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COMMENTARY CORNER: "EVANGELISM IN UNEXPECTED PLACES" "Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest " (Acts 8:29—30)?

Jesus read from the prophet Esaias in the synagogue and assured the listeners that the scriptures He read were fulfilled that day (Luke 4:21). It was not unusual for Jesus to be in the synagogue; it was His custom to be there on the Sabbath (Luke 4:16). When He stood up to read, this, too may have been routine (Luke 4:16). He read from the Scriptures and declared that the Scripture was fulfilled that day! This is where custom, routine, the usual, and the normal came to an end. Jesus taught the people that He was the anointed One, prophesied of by Isaiah.

Years later, a man of great authority, a Eunuch, treasurer for the queen, Candace, would be on a dusty road, sitting and reading from the book of this same prophet (Acts 8:26-28). Although reading about the anointed One, the Messiah, the Eunuch did not exude the same confidence of understanding that Jesus did. What was God's provision for those who would read and not understand? Enter the Great Commission. Before ascending to the Father, the Messiah, Jesus Christ commissioned the apostles to go into all the world and to preach the gospel to every creature. Their trek was to begin in Jerusalem, but was to extend to the uttermost parts of the world (Acts 1:7, 8).

Extending from the first preachers, the apostles, were evangelists like Philip (Acts 21:8). Directed by the Holy Spirit to go to the Eunuch, to the chariot, Philip asks the man if he understood what he read. The man explained that he could not understand unless some man guided him (Acts 8:30). Beginning at the passage where the man was, Philip preached to him, Jesus, eventually baptizing him (Acts 8:34-38). What is significant here is not that the prophet Isaiah was read. It is not that both

passages point to the saving work of Jesus Christ. And it is not that belief in Jesus leads to being in favor with the Father. What is important for our lesson is that whether in the synagogue, or in a chariot, we should take advantage of the opportunity to preach Jesus. Whenever there is a door opened, we should be ready to speak the truths of heaven. And perhaps this simple reality is what hinders the progress of the gospel in our time. An effective tool of the enemy has been to circumscribe when and where the message can be shared. Many are convinced that the only appropriate place to share Jesus is in our synagogue like atmospheres, in our churches.

In our churches, we preach Jesus, we laud Jesus, we magnify His name. In our churches, we teach Jesus, we give our commentary on His life, we challenge students to walk in His footsteps. We share Jesus with all who have come to learn. In our churches, we confess to our trust in Jesus, we testify of His goodness in our lives, we sing of how He has brought us out and over. And we thank God for the peace we have in the safe environments of our worship houses. But we miss opportunity to fulfill the Great Commission when our preaching and teaching are limited to what we stand and do in our synagogue/church buildings, to the exclusion of running to join ourselves to chariots of opportunity for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jesus's custom was to be in the synagogue on the Sabbath, fully a part of the reading and teaching. But His ministry was not limited to what was spoken there. The ministry of Jesus involved many settings where He taught kingdom realities, and not all of the settings were safe and secure.

We read of His sermon on the mount

and the teaching that took place there. We need to appreciate that Jesus was just as comfortable teaching on the mount as He was teaching in the synagogue. Jesus taught in the homes of those who invited Him to be guests (Luke 5:29, 14:1, ff, 19:7). Jesus taught in the temple (Matthew 21:23). He took opportunity when going through grain fields to share insight with those who both disagreed with Him and with those who had faith in Him (Matthew 12:1-8). Jesus taught from the seaside, from boats, in bad weather and good (Mark 4:36-40). Jesus' teaching was not limited to what was spoken in the synagogue.

Jesus did not limit His teaching to people who would be agreeable. Often the response was contrary to what heaven would expect. Jesus taught that men and women must eat His flesh and drink His blood (John 6:56). He then witnessed many turn and walk no more with Him (John 6:66). Jesus taught the Jews that they were not really free; eventually, they took up stones to cast at Him (John 8:59). Jesus taught of the love of God (John 3:16), giving men a reason to love the Son, but said that the Scripture was fulfilled about Him which said they hated me without a cause (John 15:25). And the defining moment, His reward for teaching truth, was death on the cross (John 19:33).

Let us not have the impression that there was a progression of disagreement with Jesus and His teaching methods. From the very beginning, from the day when He said this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing, men and women wanted to silence the Messenger and the message.

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CHURCH LEADERS

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CLOYS R. CECIL, SR.

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LEROY NELSON
WALTER WEATHERS, JR.

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FRANK W. DULIN

DEACONS
ROSCOE BURGESS
MICHEAL CURRY
JAMES E. GADSON
GEORGE MCNAIR
ROY OLIPHANT
BERNARD TERRY
JOE WILSON

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAFE TRAVELS

Please pray for our all youth and chaperones who will travel this evening to the Southeastern Youth for Christ Conference at 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 on July 19th—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. If you are interested in participating in the fashion show that will take place during this event, please see Sis. Twana Roebuck.



