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**COMMENTARY CORNER: STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE (5) “THE WORD OF GOD CAME”** “Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins” (Luke 3:2–3).

Jesus entered a world fully organized politically. There was government in place. The Romans were in control at that time, having appointed officials to govern throughout Judea, Samaria, and Galilee. These officials, depending on how much they governed, were respected, honored, and obeyed. Their voices spoke the law and citizens depended on hearing a word from them on what was expected of all who were a part of the kingdom.

When Jesus came into the world, God had already begun preparing the way for a new king. This king’s kingdom would not be of this world, but would command the hearts and minds of those who were in the world. The citizens of this new kingdom would not fight with the weapons of mankind, but would nevertheless battle forces that were the enemies of all of mankind. While the Roman senate and other officials met about their earthly endeavors, God was commissioning people to prepare for a new king. He would send word of his intentions through a chosen messenger.

The word of God came into a world of kings, governors, tetrarchs and religious officials. Most notably, among the Jews, the Levitical priesthood was represented through the high priests. When God sent his word, however, he does not petition Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, governor of Judea; Herod, tetrarch of Galilee; Philipp, tetrarch of Ituraea; Lysanias, tetrarch of Abilene; nor Annas and Caiaphas, the high priests. The word of God came to a young man called John by his father, Zechariah. And God does not call him from a palatial estate; the word of God came to John in the wilderness.

We should remind ourselves that God does not have to call from the places

where we believe great achievement is evident. We expect that he would call from the college classroom, the mayor’s office, the governor’s mansion, the congressional hall, the senate floor, or even the White House. And often because this is not where we work, we believe that God cannot call us to have a positive impact on the world. Remember, however, that God used many people whose resumes were not impressive, including John the Baptist.

John dressed oddly. He ate food that would not be popular on many appetizer lists. He received no earthly position nor coronation. He was not in the family of the high priest. And he was known to speak in disparaging terms of high officials who could take his life. But the word of God came to John. Let us again remember that God uses those who bring him glory.

John’s resume was not impressive, but the word of God came to him. God used Joseph, a former slave and Egyptian prisoner. We must remember that everyone whose been to prison is not necessarily someone who will always be bad for society. God used Moses, a man humble and meek, until he saw injustice. Let us heed a word of caution. Everybody meek and humble is not so because they can’t do anything. They don’t take so much because they are afraid to act. They are not always quiet because they are scared. You make some nice, quiet, take anything from anybody people angry enough, you will discover that even these can quite effectively put their hands on people.

God used the unexpected. God used Rahab. You know how people talk about the Rahab’s of the world, these who earn their living by men’s attention. You know

how they talk about those who show a little too much, but their eyelids a little too rapidly, act like they are interested in hearing pointless conversation. These we deem as out of the purview, purpose, and plan of God. We should not fool ourselves, God will use who will bring him glory. Some of those we marginalize, exceptionalize, and scandalize will go into heaven before us.

God tells his story through a number of people we might feel are inappropriate to discuss. David is sometimes an embarrassment to us. We are not talking about the lion and bear killing David, the giant slaying David, nor the psalm writing David. This David we don’t mind talking about. The David who makes many blush is the lusting, adultery committing, deceitful, murdering, hide my sin David. But God used him. Praise God when we realize that what matters in the final judgment is not our word about one another, but God’s word about us.

The word of God came to John. We do not suggest that John indulged in the sins of the world. He did not drink wine. He did not party. He did not keep up with the latest fashions. He did not seek the approval of man over the approval of God. God does use people who have not done everything under the sun. None should feel ashamed if the range of his or her sins does not touch on every low way of living known to mankind. But we must remember, too, that life is not lived to its fullest when one can only brag about what he and she did not do. John did not do many things. What he did do was preach repentance, the message of the kingdom to come.

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

## CHURCH LEADERS

**PREACHER-SHEPHERD**  
JEFFERSON R. CARUTHERS, JR.

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WALTER WEATHERS, JR.

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

Welcome

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

### CORNELIUS CORNER:

Veterans and survivors who are eligible for a VA Pension and require Aid & Attendance care or are housebound, may be eligible for additional monetary payment. These benefits are paid in addition to the monthly pension, but to qualify, one must be eligible for VA Pension. For additional information please visit [www.benefits.va.gov/pension](http://www.benefits.va.gov/pension).

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DRIVE DAY



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



### Baptisms

Welcome our newest members baptized on Sunday, September 27, 2015. Sis. Alicia White and Bro. Jeff Patton. Welcome to the Carver Road Family!



### Mature Saint's 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.

**Attention ....** All members 62 and under please sign the Menu List of items needed to help with preparation of the Mature Saints' Recognition Meal. Sign up book will be in the foyer!



## 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.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Maegan Gomez; 4th Diane Foxworth;  
5th Felecia Caruthers ; 8th Jimmy Monroe ; 10th Ryan Cook;  
13th Micheal Curry; 15th Linda Burgess, Wanda Jones;  
17th Lillie Alford; 18th Ollie Carpenter; 19th Anita Terry;  
20th Thomas Loyd, Sr.; 21st Michael Simon; 23rd Roy Oliphant;  
24th Tameka Oliphant ; 30th Veronica Black, Sherry Eaton ;  
31st Amber Reaves, Artis Rucker



*Carver Road  
Fall Gospel Meeting  
October 18th-21st  
Featuring Dr. Olu Shabazz*

### Sunday Services

Bible School.....9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:00 a.m.  
Lunch.....12:30 - 2:00 p. m.  
*(Frank W. Dulin Fellowship Hall)*  
Group Singing.....2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

