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COMMENTARY CORNER: “Evangelism Enhanced By Fear” “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 asked the multitudes, “Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I command thee?” (Luke 6: 46) It should be as disconcerting today as it was then for followers to call Jesus, Lord, and then disregard him as Lord. Whether or not Christianity demands that we acknowledge Jesus as Lord, let us remember that Paul writes, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved” (Romans 10:9). There is no legitimate following of Jesus without obedience that honors Him as Lord.

When believers followed the Lord Jesus in the first century, the result was both edification of the church and the church’s numbers being multiplied. But it was not simply confessing belief in Jesus, it involved what is always a sign of humility and humbleness: it was about fearing the Lord. Vibrant, healthy, and reverent following the Lord includes walking in the fear of the Lord.

This is not the kind of fear that must be overcome, like well-known fears in our time; fears we often suffix with the word, phobia. Phobia is actually the Greek word translated fear. And it is phobia respecting the Lord that distinguished the church as the people of God.

There are other kinds of fears. Acrophobia is the fear of heights, and although people have this disposition, they know when there is danger below, they must overcome this fear and go up. Arachnophobia is the fear of spiders, and those who will overcome it must get used to creepy creatures. Achluophobia is the fear of the dark, and people are taught how to

feel safe in their inner man, though their physical bodies are not in the light. The list goes on. And for most phobia, practitioners work to help clients overcome them.

There are, however, fears that are necessary for bold and courageous living. That is, there are fears that help us to live fearlessly in the face of any challenge life presents. This truth is no more evident than in the practice of fearing the Lord. The psalmists write, “Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling” (Psalms 2:11). Then, “But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: And in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple” (Psalm 5:7). For any who would have knowledge in life, the Proverbs are instructive: “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: But fools despise wisdom and instruction” (Proverbs 1:7).

The life of Jesus reveals that fear worked in the minds of people on many levels. There was fear as panic. In Luke 21:26 we read of men’s hearts failing them for fear. In Matthew 14:26, when Jesus’ disciples saw Him walking on water, they cried out for fear.

Men feared other men in Jesus’ day. Jesus teaches that his disciples should not fear those who could only destroy the body (Luke 12:4). The chief priests and elders acknowledged that they could not say that John the Baptist was not a prophet because they feared the people (Matthew 21:26). The chief priests and Pharisees sought to lay hands on Jesus, but could not because they, too, feared the people (Matthew 21:46).

Jesus taught that men should not fear men. He also taught that there were some who neither feared man nor God. He speaks of a judge in a certain city who said

that he “feared not God, nor regarded man” (Luke 18:4). He was moved only by the persistent pleading of a widow (Luke 18:5).

The fear of the Lord should result in believers joyfully fulfilling the commands of God. Misinformed fear, however, ends with devastating results. Jesus teaches of a man who received one talent. Instead of this man participating in exchange in the market place, he hides his money, his talent, in the ground. When questioned why his money gained no money, he said to his lord, “I feared thee because thou art an austere man” (Luke 19:21). Proper godly fear motivates the child of God to have confidence that God goes with His people, working with them to help them succeed, to experience victory, to overcome obstacles, and to expect to hear, “well done!”

Godly fear acknowledges that God is higher than man. It understands that God is responsible for all of life. Godly fear celebrates God’s love for man, God’s salvation of man; God’s active participation in the lives of His sons and daughters. Godly fear understands that I do not live life as though the power of life and death belongs to me. I instead live life glorifying God, serving the Lord, knowing that God intends that all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

It is with this understanding that Peter concludes that he perceives that God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation, he that fears God and works righteousness is accepted with God (Acts 10:35).

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CHURCH LEADERS

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GEORGE MCNAIR
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!



