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PREACHER-SHEPHERD
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COMMENTARY CORNER: "EVANGELISM EVERYWHERE IN AN UNSAVED WORLD" "As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and hailing men and women committed them to prison. Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word" (Acts 8:3—4).

Jesus commanded that repentance and remission of sins be preached in all nations, beginning at Jerusalem (Luke 24:47). Obedient to the words of Jesus, the apostles tarried in Jerusalem waiting for the promise of the Father spoken of by Jesus (Acts 2:1-5). Beginning in Jerusalem, filled with the Holy Spirit, as promised by the Father, Peter preached, "repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38).

Beginning in Jerusalem, what seems to us an overwhelming expectation, the apostles began their tasks of preaching to all nations. It is easy to read of their accomplishments today, not realizing how their example challenges the people of God in our time. Twelve men were expected to accomplish what thousands of churches refuse to fathom in our era.

Churches believe it to be unrealistic to countenance the idea that churches in a community could make the gospel known to that community. Hundreds of members disparage the thought that they could do what twelve men did. Twelve men began at Jerusalem. Twelve men taught others who joined them in taking the gospel to Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the world. Twelve men were so effective that Paul wrote that the gospel had been preached in all the world (Colossians 1:6).

What they did is just as important as where they went. What they did was preach. Their primary commission was not to go and to hold seminars on why the hungry need to be fed. Theirs was not to go and to encourage that wells be dug so that the thirsty might have water. Theirs was not to show locals in a community the beauty of non-exploitive ways

of interacting with their environment.

The apostles were not asked to take some moments to inform prospective children of God of the impact they would have in a community if they determined to build hospitals, educate to keep people out of prison, and set up community awareness programs that would result in the general uplift of mankind. The apostles were to go and to preach.

What they preached is to be considered along with where they were expected to go: to all nations, and what they were expected to do, to preach. They were to preach repentance and remission of sins. How unpopular and self-defeating that seems to us! If we want to assure ourselves of deaf ears, closed doors, short conversations, few invitations, inattentive, insulted, and aghast listeners, show up in a hamlet, town, village, or city preaching repentance and remission of sins. Repentance and remission of sins doesn't sound to many like very commending and uplifting talk. At first consideration, it does not appear to have any comfort, any encouragement, any positive objective, meeting men and women where they have need.

In our time, the idea of preaching repentance is viewed as one that has outlived its time. Preaching repentance is thought to undermine the success of what church people are trying to accomplish. Preaching repentance is thought to be diametrically opposed to the goal of preaching the love of God to a hurried, haunted, and hurting world. Preaching repentance is considered to be preaching accusation, blame, guilt, and accountability. Preaching repentance will alienate, insult, hurt, disturb, offend and outrage any who happen to be in the presence of

the preacher or teacher at the time of his preaching or teaching the gospel, we believe.

Preaching repentance, however, is not all that Jesus commanded to be preached. Preaching repentance is effective because of what it insists that men need from God. Preaching repentance achieves the result of preparing men and women for the remission of sins. Consider that what men and women need more than anything else in the world is remission of sins. And how arresting it is that what all humans need is not even known to them! Who they need is denied by them. They need remission of sins through Jesus Christ. Preaching informs the world of this truth. And only the preaching of the gospel will put people in a position to obtain salvation that is in Jesus Christ.

Everyone needs to hear the gospel. People everywhere are to hear of the love of God, through Jesus, leading them to repentance and the blessing of remission of sins. The church might want to be about other tasks, but this one must be primary to the world. It is commanded by Jesus and practiced by the first century believers. Whenever the gospel is preached, what is concomitant, what accompanies it, is the saving of souls and the expansion of the church. Is it any wonder, then, that as persecution arose, they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word (Acts 8:3, 4)?

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CHURCH LEADERS

PREACHER-SHEPHERD
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GEORGE MCNAIR
ROY OLIPHANT
BERNARD TERRY
JOE WILSON

SECRETARY
ALICIA LATTEN



**ALL VISITORS!
YOU ARE OUR
HONORED GUESTS!**

CORNELIUS CORNER:
Special Adaptive Housing (SAH) grants help Veterans with certain service-connected disabilities live independently in a barrier-free environment. SAH grants can be used to adapt a home to the special needs of a disabled veteran, build a home on land already owned or apply the grant against the unpaid principle mortgage. Check it out at www.benefits.va.gov.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK

Bro. Caruthers is conducting a Gospel Meeting at the I-85 Church of Christ in Greenville, South Carolina. Please pray for him and his family for safe travel, as well as for a successful meeting.