### WEEK NIGHT SERVICES

*Monday through Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.*



## LOCAL GOSPEL MEETING/EVENTS

**33rd Annual Homecoming** (October 2nd-4th)  
Southside Church of Christ  
800 Elmira Ave.  
Durham, NC 27707

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

**Gospel Meeting** (October 11th -14th)  
Sharpe Rd Church of Christ  
2400 Sharpe Rd.  
Greensboro, NC 27406

**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](http://www.nlcoc2016.com) for more information.

## OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



34 years	John & Diane Foxworth	3rd
19 years	Juan & Tamah Williams	17th
16 years	Ron & Francine Thomas	23rd
16 years	Jason & Leah Adkins	27th

# 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 OCTOBER

Bro. Walter Weathers, Jr.  
(336) 785-2520

## RESPONSIVE READING

### Gal. 5:6-11

READER: For in Jesus Christ neither  
circumcision availeth any thing, nor  
uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

CHURCH: Ye did run well; who did hinder you  
that ye should not obey the truth?

READER: This persuasion cometh not of him that  
calleth you.

CHURCH: A little leaven leaveneth the whole  
lump.

READER: I have confidence in you through the  
Lord, that you will be none otherwise minded:  
but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment,  
whosoever he be.

UNISON: And I, brethren, if I yet preach  
circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution?  
then is the offence of the cross ceased.

### PRAYER

Father in heaven, grant us faith that works by love.  
In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

## PRAYER REQUEST

Sis. Shawn Moncrief, Sis. Raymona Brown,  
Bro. Doug Crim, Bro. Tyrone Williams, Bro.  
Bernard Terry and his parents. Sis. Meredith Boyd,  
Sis. Wendy Thomas, Ms. Gladys King,  
Sis. Valerie Coplin



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### 8:00 A.M.

SONG LEADER  
SERMON

Roy Oliphant  
*Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*

### 10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
INVOCATION  
SONG DIRECTOR  
SCRIPTURE  
RESPONSIVE  
PRAYER  
*SERMON*  
OFFERING  
LORD'S SUPPER  
READER  
CLOSING PRAYER  
VISITATION PRESENTATION

Adolphus Coplin  
Ron Jessup  
Roy Izzard  
Doug Crim  
Victor Baldwin  
Richard Jones  
*Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*  
Reginald Nichols  
Thomas Loyd, Sr.  
Randy Dulin  
James Gadson

### 6:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
INVOCATION  
SONG DIRECTOR  
SCRIPTURE  
RESPONSIVE READING  
PRAYER  
*SERMON*  
OFFERING  
LORD'S SUPPER  
CLOSING PRAYER  
VISITATION PRESENTATION

Adolphus Coplin  
Howard Brown  
Andrew Jackson  
De Anthony Miles  
John Foxworth  
Roy Oliphant  
*Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*  
Harold Brown  
Anthony Clinton  
D. J. Crim

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

### (JOHN 6:1)

After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee,  
which is the sea of Tiberias.



## USHERS

Kolbe Adkins	Tevin Loyd	George Eichelberger
D.J. Crim	Braxton King	Elijah Gibbs
Curtis Conner	Michael Terry	Harold Brown
Joseph Ford	Jared Monroe	Bernard Wallace

## EVENING USHERS

A.J. Crim                      Kwali Bunker  
DeAnthony Miles      Jarvis Warren



## COMMENTARY CORNER

Let us never lose sight of the blessing it is to know and to teach others the word of God. The word of God is needed as much today as it was in the days of John. The point, too, of John's message as well as the expected outcome of his message are needed in our time.

John came preaching repentance. This is a message of possibility and hope. The enemies of mankind would have all to believe that once you chart a negative course, once you have done wrong, once you have been exposed, that there is no way to turn that around, no possibility of doing differently, no way to start all over again. The

message of repentance says that one can stop doing what is harmful; one can chart a new course. One can do differently and be different. Don't allow people to tell you that you will always be a certain way, do certain things, move in a damaging direction. The word of God that came to John says that we can repent (Luke 3: 3-6).

John says that repentance allows the possibility of living a life that shows fruit of repentance (Luke 3: 8-14). This is not a "find everyone you have done wrong and make amends," repentance. Although if opportunity presented itself this would not be ungodly. This repentance is a repentance that begins to manifest the character

of God in sharing, having compassion, and treating other people right.

More importantly, John's message was one that underscored that our ultimate salvation is not in sharing a coat, or making sure not to charge too much to taxpayers, or to be a soldier who brings harm to others. None of these matters if Jesus does not come. John pointed, as all of us should today, to God's ultimate and saving Word, Jesus Christ.

The Word of God came and lived among us. He carried our sins to the cross. He arose by the power of God. He established his kingdom. And he is Lord of all.

## 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  
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**  
John Foxworth

### 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

4th	Cynthia Judge & TBA
11th	Cynthia Judge & TBA
18th	Tamah & D'Asia Williams
25th	Leah Adkins & TBA

## NURSERY DUTY

4th	Shundra McLaurin & Meika Sherrard
11th	Leah Adkins & Ruby Reaves
18th	Edelina Oliphant & Valerie Coplin
25th	Sherry Woods & Sydney Johnson

## OCTOBER GREETERS

4th	Dollean Johnson Serena Brown
11th	Edelina Oliphant Alfreda Howell
18th	Geraldine Jackson Shirley Correll
25th	Alicia Latten Anita Terry

## COMMUNION PREPARERS OCTOBER

Yolanda Crim & Cindy Dulin



## BAPTISMAL COMMITTEE OCTOBER

Rosalyn Evans  
Shirlene Murray  
Sherri Pilson

## 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)