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COMMENTARY CORNER: “*Evangelism Through Establishment in the Faith*”

“And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem. And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily” (Acts

Jesus guided the development and maturity of the disciples to the point that He could return to the Father, confident that they could do the work He commissioned them to do. Mindful of their mission, He prayed to the Father to keep them that they might be one as the Father and Son are one (John 17:11). Jesus acknowledged that while He was in the world, He kept them in the Father’s name (John 17:12). Now He was coming to the Father and the apostles would have to be kept from the evil one, especially because Jesus was now sending the apostles into the world (John 17:15, 18). How great then is our evidence that Jesus cares for His own. He cares for their well-being. He cares for their mission.

The mission of the apostles to go into all the world was guided by Jesus. Readings in the book of Acts teach us how intimately and intricately involved Jesus was in guiding the events of the first century believers. We learn not only how He guided those first believers, but we are given insight into how He guides the church in our generation.

Jesus is active and present on the day of Pentecost, shedding forth the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:33). Jesus protects the early church from inside threats when Ananias and Sapphira die trying to lie to the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:5, 10). His presence is recorded when Stephen is stoned (Acts 7:56). When the church is persecuted, Jesus confronts the chief persecutor, Saul, and redirects him (Acts 9:15, 16).

Jesus directed Philip to go to the Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:29). He sent Ananias to teach Saul (Acts 9:10-12). Peter was sent to the house of Cornelius

(Acts 10:17-20). As students of Scripture read these texts, they discover that the Spirit the Father sends in Jesus’ name is in unity with the directives of the Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ continues to go with the apostles and the church. Paul will go into Macedonia being guided by the Lord (Acts 16:10). Paul will be comforted by the Lord when He preaches in Corinth (Acts 18:9, 10). And when the book of Acts is drawing to a close, with Paul and others caught in the midst of a storm, Paul comforts others informing them that an angel of the Lord stood by Him assuring him of no loss of anyone’s life (Acts 27:23). Jesus ascended to the Father, but He continued His care, guidance, intercession and intervention in the lives of God’s children.

Success in evangelism and growth now, as then, is dependent on the work of Jesus in the life of the church. It is dependent on the faith of the children of God to do as Jesus commissions the church. An increase in numbers cannot be realized in any significant way by churches that do not trust in God’s plan for bringing saving faith to the world.

God’s plan for saving men and women is what we focus on in this lesson, mindful of Jesus’ work in the days of the apostles. We have read of dramatic encounters with Jesus, with the Holy Spirit, and with angels commissioned by the Lord. Reading these recordings of the guidance of heaven, some assume that what we are seeking today, to realize growth, are equally dramatic encounters with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The first century church, however, understood that Jesus, though He di-

rected the apostles, empowered them with the ability to do miracles, and assured them of their safety, never taught anyone what to do to be saved, and He did not come down from heaven to guide the church to maturity. Still, souls were saved, the church was established, and the churches increased in numbers daily.

Luke records the efficacy of the Jerusalem council and its effect on the churches: “*And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem. And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily*” (Acts 16: 4, 5). Note that the apostles and elders came to an agreement about the teaching of the word of God, made a plan for disseminating the information, carried out the plan, and witnessed the continued increase of the churches (Acts 15:13-28). In all of their efforts, they were prayerful and conscious of what God would want. Increase in numbers requires prayer with the studied efforts and committed footwork of the church.

Jesus commissioned, but Jesus did not teach potential converts His gospel. The Eunuch would come to faith by the work of Philip (Acts 8:29-39). Saul was taught what he must do by Ananias (Acts 9:6-18). Cornelius had a vision, but Peter was the gospel preacher bringing him to understanding (Acts 10:34-38).

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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 September 20th—9:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you!

Visit US 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 our new members who were all baptized on last Sunday, August 23rd, 2015: Sis. Peja Warren, Sis. Serena Crosby-Brown, Bro. Kwali Bunker. Let's encourage and embrace them with love as they start their new life 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.

Youth News

University Church of Christ- Charlotte, NC will be hosting a Youth Rally. September 4-5, 2015. Theme: Christians Can Be Confident About Creation. For more information visit: UCoCCLT.org.

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.nlcc2016.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
 Sis. Frances Mason

SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR AUGUST

Bro. Walter Weathers
 (336) 785-2520

RESPONSIVE READING

Gal. 4: 7-12

READER: Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

CHURCH: Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.

READER: But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

CHURCH: Ye observe days, and months and times, and years

READER: I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

UNISON: Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am; for I am as ye are: ye have not injured me at all.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, we thank you for our becoming sons and heirs through Jesus Christ. We pray that we live according to our place in Christ. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Sis Margaret Covington, Bro. George McNair,
 Sis. Dolly Warren, Bro. Arnold Thomas,
 Sis. Peja Warren, Bro. Howard A. Brown,
 Sis. Hazel Gordon, Bro. James Cherry,
 Sis. D'Tondja Foster, Bro. Joseph Ford, Sis. Amelia Brown, Bro. Reginald Nichols, Sis. Antoinette Leak,
 Bro. Timothy Pilson, Bro. James Gadson, & Bro. Jasper Horton



ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M

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

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rodney Evans
 INVOCATION Thomas Loyd Sr.
 SONG DIRECTOR Adolphus Coplin
 SCRIPTURE Ron Jessup
 RESPONSIVE Adriel Hall
 PRAYER Howard Brown
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Bernard Terry
 LORD'S SUPPER Isaiah Black
 READER Simon Johnson
 CLOSING PRAYER Ollie Carpenter
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

6:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rodney Evans
 INVOCATION Bernard Wallace
 SONG DIRECTOR Victor Baldwin
 SCRIPTURE Jerry Evans
 RESPONSIVE READING Joseph Crim
 PRAYER Doug Crim
SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*
 OFFERING Kolbe Adkins
 LORD'S SUPPER Novell Hall
 CLOSING PRAYER A. J. Crim
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 5:43)

I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not; if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.



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

Jesus assured Paul that He had much people in the city of Corinth, but Paul was to do the teaching (Acts 18:9, 10). With the several souls and cities that need teaching today, the church must accept that the teaching will be done by those who are developed and trained to teach the gospel.

There is yet another lesson important to this study. As the church grows, it will not only have to be diligent in bringing people to saving faith; it must also be dedicated to developing the understanding and maturity of those in the faith. Turmoil and misunderstanding in the church can hamper the progress of the preaching of the gospel.

The threat of inside confusion and turmoil was the occasion for the council meeting in

Jerusalem. Both in Antioch and Jerusalem, there was much disputing over whether gentiles would have to be circumcised (Acts 15:2, 7). The church will lose the manpower and energy needed for evangelism if time is not given to instruction, education, and edification of those who are in the faith.

Instruction, direction, and understanding are what were provided to the believers of the first century, as a result of the Jerusalem council. Once study was accomplished and decisions were made, understanding could be provided and the churches further established to do the work of the Lord (Acts 16:4, 5). These processes and procedures are equally important manifestations of the presence of Jesus in the work of His people.

Attention to teaching, instruction, edification

cannot be dismissed as disconnected from effective evangelism; these are integral to the continued development and growth of the church. These assure that churches will stay focused, witnessing the power of God as they increase in number daily. Further, the church can neither become so focused on evangelism that it neglects edification, nor so focused on inside concerns that it neglects evangelism.

Thank God for the evidence of the presence of Jesus in the church today. And there is evidence of the compassion, guidance, concern and care of Jesus whenever and wherever the church allows Jesus to direct its mission and growth.

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
Micheal 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)
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Co-Capt. Bro. R. Oliphant (765-3105)
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