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COMMENTARY CORNER: “Evangelism Encouraged By the Holy Spirit” “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 knows and feels our needs. He understands that humanity is complemented and comforted by the presence of divinity. His life manifests consciousness of and treatment for what man needs most. He demonstrates the deepest compassion. All of humanity can rest assured that Jesus knows both the troubles we feel and what will make man most happy and functional.

Jesus commissioned the apostles to take news of His love for mankind to the world. While on earth, Jesus worked comfortably with His apostles. Before He ascended to the Father, He gave the assurance that He would be with the apostles until the end of the world. But He also assures that what He was to them in the flesh, the Holy Spirit would be in the spirit. The Holy Spirit would be a comforter, an encouragement, to them and to the church as the church lived out the meaning of the cross.

When thinking on what comfort the Holy Spirit would provide, the apostles had the history of Jesus’ provision for them to remember. What was any need, any comfort for the disciples, that Jesus did not meet? What is there, even now, that we do not have a godly record of compassion for?

While Jesus walked the earth, in man’s recurring hunger, Jesus fed five thousand (Matthew 14:15-20, John 6:5). Jesus does not take lightly this physical and life sustaining needs of mankind.

In our pervasive sickness, Jesus shows His great love, pity, and mercy by healing a woman who had an issue of blood for twelve years (Mark 5:25). For any who have suffered illnesses, this story is a reminder that heaven identifies with our

struggles to remain healthy and whole.

More importantly, Jesus is able to heal us in accord with the timing of God’s planning for our lives.

In our aimless wandering, our perpetual confusion about where our lives are going from day to day, Jesus has compassion on us, not desiring that we be as sheep which have no shepherd (Matthew 9:36). Life is frustrating when we meet days filled with confusion about how we should proceed. Perhaps we have even learned to have little confidence in our decisions, seeing how they have had long term consequences for our lives. Jesus seeks to provide direction, clarity, and hope for a positive outcome related to our living.

In our unjustified fears, when winds are howling, when life’s seas are being tossed, when our boats are rocked, and when we feel powerless, Jesus speaks to our situation with the words, “Peace, be still” (Mark 4:39). O What wondrous love we see when we understand that the Maker and Creator of all humanity takes the time to handle our personal storms, our threatening seas, our ill placed fears!

In our failures, our resultant consequences after attempting to go it alone, to make decisions contrary to God’s counsel and word, Jesus stands by us with the reminder, “when you are converted, strengthen your brethren” (Luke 22:32). And even as we stand sinful and guilty, the Savior prays, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34). How comforting it is to know that the love of the Father and the Son continually reach out to humanity. Who would want to live without this comfort, a comfort that strengthens us for our daily tasks?

Jesus knows the burdens we bear, and in those burdened episodes of our lives,

the times when we have either accepted from ourselves or others, unrealistic and unmanageable expectations, Jesus invites, “Take my yoke upon you,” assuring, “My yoke is easy and my burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30).

Words that inform us of Jesus not lading us with heavy burdens, give us the strength to work His great commission. In that commitment to commission, believers do well to remember the words, “Lo, I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20). All day and all night, Jesus is there. When we experience the freedom of victories and when we are pressed against the wall of discouragement, Jesus is there. When we are walking in favor with the community, and when the world despises us, Jesus is there. When the church is accepted by its community and when we are persecuted, Jesus is there. Through life and until death, Jesus is with us.

Living life, in our mourning over those who have departed this world, while Jesus weeps with us, He is also the resurrection and the life (John 11:35, 25). There is no place where the love and power of Jesus does not reach. There is no time that His comfort won’t find, sustain, and maintain our faith. He is present through our fullest days of life and He is present when we face the judgment.

In the judgment, before the judgment seat, Jesus says to His own, “Come ye blessed of My Father” (Matthew 25:34). In our day, His own is His church. His own is the church of Christ. And in every aspect of our being the church, He is present with us.

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CHURCH LEADERS

PREACHER-SHEPHERD
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CLOY S. CECIL, SR.

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LEROY NELSON
WALTER WEATHERS, JR.

