the apostles.

The apostles were noted to be men who were not among those who were formally educated by some great religious teacher of the day (Acts 4:13), being described as unlearned and ignorant men. (Though we know that they could have had no greater teacher than Jesus, the Son of God). The apostles did not claim lineage among the families of the High Priest. The apostles were not well known men of their day. And yet Jesus calls these men to become leaders of the greatest faith mankind has ever known. What do

we learn by this observation?

The children of God must certainly observe that it is not always those who are most learned, most visible, with the most obvious lineage of leadership that God is committed to use. God can use people who are least expected to be somebody, to be successful, and to accomplish anything to be in His service and to bring Him glory. This should be comforting on many levels.

It should be comforting to know that although my family is not the best known, my education is not the most accomplished, my notoriety is not distinguished, God can still use me. God has done marvelous things with the least known, the outcast, the separated, the down trodden, the excluded, the unexpected, the dismissed, the lowly, the suspected and avoided. Praise be to God for His showing us that the success of His mission is certain, not because of what we are able to accomplish on our own, but because of what He does through us.

It is not that we have lived undeserving of being excluded, outcasts, uninvolved, and uninvited. The best of us have done enough evil to never be called to service for God. We have done evil. We have been evil. We have known what was right to do and have avoided it. We have excluded from our habits and practices the will, wisdom, and way of God. We have neglected the good and the perfect to enjoy the wrong and the evil. And sometimes when we were sure that we were right, we have been in the wrong, doing evil.

There is no better example of a man who believed he was doing right, but was actually doing evil, than the apostle Paul. This was a man who sought to do what

he believed was right, what he believed was the will of God, what he believed pleased God, persecuting the people of God (Acts 26:9–11). And the story of Saul should cause all who are religiously devout to take some time to ask whether they are confusing their desire to please God with an awareness of the will of God. We should understand that having fire, zeal, approval, recognition, history, and lineage is not synonymous with knowing, practicing, teaching and preaching the word of God. It is possible that a person can be so committed to his religious heritage and tradition, to his learning and success, that he could be doing evil by his religious commitment rather than good. It is within this context that the children of God are to understand Ananias.

Ananias was summoned by God to go to Saul, to teach Saul, and to baptize him (Acts 9:11–12; 26:16). But before going, Ananias expressed concern: "Lord I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem; And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name" (Acts 9:13–14). Nothing about Saul commended him to Ananias. What Ananias had to learn was that God uses men and women, even after they have done much evil—evil evident in how they have related to the people of God. And the people of God must remember that when it comes to evangelism, some of the greatest workers are those who previously had been involved in much evil. Jesus calls according to a man's and woman's potential, not according to their past, their pedigree, their position.

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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 21, 2015. We look forward to seeing you.

MEN'S AND LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Our Men's and Ladies' Bible class is now on summer break. Classes will reconvene in the fall. Enjoy your Summer!

Crusade for Christ Rally

Join us today at the Sugar Creek Church of Christ! We want the world to know that the Church of Christ is truly God's family and it is alive, thriving and equipped to confront the challenges for living in the 21st century!

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.

SHARPE RD CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Sharpe Rd. Church of Christ cordially invites you to attend their 5th Annual Homecoming Celebration. Saturday, June 13- Wednesday, June 17, 2015. Guest Speaker: *Bro. Orpheus Heyward*
Schedule of services: Saturday, June 13th Free Gospel Concert 5:30 pm; Sunday, June 14th Bible Study 9 am, Morning Worship 10am, Dinner 12:30 pm, Singing 2pm & Afternoon Worship 3pm; Nightly Services Monday, June 15-Wednesday, June 17 at 7 pm.

Sugar Creek Church of Christ Married Life Weekend

Saturday June 13th at 6: 00 PM

"Gratitude & Forgiveness"

Looking at Marriage in Light of Eternity

Guest Facilitators:

Jefferson & Felicia Caruthers

Admission & Meal:

\$10 per couple or \$15 per couple + childcare

Register Online:

Sugarcreekcoc.org/MarriedLife15

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!

