



PREACHER-SHEPHERD  
JEFFERSON R. CARUTHERS, JR.



**COMMENTARY CORNER: “EVANGELISM AND PRAYERS FOR BOLDNESS** “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak” (Ephesians 6:18—20).

Jesus is found speaking when others believed He should be fearful. That is, they thought not only that He should not talk, but that He should be afraid to talk. Evidence, however, that He was not afraid is witnessed by His speaking boldly though under the threat of death. The people knew that some were seeking to kill Jesus. This is the reason they were dismayed about His willingness to teach.

The apostle John records: “Then said some of them of Jerusalem, is not this he, whom they seek to kill” (John 7:25). And these were not just concerned about Jesus being in Jerusalem, they wondered how Jesus could be speaking as He did: “But lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ” (John 7:26)?

Many have experienced those times when we were talking when others thought that we should be quiet. More than this, they believed that any attempt to talk would be boldness on our part. One of the common responses to our bold talking has been, “And you have the nerve to talk”? People don’t always believe we should be talking when we do.

There are times, however, when we know we should be saying something and are quiet. When children, we were slow to confess that we were the ones who knocked the jar to the floor; that it wasn’t the cat, the dog, or a sibling. As teens, we hesitated to admit that we received a ticket for speeding, or worse, scraped the car. As adults, we hesitated to come clean when we received credit for doing something great that was actually done by another person. In the church, we should be steering people in the right direction rather than hearing and watching them

move contrary to what is right. There are times when we should be talking and are slow to do so. And we have many reasons for this kind of deportment.

We are often quiet because we don’t want to face the consequences of our own actions. We are sometimes quiet because we believe that some things are better left unsaid. We are quiet even because we can see the unfair advantage we might gain over another. There are of course times when we should be quiet. But there are times that it is most necessary to speak up, regardless of the consequences.

The consequence might be punishment of some sort. The consequence might be damaging reprimand. The consequence might be strained relationships with others, or unwanted reputation, unfair judgment, or life altering displacement. The consequence may be that people may see us in a light that we are not sure we believe is advantageous to ourselves. Remember, however, that Jesus spoke boldly even when others believed that death would be the consequence.

The apostles of Jesus themselves were found speaking boldly when they knew that they stood the chance of beating and imprisonment. And the people took note of how the apostles’ background and experience affected their speaking. Acts 4:13 reads, “Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.” Let us acknowledge something about the faith. Those who are not in the faith have from the beginning challenged the child of God’s decision to speak about Jesus. There have always been times when others believed that the Christian was speaking when it was not neces-

sary, or speaking out of turn, or speaking contrary to good social graces. How did the apostles and early teachers find the courage to speak boldly?

Believers must understand that the ability to speak for Jesus is not natural or innate, that is, we don’t just have the spirit to do so because we wish to do so. It is more natural for us to feel uncomfortable interjecting a word about Christ to others. But the apostles and early teachers had a solution. They depended on the help of God to have the ability to speak boldly. The same men about whom it was concluded that they were unlearned and ignorant had the intelligence enough to know that with the help of God they could speak for Jesus.

Peter and John had boldness because they were willing to pray for boldness. In prayer, Peter asks, “And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word” (Acts 4:29). What resulted from this prayer? The text continues, “And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness” (Acts 4:31). Do we not see the evidence that boldness to speak is something that God grants His children? Can we really expect to be successful in having an evangelistic spirit and behavior without the help of God?

Peter and John were praying for boldness during calamitous and dangerous times for themselves. We witness the same in Paul’s request for prayers for boldness.

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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



### Guest/Visitor Emphasis Month!

Throughout the month of June all are encouraged to work toward increasing our guest numbers.

### Center Grove Rd Church of Christ

Centergrove Rd. cordially invites you to attend their **Gospel Meeting 07—11 June 2015**. Lunch will be served from 12:30 –2:00 pm. Congregational Singing 2:30 pm. Afternoon Worship Service begins at 3pm. Monday 8 June till Thursday 11 June nightly services at 7pm. **Eddie Sanders**, speaker.

