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PREACHER-SHEPHERD  
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**COMMENTARY CORNER:** “EVANGELISM IN UNCOMMON SETTINGS” “And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem” (Acts 9:2).

Jesus traveled throughout Jewry preaching and teaching the kingdom of God. Although He frequented synagogues, and the temple, teaching during the day (Matthew 4:23, Luke 21:37), His places and times of instruction included many other settings. At night, Jesus taught Nicodemus about being born again, by water and spirit, (John 3:1-5). He taught a woman of Samaria, at the site of Jacob’s well, about the water of life, about spirit and truth, and worship of the Father (John 4:5-26). Jesus heals and teaches at the pool of Bethesda (John 5:2). He again teaches and heals at the pool of Siloam (John 9:7, 35-41).

When Jesus commanded the apostles to go into all the world, He had already modeled for them that teaching takes places in settings other than the synagogue.

The beginning days of the church, however, had many associated with the synagogues who became believers in and followers of Jesus Christ. This is not to suggest that those in the synagogue were completely receptive to the gospel. Synagogue teachers had disputation with Stephen: “Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen. And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake” (Acts 6:9,10).

In addition, those who obeyed the gospel on the day of Pentecost from all over the world, undoubtedly included some who would go home and share gospel truths in cities where there were synagogues. This reality became a concern for Saul, a young zealous Pharisee who took it upon himself to persecute the church, believing that he was doing God service.

Identifying with his cause, Jewish leaders provided Saul letters to the syna-

gogues, giving him license to arrest any of that way, that is the way which follows Jesus Christ (Acts 9:2, Acts 22:4). What Saul would discover is that the gospel would continue to be preached, believers would continue to be added, and these believers would be taught and converted, not only in the synagogues, but in every place there was opportunity. And all of this because Jesus was with His people, even unto the end of the world (Matthew 28:18-20).

Saul, and believers of every age, understood that our witness to the world is not contained in and restricted to our worship and meeting places. The church experiences great growth when there is preaching and teaching in every place. Students of Scripture need only to examine the life of Saul, later more frequently known as Paul, to see the power in evangelism beyond the four walls of our meeting houses.

Saul began many of his missionary efforts in the synagogues (Acts 13:5, Acts 13:14; Acts 14:1; Acts 17:1, Acts 17:10, Acts 17:17; Acts 18:4; Acts 19:8). But some of his most noted work, from the first missionary journey to the last, was outside of the synagogue. In the city of Paphos, the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus called for Barnabas and Saul (Acts 13:6). After Saul, with the help of Jesus, blinds and silences a false prophet, Sergius Paulus believed (Acts 13:12).

In Acts 16, Paul’s places of instruction included a river side and a prison (Acts 16:13; 29-33). In Athens, Paul was given opportunity to preach and teach on Mars Hill, at the Aeropagus (Acts 17:19-22).

In Corinth, Paul again begins in the synagogue, but eventually teaches from the house of Justus (Acts 18:4-7). It was there that Crispus, the chief ruler of syna-

gogue, obeys with all his house, as well as many others of the Corinthians (Acts 18:8). Teaching in Ephesus begins in the synagogue. The Jews made it difficult. Paul and the disciples began meeting in the hall of Tyrannus, daily, with the result of all Asia hearing the word of God (Acts 19:8-10). The story of the spread of the gospel would be much different if the only place of teaching had been in the synagogues.

In the synagogues, the ruler of the synagogue and the Jews determined what was appropriate teaching. In the synagogue, the time to share truth was limited to the time when people chose not to hear any longer. In the synagogue, Paul and others found that though hearing the gospel first, the Jews would be less interested in obeying than Gentiles outside of the synagogue.

These observations are important in a day when the church questions the efficacy of teaching the gospel. Much of the church’s effort is centered in a certain place, the church building. We are hoping that someone will be a visitor, will hear the gospel, and respond. But as was true then, it is true today, we must have a message to share everywhere, and not just where we meet. What would we experience if we took to teaching at river sides, at prisons, on hills of philosophy, in member houses, and in community meeting halls?

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# CHURCH LEADERS

**PREACHER-SHEPHERD**  
JEFFERSON R. CARUTHERS, JR.

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GEORGE MCNAIR  
ROY OLIPHANT  
BERNARD TERRY  
JOE WILSON

**SECRETARY**  
ALICIA LATTEN

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## LET'S WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBER

We want to welcome our new member who was baptized last Sunday: Rachel Thomas.