LOCAL GOSPEL MEETING/EVENTS

Senior Appreciation Day

(August 16, 2015)
Northside Church of Christ, Charlotte, NC
Guest Speaker: William Stephens, Durham, NC

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

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

Gospel Meeting (September 14th-16th)

Northside Church of Christ
4435 E. WT Harris Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28215

Gospel Meeting (September 27th-30th)

Community Church of Christ
533 N. Graham Hopedale Rd.
Burlington, NC 28083



Baptism

Welcome to the fold, sister Latesha Page. She was baptized on Tuesday, August 11, 2015. Let us encourage our new babe in Christ.

READING SAFARI



Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. there will be a special *Back to School* edition! Keep reading we look forward to seeing you.

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!

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 continue 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.

NATIONAL EVENT



National Lectureship

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



STATE EVENT

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

Theme:

"Fortifying the Functionality of the Family"

Visit ncstatelectureship.org for more information.



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YOU ARE OUR
HONORED
GUESTS!**

CORNELIUS CORNER:

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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 Crysenith 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



August Anniversaries



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

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
 Bro. George McNair
 Sis. Frances Mason

SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR AUGUST

Bro. Walter Weathers
 (336) 785-2520

RESPONSIVE READING

Gal. 3: 24-29

READER: Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

CHURCH: But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

READER: For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

CHURCH: For as many of you s have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

READER: There is neither Jew or Greek, there is neither bond or free, there is neither male or female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

UNISON: And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, we acknowledge that through baptism we put on Christ. Strengthen us to live in unity in Christ. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Sis. Latrecia Smith, Bro. Reginald Nichols,
 Sis. Annette Nichols, Sis. Dorothy Livingston,
 Bro. Walter Weathers, Bro. Barry Harper,
 Sis. Sandra Harper, Sis. Georgia Glenn,
 Sis. Patricia I. Johnson, Sis. Edwena Kirby,
 Sis. Leah Adkins, Bro. Joel Caruthers, Sis. Carolyn Love,
 Sis. Frances Mason, Sis. Alaqua Howell,
 Bro. Michael Terry, Sis. Teresa Love, Bro. Isaiah Black,
 Bro. Ron Jessup, Bro. Bernard Terry,
 Bro. Victor Baldwin



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

The apostle Paul writes to the Corinthians to perfect holiness in the fear of God (2 Corinthians 7:1). He instructs the Ephesians to submit to one another in the fear of God (Ephesians 5:21). The Philippians are admonished to work out their own salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12). Peter later writes to several churches to pass the time of their sojourning on earth in fear (1 Peter 1:17).

Walking in the fear of the Lord is the wisest walk for mankind. Men have feared storms, constellations, bad luck, powerful people, the change of seasons, sickness, war, and death, and then live their lives accordingly. They have refused to live in

regions of the country where storms are regular. They have determined not to make decisions without reading their horoscopes. They have filled their lives with rabbit feet and recorded lucky numbers, avoiding walking under ladders, and going the opposite direction of black cats. These are all foolish and unprofitable ways of living.

The fear of the Lord involves no such negative habits. The fear of the Lord allows us to love God and our fellow man. The fear of the Lord works in the children of God, peace, patience, and power. The fear of the Lord causes us to care enough to want others to come to know the salvation of heaven. The fear of the Lord cre-

ates edification in the body of Christ.

The fear of the Lord in the early church is directly related to the growth of the church and increase in its numbers (Acts 9:31). The fear of the Lord is what is at the foundation of true worship. The fear of the Lord is what shapes the preacher's message. The fear of the Lord is what governs the thoughts of leaders who shepherd the church. And the fear of the Lord is behind every church that prioritizes evangelism to the world.

Proper fear of the Lord is not simply about saying, "Lord," it is instead doing the things Jesus says.

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**

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

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

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 & Courtney Massey



BAPTISMAL COMMITTEE

AUGUST

Lillie Holmes
Wanda Jones
Shanita Green

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Co-Capt. Bro. A. Rucker (924-5696)
ZONE #7 Capt. Bro. J. Foxworth (924-5029)
Co-Capt. Bro. R. Oliphant (765-3105)
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