### 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 Concert, June 13th, 5:30 pm; Sunday, June 14th Bible Study 9 am, Worship 10am, Dinner 12:30 pm, Singing 2pm & Worship 3pm; Nightly Services 15-17 June 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: **Jeff & Felicia Caruthers**  
Admission & Meal:

\$10 per couple or \$15 per couple + childcare  
Register Online:  
[Sugarcreekcoc.org/MarriedLife15](http://Sugarcreekcoc.org/MarriedLife15)

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS 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* of the New Golden Heights Church of Christ, Fort Lauderdale Florida.

### Husbands & Fathers Workshop

Saturday, June 20, 2015

**\$ 10 Registration**



### BROTHERS' GRILL OUT!!!

Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 12 noon

**Eat lunch with us!**

Support our Youth for the Southeastern Youth for Christ Conference!



### 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.



We wish to express our sincere condolences to Bro. Leroy Nelson and Bro. Bobby Roebuck in the loss of their loved ones. May God comfort your hearts and keep you in perfect peace.

### YOUTH NEWS

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

### JUNE

### ANNIVERSARIES



(38th) Bernard & Bev Wallace-4th  
(31th) Melvin & Dorris Jones- 14th  
(19th) Cleveland & Shagail Reed- 15th  
(10th) Marcus & Jamie Downing- 18th  
(11th) Eric & Tamika Nelson-19th  
(8th) Anthony & Janice Clinton- 23rd  
(29th) William & Lillie Holmes- 28th  
(59th) James & Margaret Covington-30th



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1<sup>st</sup> Pamela Monroe; 3<sup>rd</sup> Isaih Black ;  
5<sup>th</sup> Shanita Green; 8<sup>th</sup> Dorris Jones;  
9<sup>th</sup> Kendahl Adkins, Dawn Jones; 10<sup>th</sup> Keshia Holmes; 11<sup>th</sup> Elliot Thompson; 14<sup>th</sup> Melvin Jones, Kellie Pouncey; 15<sup>th</sup> Shagail Reed, James Cherry; 17<sup>th</sup> Leroy Nelson; 19<sup>th</sup> Kiara McNair; 22<sup>nd</sup> Beverly Crim, LaMonte Pouncey; 23<sup>rd</sup> Valeria Ford; 24<sup>th</sup> Jackie Williams; 25<sup>th</sup> Bobby Roebuck; Liam Pilson; 26<sup>th</sup> Garrin McNair, Tiffany Seawright; 27<sup>th</sup> Willie M. Cherry; 28<sup>th</sup> Christina Barksdale & 30<sup>th</sup> Lleyton Pilson.

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

**RESPONSIVE READING**

**Gal. 1: 9-14**

**READER:** As we said before, so say I now again,  
 If any man preach any other gospel unto you than  
 that ye have received, let him be accursed.

**CHURCH:** For do I now persuade men, or God?  
 Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased  
 men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

**READER:** But I certify you, brethren, that the gos-  
 pel which was preached of me is not after man.

**CHURCH:** For I neither received of man, neither  
 was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus  
 Christ.

**READER:** For ye have heard of my conversation in  
 time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond  
 measure I persecuted the church of God, and wast-  
 ed it:

**UNISON:** And profited in the Jews' religion above  
 many my equals in mine own nation, being more  
 exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

*PRAYER*

Father in heaven, as servants of Christ, we pray  
 that we seek not to please each other above  
 speaking truth. In the name of Jesus we pray,

**PRAYER REQUEST**

Sis. Meredith Boyd, Bro. Leroy Nelson, Sis. Tamah Wil-  
 liams, Sis. Emma Westbrook, Bro. Arnold Thomas, Bro.  
 James Cherry, Bro. Juan Williams, Bro. Victor Baldwin, Bro.  
 William Scott, Bro. Keith Matier & Bro. William Pouncey

SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR JUNE

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

8:00 A.M.

