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COMMENTARY CORNER: “Evangelism Undaunted During Persecution” “Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied” (Acts 9:31).

Jesus informs and directs the apostles with the words, “*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth*” (Acts 1:8). The work of evangelism begins with the position and work of Jesus Christ. He directs the activities of the church as Head of the body (Ephesians 1:22, 23). In addition, the Father sends the Holy Spirit, in Jesus’ name, to be active in the lives of the apostles and the church (John 14:26). With Jesus and the Holy Spirit directing and leading, the people of God are to go as far as the uttermost parts of the world. It was by way of the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit that the first century churches multiplied (Acts 9:31).

What a difference the work of Jesus makes! What power there is in knowing that the Holy Spirit is present in the lives of God’s children! How different the church’s witness is when it is informed by the presence of, and work of, God. The church is not left to itself to fulfill Jesus’ command to go into all the world; the power of heaven is companion to those who walk to please God.

The church is no group of people abandoned to fend for itself. The church is no gathering of believers absent of the presence of Jesus. The church is no assembly of worshippers whose praise has no God to receive it. The church is filled with the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The church is protected by the Father who loves. The church is redeemed, sanctified, and justified by the Savior who gives. The church is empow-

ered by the Holy Spirit who comforts.

The church is itself spiritual. It worships in spirit and in truth. It recognizes that God is Spirit. It acknowledges that the Spirit of Christ is theirs lest they not be counted as the people of God. (Romans 8:9). It flourishes when the Holy Spirit is companion through every difficulty. These are the truths that resulted in the continued additions to the people of God, and multiplication of their numbers throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria. And while the church endeavored to celebrate within and to be accepted by its community, it was more important to be pleasing to God.

It is popular with church goers today to envision a church that is accepted in the city, whose preachers are popular, whose people are desired, whose mission is joined, and within which there are few difficulties. Reading heaven’s record, however, will leave the believer with a far different impression of the challenges needing to be met as the church grows.

It is important to know the record, if the church is going to discover when and how it can be successful in evangelism and growth. It is important to know the truth, to avoid coming to conclusions about what is most effective in bringing people to God. It is important to know the obstacles, to protect itself from depression and disillusion.

There were seasons of joy during the first days and years of the church. But there were also battles to be fought. Winning these battles was as integral to the progress of the church as was the preaching of the gospel. Defection from these battles, by those on the front line, would have resulted in a hampered progression of the church of Christ.

The church’s growth continued through Judea, Samaria, and Galilee, all areas where Jesus taught, and the primary territories of the first evangelistic activities. Its progression; however, did meet resistance. And it was resistance that resulted in what believers would rather not face.

Who would want his faith to include the possibility of imprisonment because he believes the truth? What mother would want to risk separation from her child because she confessed faith in Jesus Christ? Where are the parents who would welcome the news that their son had been martyred because he challenged religious leaders? But these were all realities that first century believers endured.

One of the leading antagonists and fiercest opponents to the faith was a young man whose name was Saul. He studied at the feet of Gamaliel, advanced above many his equals, and possessed incomparable zeal (Acts 22:3, 4; Galatians 1:13, 14). He made it his great commission to go wherever he could, and haul both men and women into prison, even encouraging death for the believers.

His reputation preceded him. When Ananias in Damascus was told to go to him, he admitted that he had heard of this man and his persecutions (Acts 9:13). When Saul attempted to be with the disciples in Jerusalem, his reputation caused the church to be fearful of receiving him (Acts 9:26). And since Saul’s persecutions were so well known in Jerusalem, Jesus sent him far away; knowing that that would make him more effective (Acts 22:21).

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CHURCH LEADERS

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ALICIA LATTEN

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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!



LOCAL GOSPEL MEETING/EVENTS

Rockhill Church of Christ (August 2nd–6th)
4995 Needmore Rd, Cleveland, NC 27013
Guest Speaker: Al Simmons, Statesville, NC

Redland Church of Christ (August 9th-13th)
4302 US HWY 158, Advance, NC 27006
Guest Speaker: Joseph Barr

University Church of Christ at Charlotte (August 9th-14th)
9920 Newell-Hickory Grove Rd, Charlotte, NC
Featuring various guest speakers nightly

Marriage Enrichment Weekend (August 28th-30th)
Bellfork Church of Christ, Jacksonville, NC
Guest Speakers: Michael and Cecelia Dublin, Raleigh, NC

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.

Welcome to Our Transfer Families

LaTrecia Ratchford, Katelyn Noelle & Qualen Noelle & Stanley, Heather & Braxton King



We're glad you have made Carver Rd Your New Home!



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

Keep our College Students in prayer.
We wish them safe travels and that they have a successful school year!

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. 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) Charlotte, NC
Theme:

"Fortifying the Functionality of the Family"
Visit ncstatelectureship.org for more

NATIONAL EVENT



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

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



2nd, Jamar Foxworth; 4th, Geraldine Jackson, Bernard Terry, Latoya Reid; 5th Trena Wilson; 10th Carol Weathers; 12th Lee Crosby, Brian Rucker; 13th Alphonso Green; 15th Sydney Johnson; 16th Crysenth Kirby; 17th April Brown, Barbie Jones; 19th Meredith Boyd, Chava Caruthers-Mash; 20th Magdalene Fleming, Peja Warren; 23rd Valerie Coplin, Anthony Davis, Jr., Marcella Kendall, Emma Westbrook; 25th Breanna Hall; 28th Kendra Scott; 30th Courtney Massey, Monique Curry

(55 years) Joseph & Beverly Crim- 16th
(52 years) Everette & Barbie Jones- 19th

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. 3:12- 17

READER: And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

CHURCH: Christ hath redeemed us from the curses of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

READER: That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

CHURCH: Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or add thereto.

