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**COMMENTARY CORNER: “Evangelism Encouraged By Peace”** “Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers” (Acts 9:31, NIV).

Jesus knew His apostles’ concerns related to His continual assuring them that He must return to the Father. The ascension of Jesus into heaven to prepare a place for those who labored for Him should have been good news. But it appears that the apostles were disturbed, prompting Jesus to exhort, “Let not your heart be troubled” (John 14:1). Throughout the remainder of His days with the apostles, Jesus informs them of several things that He would leave with them. What were those items important enough to leave with the apostles and the church when Jesus departed?

Very near to Jesus’ discussion on troubled hearts, recorded by the apostle John, John informs the reader that Jesus assured the apostles that they would have another Comforter. This Comforter would be the Holy Spirit (John 14:16, 26). The Spirit presence of God would continue with the apostles. Jesus also assured the apostles that He would leave them with peace, not the peace the world offered, but the peace that comes from Jesus (John 14:27). We later read that Jesus gives the apostles the word, a word that is truth and that sanctifies (John 17:17). This is the same word that is His commandments, the keeping of which is evidence that the believer loves Jesus (John 14:15). Jesus is leaving, but He is leaving the apostles and the church (1) The Comforter, (2) His word, and (3) His peace.

Let us be informed that our hearts, too, are susceptible to being troubled. Jesus’s answer for a troubled heart includes His peace, among other things. The Greek word for peace is “eirene.” This is the word translated by the English word,

“rest”, in our text for this study (Acts 9:31, KJV). Other translations read “peace.”

The NIV reads, “Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers”. See in the text that what Jesus leaves for the apostles and the church is evident in their fellowship. Jesus promised that the Father would send the Comforter, the Holy Spirit; and the church is walking in the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus promised that He would leave them His peace, and the churches of Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace. Jesus gave the apostles His word, the truth which sanctifies; and the church shows evidence of the sanctifying word governing interactions, in that the churches were edified; they were “encouraged.” How are peace, edification, the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Ghost answers to the churches’ needs?

We begin answering this question with a focus on the churches’ need for peace, not the world’s peace, but peace that comes from Jesus. We shall discover that Jesus’ peace is not just for the church assembled, but for every moment individual believers live life. Jesus provides peace for us in our waking in the morning, through our day’s activities, and when we lie down at night. Jesus understands that although the concerns of everyday tasks might seem trivial to others, simple tasks sometimes require the power of God and the peace that passes understanding to complete.

Making the beds, sweeping and vacuuming floors, washing dishes, mowing lawns, trimming bushes, preparing meals, working one’s job, and encouraging others should be simple enough; but for vari-

ous reasons they require strength that comes from peace. It is one thing to make the bed, it is another to make it in a home where there is no peace between spouses, children are absent when they should be at home, and although you labor in love, people treat you with contempt.

It is good and sanitary to keep the floors clean at home, but what about in a house where those who walk on the floors walk from one room to the next keeping confusion going? What about these same disregarding efforts being put into making the home pleasant and comfortable? What about in a home where the only one concerned about doing anything is you?

There ought to be praise and thanks for the one willing to wash dishes that others have eaten from. There should be a moment of space and appreciation while the dish washer tries to complete the task. But in some homes, people will use your task time for their petty time, walking up to you threatening, accusing, trying to stop your progress, snatching and breaking up dishes. These are content to take back burner pot and pan issues and move them to the front burners. These could all be small and pleasant tasks, but the truth is, even here peace that comes from Jesus is necessary!

The first century believers would need peace in their homes, but as the church, they also needed peace as a group. Everyone is not pleased with the fellowship of the church. Just a few days into being the church, church leaders were brought before the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees (Acts 4:1).

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# CHURCH LEADERS

**PREACHER-SHEPHERD**  
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ROY OLIPHANT  
BERNARD TERRY  
JOE WILSON

**SECRETARY**  
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!



Our Deepest Sympathy goes out to Sis. Aretha Garr, Sis. Chanell Helm, Sis. Arianna Watkins and Sis. Natalia Watkins in the loss of their father and grandfather.

May God comfort your hearts and keep you in His loving care.



## LOCAL GOSPEL MEETING/EVENTS

**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



## 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

## 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.

## Young Adult Banquet

*In All Things, Examples of Good Deeds:*  
**"A Reflection Of Christ"**  
Titus 2: 7-8  
**Saturday, August 22, 2015**  
**6:00-8:30 pm**

*See Bulletin Board for more information!*

## Welcome our New Transfer Member Sis. Amelia S. Brown

We are delighted you decided to make Carver Road your home!

