



PREACHER-SHEPHERD
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COMMENTARY CORNER: STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE (4) “IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND MAN” “And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man” (Luke 2:50–52).

Jesus was twelve years old when his parents returned to Jerusalem looking for him. He was in the temple hearing the doctors and asking them questions. Jesus assured his parents that there was no reason to seek him. He stated that they should have known that he would be about his father’s business (Luke 2:44–49). Jesus astonished, not only the people of his day; we are astonished in our day when we think of how Jesus was keenly aware of his mission in life at such a young age.

Jesus was focused on being about his purpose for this life. But even more impressive is his desire to be about the business of God. Yes, it is significant when young people begin early, seriously focusing on their life time goals, but how amazing it is when they determine that they will be dedicated to the purposes of God. It is good to get an early start.

Jesus not only began early, but during the most crucial years for establishing and building a foundation, Jesus grew in the right direction. He grew in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and man. What a pattern, a paradigm for success! The age span from twelve to thirty three is a very significant time in the lives of all individuals.

There is no time more significant than the years that encompass our teen years, our young adult years, our coming into mature adulthood years. And we are not informed of what all Jesus did during those years. We do have the general commentary that says that he grew in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and man. Let us not dismiss the importance of the thought that he grew.

Life is about growth. And perhaps the

easiest part of his growth was in stature. But not necessarily so. It was probably as true then, as it is today, that good physical growth is associated with healthy eating and a healthy lifestyle. Luke spoke of stature on at least three occasions in his gospel. The first case was in reference to Jesus. Then in Luke 12:25, Jesus asked who could, by just thinking about it, add to his stature a cubit. Finally, in Luke 19:3, Luke records that Zacchaeus was a man who was little of stature. Jesus grew in stature. Is it not true today that a significant part of the growth of an individual is during the years of youth?

Jesus also grew in favor with God and man. The majority of men are taught to grow in favor with man. From the days of our birth, how people favor us is noted by others. And even then there are expectations related to our behavior. People will ask, “Is she a good baby?” Adults expect to see a smile on the baby’s face indicating pleasantness and a desire to interact with others. When these are present, there is favor with man.

Adults not only expect babies to be social and to manifest emotional maturity, they want toddlers to be cute and engaging. Adults expect them to perform demonstrating that they are growing. Adults prod toddlers to tell how old they are. Parents speak with a sense of accomplishment when toilet skills are learned. The young are expected to learn their colors, and to count. And when they do, youth are shown they have garnered favor as we applaud and hug and encourage.

Children and adults thrive throughout life by being shown favor. They even learn to impress others by what they obtain: degrees, jobs, cars, houses, adult rec-

reational toys. Men and women are composed in such a way that social acceptance feeds their emotional growth, their psychological well being. But Jesus did not just grow in favor with man. Jesus grew in favor with God. This recognition is most important for following the example of being conscious of purpose in life.

Life is most rewarding when we not only achieve according to the standards of earthly society. Life is to be anchored in the Father’s business. All who are growing as whole men and women are doing so because they recognize the supremacy and priority of the Father God in life. Part of growing in wisdom is learning this truth.

We return then to Luke’s words about Jesus. Recognize first that Luke says that Jesus grew. Growth is natural and it is spiritual. The healthy man and woman don’t run from growth. Some speak of growth as something evil and undesired. Some are even offended when someone comments that growth is necessary. Jesus grew. And we should accept that the ability to grow is one of God’s greatest blessings. Any parent would become concerned about a child who does not grow physically. But just as important, if not more so, is the necessity to grow mentally, in the mind, where thinking takes place, where knowledge is gathered and assimilated into patterns of behavior, where wisdom leads decisions made.

Jesus grew in wisdom. The mind is truly a terrible thing to waste. A person approaches life purposely handicapping himself when he detests the necessity of growing in knowledge and application of the same. Maturity necessitates a willingness to grow in wisdom.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CHURCH LEADERS

PREACHER-SHEPHERD
JEFFERSON R. CARUTHERS, JR.

MINISTER EMERITUS
CLOY'S R. CECIL, SR.

SHEPHERDS
JEFFERSON R. CARUTHERS, JR.
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FRANK W. DULIN

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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!**

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 more additional information visit our website at www.benefits.va.gov



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DRIVE DAY



Help us reach our goal of **275** or more during our Sunday School Attendance Drive October 18th at 9:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you!



Mature Saints' Recognition
October 11, 2015

All seniors 62 and above please sign the list on the Kuriakos Table if you would like to be honored during our Mature Saint's Recognition on Sunday, October 11, 2015.

Carver Rd Fall Gospel Meeting

OCTOBER 18TH-21ST

Guest Speaker: Dr. Olu Shabazz



STATE EVENT

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

"Fortifying the Functionality of the Family"

Visit ncstatelectureship.org for more information.