LOCAL GOSPEL MEETING/EVENTS

Gospel Meeting (July 19th-24th)—Thomas Street, Salisbury, NC
Guest Speaker:

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
Guest Speakers: Michael and Cecelia Dublin, Raleigh, NC

Please see bulletin board for more information.



Welcome

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

CORNELIUS

CORNER: Veterans who are in need of healthcare do not have to suffer without coverage. To find out if you are eligible please visit www.va.gov/healtheligibility. If you have any enrollment or eligibility questions, you may call 1-877-222-VETS (8387).

STATE EVENT

North Carolina State Lectureship
(November 12th-14th)
Theme: "Fortifying the Functionality of the Family" Visit ncstatelectureship.org for more information.

NATIONAL EVENT

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

JULY ANNIVERSARIES



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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; 17th Elijah Gibbs; 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

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: 21; Gal. 3: 1-5

READER: I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, the Christ is dead in vain.

CHURCH: O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

READER: This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

CHURCH: Are ye so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

READER: Have ye suffered so many things in vain? If it be yet in vain.

UNISON: He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

PRAYER

Father in heaven, we pray that we understand that we received the Spirit by the hearing of faith. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Bro. John Foxworth, Bro. Joe Wilson, Sis. Mattie Wilson, Sis. Teresa Love, Sis. Willette Curtis, Bro. Anthony Price, Sis. Sherry Price, Sis. Kim McNair, Bro. Roy Oliphant, Sis. Syietta Baldwin, Sis. Wendy Thomas, Sis. Meika Sherrard, & Bro. Adriel Hall



ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M.

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

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS John Foxworth
 INVOCATION George McNair
 SONG DIRECTOR Randy Dulin
 SCRIPTURE Juan Williams
 RESPONSIVE Joshua Caruthers
 PRAYER Howard Brown
SERMON Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.
 OFFERING T. J. Loyd
 LORD'S SUPPER Joel Caruthers
 READER Isaiah Black
 CLOSING PRAYER Richard Jones
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

6:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS John Foxworth
 INVOCATION Cecil Oliver
 SONG DIRECTOR Timothy Pilson
 SCRIPTURE Thomas Loyd, Sr.
 RESPONSIVE READING Jonas Caruthers
 PRAYER Joe Wilson
SERMON Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.
 OFFERING Garrin McNair
 LORD'S SUPPER Tevin Loyd
 CLOSING PRAYER D. J. Crim
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 5:37)

And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.



USHERS

Andrew Jackson	Anthony Clinton	Isaiah Black
A.J. Crim	Jonas Caruthers	Todd Woods
Novell Hall	James Cherry	Harold Brown
Joseph Ford	Jared Monroe	Bernard Wallace

EVENING USHERS

D.J. Crim George Eichelberger
 Kolbe Adkins Michael Terry

COMMENTARY CORNER

When Jesus further explained the implications of the lesson from Isaiah, men and women became irritated and infuriated, they wanted to do Jesus harm. Luke records; "And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath. And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him up unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. But he passing through the midst of them went his way" (Luke 4:28-30). It is certainly a truth that teaching the word of God has its risks, even for the Son of God.

To our lesson. While we think that we may please our neighbors and our

community by limiting our God talk to what we say in our buildings, the truth is that as the world has hated Jesus, whether in the synagogue or without, the world hates those who confess faith in Him, whether in the church building or without. Jesus says, "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you" (John 15:18).

There is more that we should be aware of. Though the world hates those who trust in Jesus, the world will tolerate the believers' faith when it is no threat to the world. That is, if we say we have confidence in Jesus, that we believe in Jesus, that we will be faithful unto death, but do not join ourselves to chariots to teach,

if we do not go into houses to teach, if we do not stand in the market place and teach, the world will act as if we do not exist.

But the church of Christ must exist. It must be where the glory of God is revealed (Ephesians 3:10). The church must hear the directives of the Holy Spirit and take the gospel wherever men and women have not understood the prophecy of Isaiah about the One who was wounded for our transgressions. It must teach everywhere that the Scripture has been fulfilled in Christ. The church must work to take the gospel to those seeking understanding.

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY

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

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 5th Valerie Coplin & Wendy Thomas
July 12th Valerie Coplin & Wendy Thomas
July 19th Tamah Williams & D'Asia Williams
July 26th Leah Adkins

NURSERY DUTY

July 5th Sherry Woods & Sydney Johnson
July 12th Treva Loyd & Tonya Oliphant
July 19th Valarie Coplin & Edeline Oliphant
July 26th Leah Adkins & Megan Gomez

GREETERS

July 5th Rosalyn Evans & Ashley George
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

JULY

ZONES

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Co-Capt. Bro. A. Rucker (924-5696)
ZONE #7 Capt. Bro. J. Foxworth (924-5029)
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Co-Capt. Bro. R. Burgess (748-0282)