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**COMMENTARY CORNER: STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE (2) “EVEN FROM HIS MOTHER’S WOMB”** “For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother’s womb” (Luke 1:15).

Jesus came into the world the Son of the Living God. The Father God planned His birth in Bethlehem to be consistent with the “fullness of time” (Galatians 4:4). God planned for Jesus to come as Savior of the world. God planned who His mother would be, what His Son’s life would be like, how he would be received, how he would live, and how he would leave this earth. We do well to appreciate the significance of being able to plan for our children to be of service to God.

If only we had the time to plan to have children who are committed to God. I mean, really plan. Plan who their other parent will be. Plan where they will go to school. Plan what they will eat and not eat. Plan where they will go to college. Plan what kind of job they will have. Plan how they will worship. What a world we would have if we could successfully plan the lives of our children.

“Silly, wishful, thinking,” some would conclude. What parent would be so irresponsible? What parent would want to so determine a child’s future? Are we not thankful that we are a lot wiser than such foolishness in our nation?

We have the sense enough to know that our children are to be given choices. If they don’t want to go to Sunday school, fine. If they don’t want to worship the Lord, fine. If they don’t want to go to school, fine. If they don’t want to eat, fine.

Maybe that is taking things too far. Children must eat and children must go to school. It is only in the areas of the church and the Lord where they should not be directed. They will make better decisions if they are not directed. Chil-

dren directed to love the Lord and to make sacrifices end up despising the Lord. But before continuing this line of reasoning too far, let us not discount the fact that some of the greatest men ever known were men who had their futures planned, even from their mother’s womb. These people already had it decided that they would grow up to serve the Lord. And the parents privileged to help these children along did not think that they were doing their children an injustice.

Samson’s life was planned. Samson’s birth was preceded by an angelic announcement. He was born to a mother who had been barren (Judges 13:2). His parents were informed before his birth that he was to be a Nazarite (13:5). His parents were not exactly sure about how they would rear him and so inquired of the Lord (13:12). As a Nazarite, Samson was not to shave his hair. He was not to eat or drink of fruit of the vine.

(Numbers 6:1–21). As long as the razor did not touch his head, he remained in the strength of God. When it did, Samson lost his strength. Again, his life was planned from his mother’s womb.

Samuel’s life was planned. Samuel’s mother prayed that she would be blessed with a son. If so blessed, she promised to turn that child over to the service of the Lord (1 Samuel 1:9–11). As with Samson, no razor was to touch Samuel’s head (11). At the proper time, Samuel was given to the Lord (24). We all know of the subsequent services he rendered to the Lord and to the people of God. His mother thought it not unusual to plan her son’s life. And to plan a life for him serving the Lord.

John the Baptist’s life was planned. The angel of God assured Zechariah, “For he shall be great in the sight of Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother’s womb (Luke 1:15). The greatest forerunner known to mankind was this man whose life was preplanned, predetermined, predestined. Is it our belief that a disservice was done to Samson, to Samuel, to John the Baptist?

The saints lives should be planned. Godly parents should plan to rear children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). Children of the saints should learn that their primary opportunity in life to be great is associated with pleasing God. While other things are important, none are so important that they should eclipse the significance of serving God.

The children of the saints should enjoy the seasons of life: going to school, graduating from a learning institution, going into the world of work and eventually into a career, entering a life long marriage, and themselves rearing children and sustaining a family. All of these should be done in the context of knowing that we are children of God who live to His glory.

But there is more we should understand. We are all living our lives in the purpose and plan of God, some to his glory and honor, others in disservice to themselves and to God. We should all live with the awareness that God has had claim to our lives even before we were born.