Welcome to the Carver Road family!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DRIVE DAY



Help us reach our goal of **275** or more during our Sunday School Attendance Drive on August 16th—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

**Leadership Summit** (August 2nd)-Theme: "*Fit to Lead*"  
Sugar Creek Church of Christ, 3932 Sofley Rd, Charlotte, NC 28206  
Registration after August 1st :\$50; [www.LeadershipSummit.co](http://www.LeadershipSummit.co)

**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.



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

## STATE EVENT



**North Carolina State Lectureship** (November 12th-14th) Charlotte, NC  
Theme:

**"Fortifying the Functionality of the Family"**

Visit [ncstatelectureship.org](http://ncstatelectureship.org) for more information.

## NATIONAL EVENT



**National Lectureship** (March 27-31, 2016), Memphis, TN  
Visit [www.nlcoc2016.com](http://www.nlcoc2016.com) for more information.

## CORNELIUS CORNER:

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

## 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



## JULY ANNIVERSARIES



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. 3: 6-11**

**READER:** Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness,

**CHURCH:** Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, are the same as the children of Abraham.

**READER:** And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

**CHURCH:** So then they which be of this faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

**READER:** For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

**UNISON:** But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, the just shall live by faith.

**PRAYER**

Father in heaven, we praise you for the grace of living by faith. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

**PRAYER REQUEST**

Bro. Cloys Cecil, Bro. James Gadson, Sis. Mattie Wilson, Sis. Lenore Neal, Sis. Athenia Pouncey, Bro. James Cherry, Sis. Willie M. Cherry, Sis. Fran Thomas, Bro. Joseph Crim, Bro. Joshua Caruthers, Sis. Monique Curry, Sis. Jacquelyn Williams, Sis. Meika Sherrard, Bro. George Leak, Sis. Natalia Watkins, Sis. Sherry Price, Sis. Quatashia Johnson, Sis. Marleshia Young, Sis. Alfreda Howell, Sis. Alaqua Howell, Sis. Dorothy Livingston, Sis. Georgia Glenn & Sis. Phyllis Copeland



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**8:00 A.M**

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

**10:00 A.M.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rodney Evans  
 INVOCATION Jerry Evans  
 SONG DIRECTOR Adolphus Coplin  
 SCRIPTURE Artis Rucker  
 RESPONSIVE HOWARD BROWN  
 PRAYER John Foxworth  
**SERMON** *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*  
 OFFERING Reginald Nichols  
 LORD'S SUPPER Bernard Terry  
 READER Timothy Pilson  
 CLOSING PRAYER Elliott Thompson  
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

**6:30 P.M.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rodney Evans  
 INVOCATION Thomas Loyd, Sr.  
 SONG DIRECTOR Victor Baldwin  
 SCRIPTURE Bernard Wallace  
 RESPONSIVE READING Todd Woods  
 PRAYER Roscoe Burgess  
**SERMON** *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*  
 OFFERING Harold Brown  
 LORD'S SUPPER Anthony Clinton  
 CLOSING PRAYER A. J. Crim  
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

**COMMUNION REFLECTION**

**(JOHN 5:38)**

**And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.**



**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

The suggestion that we change our focus and emphasis from expected church building conversions to going where people will meet is not for the novelty of the opportunity, but for obedience to what Jesus expects. When Jesus commanded that we go everywhere, He did so after modeling the same. He went everywhere taking advantage of every opportunity where people would listen.

We have this second necessity as well. We expect certain people, mostly religious, to hear in specified places. Jesus and the apostles demonstrate that often we are expecting response from the wrong people, at the wrong time, in the wrong

place. Thus we have explanation as to why our witness, our preaching, and our teaching are not as effective as Jesus would want, nor as effective as they could be by the help of the power of Jesus.

The encouragement to the children of God is to be inspired, challenged, and motivated by what we learn from the lives of Jesus and His apostles. Let us take advantage of conversations we have about life to speak a good word for Jesus. Let us not be inhibited by place. Let us seize upon opportunities to teach that Jesus is Lord, Savior of the world. Let us pray that we will be instrumental in the way in bringing others to the Way.

It is past time that churches go from

the church building to preach the way of the cross. There are potential believers serving us in malls, teaching in our schools, treating us in medical facilities, living down the street, mowing our lawns, checking our utilities, working by our sides, checking us out at grocery stores and drug store counters. There is potential for evangelism above the numbers that we post on church boards and in our bulletins. Thank God!

We are in the Way that leads to salvation. Let us determine to bring others with us. Pray God to give us the boldness to share the gospel everywhere.

## 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

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)