## NATIONAL EVENT National Lectureship



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

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



(55 years) Joseph & Beverly Crim- 16<sup>th</sup>

(52 years) Everette & Barbie Jones- 19<sup>th</sup>

## 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



**ALL VISITORS!  
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HONORED  
GUESTS!**

## CORNELIUS

**CORNER:** The Service Disabled Veterans Insurance was established to meet the insurance needs of Veterans with service connected disabilities. S-DVI offers a variety of permanent as well as term insurance plans. Policies are issued for a maximum face amount of \$10,000. For additional information please visit : [www.benefits.va.gov/INSURANCE](http://www.benefits.va.gov/INSURANCE)

**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  
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**RESPONSIVE READING**

**Gal. 3: 18-23**

**READER:** For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

**CHURCH:** Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

**READER:** Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one.

**CHURCH:** Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

**READER:** But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

**UNISON:** But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

**PRAYER**

Father in heaven, we thank you for the faith that has been revealed. We pray that our faith results in our living for You. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

**PRAYER REQUEST**

Sis. J'syia Baldwin, Bro. Kolbe Adkins,  
 Bro. George Eichelberger, Sis. Serena Brown-Crosby,  
 Sis. Syietta Baldwin, Sis. Detrice Ingram,  
 Sis. Meredith Boyd, Sis. Cheryl Smith,  
 Bro. Michael Foster, Sis. Sandra Mayhew, Sis. Sherry Price,  
 Sis. Teresa Love, Bro. Simon Johnson, Bro. Walter Weathers,  
 Bro. Arnold Thomas, Sis. Emma Westbrook,  
 Bro. Thomas Loyd, Bro. George McNair,  
 Bro. Victor Baldwin, Bro. Bernard Wallace,  
 Bro. Andrew Jackson,



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**8:00 A.M**

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

**10:00 A.M.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS Joseph Wilson  
 INVOCATION Victor Baldwin  
 SONG DIRECTOR Roy Izzard  
 SCRIPTURE Juan Williams  
 RESPONSIVE Jason Adkins  
 PRAYER Roscoe Burgess  
**SERMON** *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*  
 OFFERING T.J. Loyd  
 LORD'S SUPPER Rodney Evans  
 READER Isaiah Black  
 CLOSING PRAYER Jarred Monroe  
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

**6:30 P.M.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS Joseph Wilson  
 INVOCATION Cecil Oliver  
 SONG DIRECTOR James Gadson  
 SCRIPTURE Todd Woods  
 RESPONSIVE READING Joel Caruthers  
 PRAYER Roy Oliphant  
**SERMON** *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*  
 OFFERING Novell Hall  
 LORD'S SUPPER Kolbe Adkins  
 CLOSING PRAYER Doug Crim  
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

**COMMUNION REFLECTION**

**(JOHN 5:40)**

*And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.*



**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

Because these Jewish officials disagreed with preaching the resurrection, they put Peter and John in hold until the apostles could answer questions the next day (Acts 4:5, 6). They eventually could only threaten them and let them go.

Once the apostles were released, they continued preaching the resurrection. The next time they were detained, they were put in the common prison (Acts 5:18). The Sadducees and others thought to slay them, but because of the counsel of Gamaliel they were let go (Acts 5:33 ff.), but not before they were beaten (Acts 5:40).

There were not only problems threatening peace from without, but from within as well, members caused disturbances in the fellowship. Ananias and Sapphira lied about their giving, and were killed by God (Acts 5:5, 10). As the church numbers continued to multiply, murmuring arose in the church (Acts 6:1). Once the murmuring was quieted, one of the seven chosen to help with the widows was stoned and killed (Acts 7:60).

Keeping the garments of those stoning Stephen, and consenting to his death, was a young man named Saul (Acts 7:58). This was followed by Saul's intense persecution of the church (Acts 8: 3; 9:1-6).

Saul continued with persecution and imprisonment of believers until the Lord Jesus stopped him (Acts 9:1-6). During Saul's persecution, *eirene*, peace was fleeting. It was when God put down the persecution, bringing Saul into the fold, and making him a preacher of the faith he once destroyed, that Luke could write, that the church had rest, that is, peace.

Let the faithful know today, that God not only brings inner peace, He can bring outer peace. Enemies will be turned away, persecution will be stilled, both home and church will be comforted. And evangelism will continue.

## 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.

**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

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ZONE #8 Capt. Bro. R. March (727-0052)  
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