LOCAL GOSPEL MEETING/EVENTS

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

Gospel Meeting (September 27th-30th)
Kivett Dr. Church of Christ
1726 E. Kivett Dr.
High Point, NC 27260

Fall Fellowship Meeting (October 4th)
Capernaum Church of Christ
8806 Lasater Rd.
Clemmons, NC 27012

Gospel Meeting (October 2nd-4th)
Southside Church of Christ
800 Elmira Ave.
Durham, NC 27707

Gospel Meeting (October 11th-16th)
Highland Acres Church of Christ
1301 McLaughlin Street
Statesville, NC 28677-8350



NATIONAL EVENT



National Lectureship
(March 27-31, 2016), Memphis, TN
Visit 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

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

SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR SEPTEMBER

Bro. John Foxworth
 (336) 924-5029

RESPONSIVE READING

Gal. 4:31 & Gal. 5: 1-5

READER: So then, brethren, we re not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

CHURCH: Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

READER: Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing

CHURCH: For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

READER: Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

UNISON: For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, strengthen us to stand firm in the liberty we have in Christ. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Sis. Dolly Warren, Sis. Marleshia Young,
 Bro. George Eichelberger, Sis. Wendy Thomas,
 Sis. Carol McDowell, Sis. Keshia Holmes,
 Sis. Alfreda Howell, Bro. Joseph Transou, Sis. Althea Hill,
 Sis. Alicia White, Sis. Maegan Gomez, Sis. Beverly Wallace,
 Bro. Rodney Evans, Bro. John Foxworth, Jr.,
 Bro. Walter Weathers, Bro. Artis Rucker, Sis. Shagail Reed,
 Bro. Jasper Horton, Bro. Braxton King,
 Sis. Willie M. Cherry, Sis. Dorothy Livingston,
 Bro. Barry Harper, Sis. Sandra Harper, Sis. Lillie Nelson &
 Bro. Leroy Nelson



ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M.

SONG DIRECTOR Roy Izzard
SERMON Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Joe Wilson
 INVOCATION Cecil Oliver
 SONG DIRECTOR Roy Oliphant
 SCRIPTURE Jerry Evans
 RESPONSIVE READING Howard Brown
 PRAYER John Foxworth
SERMON Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.
 OFFERING Reginald nichols
 LORD'S SUPPER Thomas Loyd, Sr.
 READER Simon Johnson
 CLOSING PRAYER Ollie Carpenter
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

6:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Joe Wilson
 INVOCATION Bernard Wallace
 SONG DIRECTOR Victor Baldwin
 SCRIPTURE Artis Rucker
 RESPONSIVE READING Roy Oliphant
 PRAYER Adolphus Coplin
SERMON Jefferson Caruthers, Jr.
 OFFERING Tevin Loyd
 LORD'S SUPPER T.J. Loyd
 CLOSING PRAYER Doug Crim
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 5:47)

But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?



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

Wisdom is an understanding that it is not just good enough to know some stuff. There must be proper use of what one knows and a willingness to continue to add to what one has learned. Jesus grew in wisdom during the span of life from twelve to thirty three. During that time also, we have acknowledged that he grew in favor.

It is interesting, almost perplexing, to understand that he grew in favor with man. It is most amazing that Jesus grows in favor with man until he becomes more engrossed in his ministry to seek and to save the lost. We should understand that many people will show us favor when they

don't really understand what we are about, whose we are, and whom we serve. Jesus was seen and heard as a gracious person until he declared that he was God's anointed (Luke 4:18-29). Praise God for those who continued to understand that Jesus was God's favored Son.

Jesus grew in favor with God. As important as it is to know that Jesus grew; as significant as it is to understand that he grew in wisdom and stature; and as interesting it is to learn that he grew in favor; nothing is as important as to fully embrace the revelation that he grew in favor with God. Nothing else in life matters unless it is tied to growing in favor with God. And

all important orientations to life come together when one begins with growing in favor with God. If one grows only in favor with God, it is all that needs to matter. If, on the other hand, one grows only in favor with man, then life is not lived well. The point of life is missed. The purpose of life is neglected. And the promises for eternal life are negated.

Let us pray God that we will benefit from learning from the days of our youth, into adulthood, our purpose in life to not only grow to have favor with man, but to be keenly aware of our mission that desires to have favor with 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.

**WORSHIP TO THE
SICK & SHUT-IN
SEPTEMBER
Roscoe Burgess**

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 27th Leah Adkins &
October 4th Cynthia Judge & Open

NURSERY DUTY

September 27th Tonya Bellanger & Valerie Coplin
October 4th Shundra McLaurin & Meika Sherrard

GREETERS

September 27th Diane Foxworth
Kiona Wilson
October 4th Dollean Johnson
Serena Brown

COMMUNION PREPARERS

SEPTEMBER

Mary Terry & Wendy Thomas

OCTOBER

Yolanda Crim/ Cindy Dulin



BAPTISMAL COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER

Diane Foxworth,
Diane Robinson
Wendy Thomas

OCTOBER

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Sherri Pilson

ZONES

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	Co-Capt. Bro. R. Burgess (748-0282)

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