READER: Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

UNISON: And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect

PRAYER

Father in heaven, we thank you for the promise of the Spirit who is given by faith. We ask for strength to live for Christ In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Bro. George McNair & the McNair Family,
 Sis. Crysenith Kirby, Sis. Devonda Holmes,
 Bro. Rodney Evans, Sis. Paula Evans, Sis Edelina Oliphant,
 Sis. Raven Dulin, Bro. James Gadson, Bro. Walter Weathers,
 Sis. Carol McDowell, Sis. Valerie Coplin, Bro. Adolphus Coplin,
 the Crim Family, the Pilson Family, the Terry Family, Bro. Howard Brown, Sis. Delores Reaves, Sis. Shanita Green, Sis. Hazel Gordon,
 Bro. Harold Brown, Sis. Emma Westbrook, Sis Annette Nichols,
 Bro. Reginald Nichols, Sis. Simone Gore, Sis. Dorothy Livingston,
 Sis. Georgia Glenn, Sis. Immogene Bray, Bro. Joseph Wilson,
 Sis Angela Weathers, Bro. Barry Harper & Sis. Sandra Harper



ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M

SONG LEADER James Gadson
 SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Adolphus Coplin
 INVOCATION Ron Jessup
 SONG DIRECTOR Roy Oliphant
 SCRIPTURE Artis Rucker
 RESPONSIVE Victor Baldwin
 PRAYER Simon Johnson
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Joel Caruthers
 LORD'S SUPPER Roscoe Burgess
 READER Howard Brown
 CLOSING PRAYER D.J. Crim
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

6:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Adolphus Coplin
 INVOCATION Harold Brown
 SONG DIRECTOR Andrew Jackson
 SCRIPTURE Joseph Crim
 RESPONSIVE READING Garrin McNair
 PRAYER Joseph Wilson
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Thomas Loyd, Sr.
 LORD'S SUPPER Adriel Hall
 CLOSING PRAYER Jonas Caruthers
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 5:39)

Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.



USHERS

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

EVENING USHERS

A.J. Crim Jesse Green
 Joshua Huey Jarvis Warren

COMMENTARY CORNER

The church was persecuted by Saul. Could it be expected to grow? Should Jesus be forsaken? Was there not hope of comfort from the Holy Spirit? One thing was evident. Even through disappointing members and persecution, the church advanced, its numbers were added to, the churches multiplied. It helped to lead to what we learn after Saul's conversion; that is, trouble, nor troubling people, last always.

Trouble will not have the last word. Trouble will not raise its flag in victory. Trouble will not raise its fist as champion. Trouble will not run a triumphant lap. Trouble will not be crowned. Trouble has

no staying power. And trouble will always be limited by the plans and purposes of God.

Troubling people can be stopped. They can be brought to their knees. They can be redirected. They can be humbled and brought to the conclusion that Jesus is Lord. The worst of the troublemakers need what all souls need. They need the gospel of Jesus Christ. It remains the church's responsibility; it is a truth regarding the church's wisdom, it is the church's glory, to just have faith in God, knowing that the Lord will make a way for His people.

He did so in the first century. The person who persecuted the faith began preach-

ing the faith he once sought to destroy. Is there greater evidence, in the lives of people, showing what God can do? As a result of Saul's conversion, Luke was able to provide us a news clip that superseded all the bad news previously recorded: the church had opportunity for rest, for peace, for edification, for reverencing the Lord, for comfort of the Holy Ghost, for multiplying (Acts 9:31).

As we examine this text further, let us be assured that wherever the church goes, Jesus will be there to empower it to grow and to multiply. The Holy Spirit will comfort. The Father will provide.

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
AUGUST
Michael Curry**

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

August 2nd Kendra Scott & Tiffany Seawright
August 9th Diane Foxworth & Chanel Williams
August 16th Alfreda & Alaqua Howell
August 23rd Rose Ellerbe & Syietta Baldwin
August 30th Leah Adkins & Sherri Pilson

NURSERY DUTY

August 2nd Meika Sherrard & Shundra McLaurin
August 9th Treva Loyd & Edelina Oliphant
August 16th Tonya Oliphant & Valerie Coplin
August 23rd Leah Adkins & Maegan Gomez
August 30th Sherry Woods & Sydney Johnson

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GREETERS

August 2nd Valerie Coplin & Kiara McNair
August 9th Sherry Woods & Sydney Johnson
August 16th Alinda Gadson & Bayyunah Brown
August 23rd Athenia Pouncey & Lillie Alford
August 30th Carole Weathers & Hazel Gordon

COMMUNION PREPARERS

AUGUST

Mary Hargraves and Courtney Massey



BAPTISMAL COMMITTEE

AUGUST

Lillie Holmes, Wanda Jones & Shanita Green

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 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)

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 Bro. Walter Weathers, Jr.