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

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS John Foxworth  
 INVOCATION Jerry Evans.  
 SONG DIRECTOR Roy Izzard  
 SCRIPTURE Artis Rucker  
 RESPONSIVE READING Ron Jessup  
 PRAYER Joe Wilson  
**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 John Foxworth  
 INVOCATION Jason Adkins  
 SONG DIRECTOR Andrew Jackson  
 SCRIPTURE Bernard Wallace  
 RESPONSIVE READING Todd Woods  
 PRAYER Simon Johnson  
**SERMON** *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*  
 OFFERING Novell Hall  
 LORD'S SUPPER Kolbe Adkins  
 READER  
 CLOSING PRAYER A. J. Crim  
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

**COMMUNION REFLECTION**

**(JOHN 5:31)**

**If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.**



**USHERS**

Kolbe Adkins	Tevin Loyd	G. Eichelberger
D.J. Crim	Garrin McNair	Todd Woods
Novell Hall	Michael Terry	Harold Brown
Joseph Ford	Jared Monroe	Bernard Wallace

**EVENING USHERS**

A.J. Crim Elijah Gibbs

Jesse Green Jarvis Warren

## COMMENTARY CORNER

Paul is believed to have been imprisoned in Rome when he penned the letter to the Ephesians. Near the end of that letter he is encouraging the church to pray; *"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints"* (Ephesians 6:18). Interestingly, though Paul has exhorted the people of God to put on the whole armor of God: loins girt with truth, a breastplate of righteousness, the gospel of peace for the feet, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, he still admonishes them to always be in prayer for one another. That is, it was not enough for one to have truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, and the word, one also needed prayer. And not just

his prayers, but the prayers of others for him (Eph 6:18). We need to pray for one another in this battle to do the work of God.

Paul was not excluded from the need of the prayers of the saints. He includes himself, *"And for me"* Paul writes. What is it, Paul, that you want prayed for you? He continues *"that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel"* (6:19). The spreading of the word is dependent on the prayers of the saints for the help of God in our spirits. Further clarifying, Paul writes, *"For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak"* (6:20).

We need God in our efforts to spread the word. We will not all of a sudden wake up with the necessary spirit and ability to do the work of God. We need to trust that we

should be in partnership with God, asking God to give us the boldness to speak when others believe it is unnecessary, bad decorum, bad manners, disruptive, shallow, naïve, dangerous, disturbing, and unprofessional.

Though Jesus walked this earth as the Son of God, people believed He had no right, nor authority to speak as and when He did. They wondered why He could be speaking when people sought to kill Him. They asked themselves, too, whether the rulers did indeed know that Jesus was the very Christ.

We know that Jesus is the Christ. And we know that in telling His story, people will question how we would have the audacity, the courage, and boldness to speak. We know that prayer makes the difference. We pray even now that God give us boldness to speak.

### SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

*Early Morning Worship ..8 A.M.*

*Sunday Bible School .....9 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 JUNE



### 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 Co-Capt. Bro. A. Rucker (924-5696)  
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

**7th-** Diane Foxworth & Veronica Sides

**14th-** Diane Foxworth & Ariana Watkins

**21st-** Cynthia Judge & Indya Rucker

**28th-** Cynthia Judge & Kiona Wilson

### NURSERY DUTY

7th

TBA

14th

TBA

21st

TBA

28th

TBA

### JUNE GREETERS

7TH – Martha March

Elizabeth Oliver

14TH – Meredith Boyd

Willie Mae Cherry

21ST - Raymona Brown

Theresa Rucker

28TH - Renee' Eccles

Mary Terry

### COMMUNION PREPARERS for JUNE

Bobby Robinson/ Cora Revel



### *Baptismal Committee*

For

*Month of June*

Diane Foxworth, Diane Robinson  
& Wendy Thomas