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

SECRETARY
ALICIA LATTEN



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YOU ARE OUR
HONORED
GUESTS!**

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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

5th Sunday Fellowship

(August 30, 2015)
R.C. Baldwin Church of Christ (Formerly known as Olga Ave.)
1316 R.C. Baldwin Ave.
High Point, 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



STATE EVENT

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

Theme:

"Fortifying the Functionality of the Family"

Visit ncstatelectureship.org for more information.



Baptisms

Please welcome two new members to the fold, sister Amy C. Garland, baptized on Monday, August 17, 2015 and brother Cori Thompson baptized on August 18, 2015. Let us encourage our new babes 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.



We wish to express our condolences to the following families in the recent loss of their loved one: Dulin, Foster, McCloud and Williams.

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Please keep Bro. Michael Foster and his family in your prayers in the loss of his mother.

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.

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

OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

Bro. Dwight Correll
 Sis. Immogene Bray
 Bro. Leroy Nelson
 Bro. Barry Harper
 Sis. Dorothy Livingston
 Bro. George McNair
 Sis. Frances Mason

SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR AUGUST

Bro. Walter Weathers
 (336) 785-2520

RESPONSIVE READING

Gal. 4:1-6

READER: Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

CHURCH: But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

READER: Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

CHURCH: But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

READER: To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

UNISON: And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, we have received the adoption of sons. Hear our petitions as we cry, Abba, Father. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Sis Kendra Scott, Sis. Louise Ellis,
 Sis. Meika Sherrard, Sis. Carol Weathers,
 Bro. Garrin McNair, Sis. Dolly Warren,
 Sis. Emma Westbrook, Bro. Victor Baldwin,
 Sis. Teresa Love, Sis. Latesha Page, Sis. Serena Crosby-Brown,
 Sis. Annette Nichols & Bro. Michael Foster



ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M

SONG LEADER Adolphus Coplin
 SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Roscoe Burgess
 INVOCATION Jason Adkins
 SONG DIRECTOR Randy Dulin
 SCRIPTURE Artis Rucker
 RESPONSIVE HOWARD BROWN
 PRAYER John Foxworth
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Reginald Nichols
 LORD'S SUPPER T.J. Loyd
 READER Timothy Pilson
 CLOSING PRAYER Elliott Thompson
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

6:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Roscoe Burgess
 INVOCATION Adriel Hall
 SONG DIRECTOR Roy Oliphant
 SCRIPTURE Todd Woods
 RESPONSIVE READING Juan Williams
 PRAYER Adolphus Coplin
SERMON *Richard Jones*
 OFFERING Novell Hall
 LORD'S SUPPER Rodney Evans
 CLOSING PRAYER Richard Jones
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 5:42)

But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.



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

On the day of Pentecost, Peter acknowledges that Jesus shed forth, by way of the work of the Holy Spirit, "this, which ye now see and hear" (Acts 2:33). The promise of the Holy Spirit was fulfilled by His presence and power in the exhortation and preaching of the apostles. The Holy Spirit was commissioned to be the Comforter for the church.

We have read of the comfort that Jesus provides through hunger, illness, wandering, fears, burdens, commission, failures, death, and judgment. In all of these areas of life, the believers experienced heaven's comfort, protection, and guidance. The

Holy Spirit in the life of the church served as further evidence of whom the Father and Son considered people who would receive special guidance from heaven.

Others might assume that God was on their side. The church of Christ knew that the Father and Son were with them as they alone walked in the comfort of the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:31). As a result of their walking in the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Spirit, the church was multiplied, edified, built up, and encouraged, able to face whatever challenges it might meet.

The church today must walk and work

with the assurance that the same Jesus who ministered to our needs, while in the flesh, and while on earth, is the One who is concerned about our continued walk in the flesh, and our spiritual tasks to be completed. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, God's people continue to be comforted.

This same comfort is what fuels our ability to evangelize, to witness additions to the faith, to be multiplied. Let us continue in prayer asking that God's will be fulfilled in His children who have experienced His strength, power, love and comfort.

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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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)
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