Guest Speaker: *Dr. W. F. Washington*



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

38th Annual Southeastern
Youth for Christ Conference
July 20- July 25, 2015

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.

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

Gal. 1:3-8

READER: Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ,

CHURCH: Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

READER: To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

CHURCH: I marvel that you are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

READER: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

UNISON: But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, we are thankful to be delivered from this present evil world. We pray that we stand faithfully in the gospel. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Sis. Valerie Coplin, Bro. James Gadson, Sis. Edwena Kirby, Sis. Syietta Baldwin, Bro. Kolbe Adkins, Bro. Barry & Sis. Sandra Harper, Bro. Victor Baldwin, Bro. James Cherry, Sis. Livingston, Sis. Georgia Glenn, Sis. Maegan Gomez, Sis. Leah Oxley, Bro. Alonzo Crim, Bro. Jarvis Warren, Bro. Leroy Nelson & Bro. Bobby Roebuck

SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR MAY

BRO. JOHN FOXWORTH
 (336) 918-6359

ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M.

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

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rodney Evans
 INVOCATION Novell Hall.
 SONG DIRECTOR Victor Baldwin
 SCRIPTURE Joshua Caruthers
 RESPONSIVE READING Joseph Ford
 PRAYER Jared Monroe
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Garrin McNair
 LORD'S SUPPER Joel Caruthers
 READER Kolbe Adkins
 CLOSING PRAYER D. J. Crim
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

6:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Ron Jessup
 INVOCATION Bernard Wallace
 SONG DIRECTOR Andrew Jackson
 SCRIPTURE Jerry Evans
 RESPONSIVE READING Jonas Caruthers
 PRAYER Howard Brown
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Harold Brown
 LORD'S SUPPER Anthony Clinton
 READER
 CLOSING PRAYER James Gadson
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 5:30)

I can of mine own self do nothing : as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.



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

Ananias eventually obeyed God, taught Saul, and baptized him. But even after Saul was added to Christ and the kingdom, the people of God feared him, not wanting to associate with him (Acts 9:26). This is where it becomes important that someone among the people of God remember what our calling is, what our purpose is. Barnabas understood enough about the faith to know that when God has changed a man's life, we should receive him. The Bible reads, "But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus" (Acts 9:27). Is it not amazing that while others were avoiding Saul that

Barnabas took the time to hear Saul's story? It should cause us to wonder how much good we could do if we would entertain the thought that God can do great things through those He calls to salvation. What blessings do we miss when we refuse to see the possibilities in others?

Should we not learn from the examples of Jesus and Barnabas that for men and women to make an impact in the faith they don't have to be of the priest's lineage, to have our heritage, to be educated according to our standards, to only have done the evil that we have done and no more? Should we not see the possibilities of the convert evangelizing after repenting of evil?

Although Jesus does not begin His ministry by calling those most expected to lead in religious revival and reform, eventually a

great number of priests obey (Acts 6:7). Although Jesus does not begin by calling those who are educated and learned as a result of sitting at the feet of Gamaliel, men like Saul obey (Acts 22:16). And although men have led in doing evil against the name of Jesus and the church of Christ, God can eventually use them in the work of evangelism. These truths are motivation for us to believe that God can use anybody. These truths are the reasons that we evangelize.

Let us remember that Jesus calls from all populations of men and women, regardless of upbringing and past. Let us understand that God made a difference in our lives and that He can make a difference in the lives of others. And even after we have lived lives of evil, God calls us to evangelize.

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 (748-0282)

CHILDRENS' WORSHIP

24th— Leah Adkins & Janel Brown

31st— Alfreda & Alaqua Howell

JUNE

7th— Diane Foxworth & Veronica Sides

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

31ST — Linda Burgess

Frances Mason

JUNE GREETERS

7TH— Martha March

Elizabeth Oliver

COMMUNION PREPARERS for June

Bobby Robinson/ Cora Revel



Baptismal Committee

For

Month of May

Lillie Holmes, Wanda Jones & Shanita Green