LET'S WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER

We want to welcome Teresa Nicole Love who was baptized last week during Vacation Bible School. Welcome to the Carver Road family!



YOUTH CONFERENCE CAMP JULY 13TH-16TH

All youth who are attending the Southeastern Youth for Christ Conference are asked to attend the Youth Conference Camp Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. During this camp, the youth will spend time preparing for the various areas they will participate in (ie, Bible Bowl, Spelling Bee, Speech, Drama, Art, Athletics, and more). Parents, please make sure your youth are in attendance during the camp, and be prepared to pick them up promptly at 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

*Southeastern Youth For Christ Conference
July 20th-25th, Fort Valley State University,
Fort Valley, GA*

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DRIVE DAY

Help us reach our goal of **275** or more during our Sunday School Attendance Drive



July 19th at 9:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you!

CARVER ROAD LADIES' DAY

SEPTEMBER 26TH



Theme: "Women of God...Wearing Many Hats... Doing Good Deeds (Titus 2:7; Proverbs 31)
Carver Road Ladies: Please begin paying your \$10 registration fee (youth and adults) to Sis. Tonya Oliphant or Sis Sonya Izzard. Registration forms are located in the foyer. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

LOCAL EVENTS

Gospel Meeting (July 12th-17th)
Highland Acres, Statesville, NC
Speaker: Bro. Melvin Sapp

Gospel Meeting (July 19th-24th)
Thomas Street, Salisbury, NC

Gospel Meeting (July 20th-23rd)
Inheritance Church of Christ, Charlotte, NC

Leadership Summit (August 2nd)
Sugar Creek Church of Christ, Charlotte, NC

Marriage Enrichment Weekend (August 28th-30th)
Bellfork Church of Christ, Jacksonville, NC

Please see bulletin board for more information.



STATE EVENT

NC State Lectureship (November 12th-14th)
Visit www.ncstatelectureship.org for more information.

NATIONAL EVENT

National Lectureship
(March 27-31, 2016), Memphis, TN
Visit www.nlcoc2016.com for more information.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES



1st DeMarcus Miles; 4th Ellis Rice; 5th Anthony Clinton, Bernard Wallace,
7th Andrew Jackson; 8th Jerry Evans; 11th Justin Curry, Patricia I. Johnson;
12th Joseph Crim; 18th Denise Garner, Brinay Simon;
21st Laura Bellanger, 22nd Devonda Holmes; 24th Tenisha Mitchell;
29th Marquice Brown, Carol McDowell, Quantashia Johnson;
30th Diane Robinson; 31st Alicia Latten



54 years William & Athenia Pouncey 1st
45 years Artis & Theresa Rucker 3rd
15 years Reginald & Annette Nichols 4th
14 years Andrew & Geraldine Jackson 7th
20 years Alphonso & Shanita Green 8th
22 years Douglas & Yolonda Crim 17th

JULY BIRTHDAYS

PRAY THAT GOD LEADS US TO SOULS TO SAVE TODAY & THROUGH THIS WEEK

OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

Bro. Dwight Correll
Sis. Immogene Bray
Bro. Leroy Nelson
Bro. Barry Harper
Sis. Georgia Glenn
Sis. Dorothy Livingston

SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR JULY

Bro. John Foxworth
(336) 924-5029

RESPONSIVE READING

Gal. 2:15-19

READER: We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,

CHURCH: Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith of Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

READER: But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? God forbid.

CHURCH: For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

READER: For I through the law I am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

UNISON: I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, help us to live our lives in faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave his life for us. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Bro. Joseph Transou, Sis. Meika Sherrard, Sis. Valerie Coplin, Sis. Leah Adkins, Sis. Syietta Baldwin, Bro. Howard Brown, The Henderson Family, The Scales Family, The Phillips Family



ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M.