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2015 THEME: "IN ALL THINGS, EXAMPLES OF GOOD DEEDS" (TITUS 2:7)

## CHURCH LEADERS

**PREACHER-SHEPHERD**  
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**MINISTER EMERITUS**  
CLOYS R. CECIL, SR.

**SHEPHERDS**  
JEFFERSON R. CARUTHERS, JR.  
JOHN FOXWORTH  
LEROY NELSON  
WALTER WEATHERS, JR.

**ELDER EMERITUS**  
FRANK W. DULIN

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

# 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!



## LOCAL GOSPEL MEETING/EVENTS

### 14th Annual Homecoming

(September 16th –20th)  
Coliseum Blvd. Church of Christ  
2116 Coliseum Blvd.,  
Greensboro, NC 27403

**Gospel Meeting** (September 14th-16th)  
Northside Church of Christ  
4435 E. WT Harris Blvd.  
Charlotte, NC 28215

**Medical Expense Fundraiser for Bro. Quincy Monk-** (September 19th)  
Bellfork Church of Christ  
321 Bell Fork Road  
Jacksonville, NC 28546

**Gospel Meeting** (September 27th–30th)  
Community Church of Christ  
533 N. Graham Hopedale Rd.  
Burlington, NC 28083

## 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 Bellanger or Sis. Sonya Izzard if you have not yet registered. Registration forms are located in the foyer. All ladies are encouraged to Attend!! Volunteers are needed so be sure to sign up for a committee to help with preparation of this wonderful event.

## 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.

Welcome

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

### CORNELIUS

**CORNER:** The GI Bill can be used for training at non – college degree institutions. This includes training in HVAC repair, Truck Driving, Emergency Medical Training, or Barber / Beautician school. For additional information visit our website at [www.benefits.va.gov](http://www.benefits.va.gov)



## 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 information.

## NATIONAL EVENT



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

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



(48 years) Leroy & Lillie Nelson– 2nd  
(14 years) Rogers & Annie Brimfield– 22nd  
(41 years) Ronald & Rosalyn Evans– 26th  
(13 years) Michael & D" Tonja Foster– 26th

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1<sup>st</sup> Elisabeth Latten; 3<sup>rd</sup> Timothy Pilson; 7<sup>th</sup> James Samuel, Mellany Scott; 10<sup>th</sup> Tabbatha Burgess; 12<sup>th</sup> Constance Rumph, D'Asia Williams; 13<sup>th</sup> Lillie Holmes, Edwena Kirby; 15<sup>th</sup> D'Onna Williams; 16<sup>th</sup> Kristina Woodruff; 17<sup>th</sup> Claudette Eldridge; 20<sup>th</sup> William Holmes; 21<sup>st</sup> Saroya Brown, Rashaad Davis; 22<sup>nd</sup> Hazel Gordon, Treva Loyd, Tonya Oliphant; 23<sup>rd</sup> Bryce Correll, Wendy Thomas; 26<sup>th</sup> Rayven Dulin, Dollean Johnson; 28<sup>th</sup> Michael Terry; 30<sup>th</sup> Leah Adkins, Jarvis Warren





**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 SEPTEMBER**

Bro. John Foxworth  
 (336) 924-5029

**RESPONSIVE READING**

**Gal. 4: 19-24**

**READER:** My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.

**CHURCH:** I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you.

**READER:** Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?

**CHURCH:** For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondwoman, and the other by a freewoman.

**READER:** But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.

**UNISON:** Which things are an allegory; for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.

**PRAYER**

Father in heaven, we pray that Christ be formed in us. We ask that we appreciate the freedom we have in Your Son. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

**PRAYER REQUEST**

Bro. Victor Baldwin, Bro. Adolphus Coplin,  
 Sis. Lenore Neal, Sis. Meredith Boyd,  
 Bro. Jasper Horton, Bro. William Pouncey,



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**8:00 A.M.**

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

**10:00 A.M.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS Adolphus Coplin  
 INVOCATION Victor Baldwin  
 SONG DIRECTOR Roy Izzard  
 SCRIPTURE Jason Adkins  
 RESPONSIVE Juan Williams  
 PRAYER Walter Weathers  
**SERMON** *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*  
 OFFERING T. J. Loyd  
 LORD'S SUPPER Rodney Evans  
 READER Timothy Pilson  
 CLOSING PRAYER Elliott Thompson  
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