SONG DIRECTOR Andrew Jackson
SERMON John Foxworth

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Joe Wilson
INVOCATION Simon Johnson
SONG DIRECTOR James Gadson
SCRIPTURE Cecil Oliver
RESPONSIVE READING Ron Jessup
PRAYER Walter Weathers
SERMON Roosevelt Moss
OFFERING Rodney Evans
LORD'S SUPPER Adriel Hall
READER Howard Brown
CLOSING PRAYER Ollie Carpenter
VISITATION PRESENTATION

6:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Joe Wilson
INVOCATION Doug Crim
SONG DIRECTOR Roy Oliphant
SCRIPTURE Joseph Crim
RESPONSIVE READING Victor Baldwin
PRAYER Artis Rucker
SERMON Richard Jones
OFFERING Reginald Nichols
LORD'S SUPPER Anthony Clinton
CLOSING PRAYER Jonas Caruthers
VISITATION PRESENTATION

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 5:34)

But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved.



USHERS

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| Kolbe Adkins | Tevin Loyd | George 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

The disciples suffered the humiliation of being alienated in their communities, being hauled off to prison, and ultimately worse, being put to death; but, amazingly, they continued to preach the word. They did not decide that there was a better approach to reaching people than that of preaching the word. They are not recorded as people who concluded that what God thought might be effective was dangerous and defeating. They did not challenge the wisdom of God in their committee meetings, lectureships, and conferences. As heated as the persecution was, they still traveled throughout the world preaching repentance and remission of

sins.

Thank God for the comfort that comes from the remission of sins. Thank God for the encouragement, the positive outcome of realizing that sins have been covered, cleansed, washed away, forgiven, remembered no more. Thank God that remission of sins results in true freedom, liberation, a new mind, positive purpose, loving again, laughing again, living again.

Remission of sins gives sanctified and justified men and women reason to love their neighbors as themselves, to do good to all men, to do what each can to heal hurts, show direction, feed, clothe, visit, and uplift. Remission of sins is the only reality that has sustaining power beyond momentary feel good outreach. Remission

of sins is what the redeemed have and what the redeemed share. Preaching remission of sins, then, must continue to be our way into the hearts and lives of men and women.

The church's task is great and appears to be daunting and overwhelming. Pray that we remember that what seems to be impossible with us is possible with God. Jesus teaches that we go to all nations. Jesus is able. We are able, by the power of God. Let us not grow weary. Let us not be misdirected. Let us not be deterred. Let us continue to expect that God will empower the church to preach repentance and remission of sins everywhere.

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY-MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

11 A.M. & 7 P.M.

MENS' & LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

5 P.M. (2nd & 4th Sunday)
(September-May)

MEETINGS & MINISTRIES

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| Teachers' Meeting..... | 9 A.M. (1st Saturday) |
| Clothing Bank..... | 10 A.M.-12 P.M. (1st Saturday) |
| Youth Fellowship Meeting..... | 10 A.M. (2nd Saturday) |
| Husbands & Fathers' Support Group... | 10 A.M. (3rd Saturday) |
| Young Adult Ministry..... | 6:30 P.M. (4th Friday) |

WORSHIP TO THE SICK & SHUT-IN

JULY
Joe Wilson

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!

CHILDRENS' WORSHIP

July 12th Valerie Coplin & Wendy Thomas
July 19th Tamah Williams & D'Asia Williams
July 26th Leah Adkins

NURSERY DUTY

July 12th Treva Loyd & Tonya Oliphant
July 19th Valarie Coplin & Edelina Oliphant
July 26th Leah Adkins & Megan Gomez

GREETERS

July 12th Tonya Oliphant & Alaqua Howell
July 19th Veronica Black & Alicia Latten
July 26th Tabbatha Burgess & Mary Terry

COMMUNION PREPARERS

JULY

Fran Thomas, Jada Thomas & Shagail Reed



BAPTISMAL COMMITTEE

JUNE

Diane Foxworth, Diane Robinson
Wendy Thomas

JULY

Rosalyn Evans, Shirlene Murray & Sheri Pilson

ZONES

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| 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 | 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) |