**6:30 P.M.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS Adolphus Coplin  
 INVOCATION Adriel Hall  
 SONG DIRECTOR James Gadson  
 SCRIPTURE Todd Woods  
 RESPONSIVE READING Joseph Crim  
 PRAYER Howard Brown  
**SERMON** *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*  
 OFFERING Kolbe Adkins  
 LORD'S SUPPER Tevin Loyd  
 CLOSING PRAYER Richard Jones  
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

**COMMUNION REFLECTION**

**(JOHN 5:45)**

*Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust.*

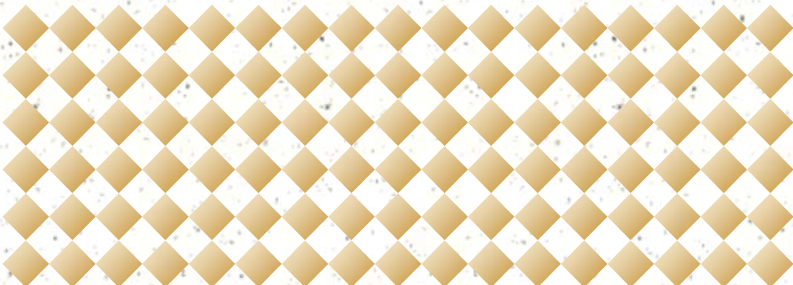


**USHERS**

Andrew Jackson	Tevin Loyd	George Eichelberger
A.J. Crim	James Cherry	Stanley King
Novell Hall	Isaiah Black	Harold Brown
Joseph Ford	Jared Monroe	Bernard Wallace

**EVENING USHERS**

D.J. Crim Elijah Gibbs  
 Kolbe Adkins Michael Terry



## COMMENTARY CORNER

The parents of John the Baptist were assured that they would have a son. They were informed that he would not live an ignominious or worthless life. He would not live in rebellion to the good purposes God had for mankind. He would not live as if a life in God was a disappointing, a drab, and a dreary life. They were informed that John would be great in the sight of God (Luke 1:15)! Would not our parents have enjoyed having this assurance about us? Would not we celebrate knowing that our children will be great?

Thanks to the Father of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we can all live under the label of greatness. All who put their trust in

the Son of God become great in the sight of God. This is the understanding with which we must secure the future of generations to come. This is the commitment of teaching that is important in the church. This is what is wise to share in our Bible school classrooms, in our assemblies, from the pulpit, and at a moments of encouragement for all. We should accept that we can live within the purposes God had for us before we were born.

God has purposed that those who live in Christ Jesus will be great before Him; those who share in the building up of the kingdom of God. Those who intentionally wake up in the morning, live during the day, and retire at night with consciousness of God,

living to His glory have understood what a well planned life looks like.

Let parents not disparage the necessity of making sure that our children are committed to God. Pray that parents put as much effort into their children being successes with God as they do putting effort to make sure their children do well in school, in the band, as cheer leaders, in leadership clubs, on sports' teams, in community service, at the family reunion. It is good to plan for their success in these things. More important than all of those, however, is how we plan to commit them and ourselves to faithfulness in the Lord. Then is when we live out greatness before God.

## 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  
SEPTEMBER  
Roscoe Burgess**



### 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

September 6th Alfreda & Alaqua Howell  
September 13th Alfreda & Alaqua Howell  
September 20th Tamah & D' Asia Williams  
September 27th Leah Adkins

## NURSERY DUTY

September 6th TBA  
September 13th Sherry Woods & Sydney Johnson  
September 20th Treva Loyd & Maegan Gomez  
September 27th Tonya Bellanger & Valerie Coplin

## GREETERS

September 6th Cindy Dulin  
Mary Robinson  
September 13th Cynthia Judge  
Indya Rucker  
September 20th Delores Reaves  
Eshe Johnson  
September 27th Diane Foxworth  
Kiona Wilson

## COMMUNION PREPARERS SEPTEMBER

Mary Terry & Wendy Thomas



## BAPTISMAL COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER

Diane Foxworth,  
Diane Robinson  
Wendy Thomas

## ZONES

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)  
ZONE #8 Capt. Bro. R. March (727-0052)  
Co-Capt. Bro. R. Burgess (748-0282)