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PREACHER-SHEPHERD  
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**COMMENTARY CORNER: STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE (6) “IN YOU I AM WELL PLEASED”** “Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, “You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased” (Luke 3:21–22).

Jesus received praise. We explored the life of Jesus in a previous lesson understanding that he grew in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and man (Luke 2:52). We examined the practice evident among people, the practice of praising the monumental steps children take throughout their childhood. We exacted from those observations that men and women thrive from encouragement, even praise. But how insightful it is to realize that the young adult, the young man, Jesus, received encouragement and praise!

At the baptism of Jesus encouragement is extended to the one person who above all others was emotionally stable. Praise is given to the person who needed not to receive an acceptance letter from an Ivy League school to know his intellectual capability. A word of acceptance is given to the Son whose confidence did not need to come through fraternities, job promotions, community positions, and the admiration of men. He knew what it meant to be about his Father’s business. But the truth is that we learn much about the commendation of Jesus at his baptism; that is, that it does not hurt to extend encouragement, praise, and commendation to others every now and then.

Jesus is thirty years old when the Father assures that he is well pleased with him. Jesus is not two, or five, or sixteen, eighteen, twenty one, nor twenty five; he is thirty. He is what we would call a young adult. And much of our concern with our churches today is the role of our young adults. Sadly, the greatest target of our condemnation and criticism is the young adult population. Should older adults be as patient with them as they are with those younger than the young adults? Is it

possible that there are moments of encouragement that we miss, that we don’t exploit, and take advantage of? Have we accepted that it is unnecessary to promote these who have so much to offer in the Father’s kingdom?

The thought may be that when others prove themselves some, that then, there would be something about which to give encouragement. But at what stage was the ministry of Jesus when the Father commended him? He was about thirty (Luke 3:23). But there was still much ahead of him. The Father said that Jesus pleased him. But Jesus had not even endured temptation in the wilderness. He had not resisted turning stone to bread. He had not refused the temptation to have angels rescue him. He had not rejected an opportunity to rule all the kingdoms of the world (Luke 4:1–13). Yet, the Father is greatly pleased with him. What we may miss in this episode in the life of Jesus is that people benefit by knowing that people have confidence in them. What kind of Father would God be if he were to allow his Son to face temptation without knowing that his Father had confidence in him?

This rightly placed “well pleased” assurance in Jesus’s life may be akin to our words, “I knew you could do it,” or “I am so proud of you,” or “You are really impressing me,” or one of my father’s favorites, “That a boy.”

This is a significantly placed “well-pleased” from the Father. “No, you have not stood in the synagogue and declared the prophecy of Isaiah fulfilled.” “You have not turned water into wine.” “You have not fed thousands, given sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, wholeness to the lame.” “You have not defied nature

and the elements, feeding five thousand, walking on water, commanding the winds, and raising the dead.” “But You are my beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased!”

These words are not to sanction the common philosophy of praise at every stage of life, as if each is a final stage. Society sanctioned at one time a diploma when Johnny or Suzie graduated from High School, an indication that a person was going somewhere. We understand now that diplomas are given when Kevin graduates junior high, when Katrina graduates from elementary school, when Princess graduates from kindergarten, and when Dominique graduates from nursery school. And we ask if there is some conspiracy to have Americans buying graduation items every year of their children’s lives. We should question meaningless and empty praise. But it is better to encourage too much than not enough.

Which of us has not witnessed parents saying discouraging and disheartening stuff? Before focusing on adults, remember all of the banner appellations many extend: “stupid,” “retard,” “dummy,” “backwards,” “numb skull,” “thick head,” “ignorant,” “no count,” “worthless”—and the names go on. Our lesson indicates it is quite harmful to withhold positive encouragement to children. It is also unwise to refuse to encourage young adults, and even older adults. And we don’t have to wait until people have done everything that we believe they should do. Encouragement is a good investment in the lives of others.

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

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## CHURCH LEADERS

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

**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

**SECRETARY**  
ALICIA LATTEN

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).

## 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



## 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 Saint's Recognition**  
**October 11, 2015**

We invite everyone to join us after morning worship to celebrate and honor our beloved Mature Saints here at Carver Rd. Lunch will be served!

## 6th Annual Southeastern Regional Teachers' Workshop

November 6-7, 2015



Registration information is located in the foyer, so be sure to pick up a packet. We encourage all to attend!



## 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.



*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

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

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

**Fall Fellowship Meeting** (October 25th)  
Thomas Street Church of Christ  
700 W. Thomas Street  
Salisbury, NC 28144

## 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
2 years	William & Regina Scott	11th
19 years	Juan & Tamah Williams	17th
16 years	Ron & Francine Thomas	23rd
16 years	Jason & Leah Adkins	27th
3 years	Travarus & Dashanta	28th



**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: 12-17**

**READER:** I would they were even cut off which trouble you.

**CHURCH:** For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

**READER:** For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

**CHURCH:** But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed ye be not consumed one of another.

**READER:** This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

**UNISON:** For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

**PRAYER**

Father in heaven, give us the mind to walk in the Spirit, loving one another. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

**PRAYER REQUEST**

Sis. Marleisha Young, Sis. Latasha Gandy,  
 Sis. Willie M. Cherry, Bro. Doug Crim,  
 Bro. Robert March, Bro. Reginald Nichols,  
 Sis. Annette Nichols, Sis. Heather King, Bro. George Leak,  
 Bro. Charles Leak, Bro. Bernard Wallace, Sis. Teresa Rucker,  
 Sis. Indya Rucker, Sis. Bobbie Robinson, Sis. Lenore Neal,  
 Sis. Barbie Jones, Sis. Syietta Baldwin, Bro. Victor Baldwin,  
 Sis. Kiona Wilson, Sis. Maggie Shepherd, Sis. Delores Reaves,  
 Sis. Hazel Gordon, Bro. John Foxworth, Sis. Shagail Reed,  
 Bro. Malcom Gore, Bro. Travarus Thompson



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**8:00 A.M.**

SONG DIRECTOR Andrew Jackson  
**SERMON** Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.

**10:00 A.M.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS John Foxworth  
 INVOCATION Jerry Evans  
 SONG DIRECTOR Adolphus Coplin  
 SCRIPTURE Cecil Oliver  
 RESPONSIVE READING Ron Jessup  
 PRAYER Roscoe Burgess  
**SERMON** Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.  
 OFFERING T. J. Loyd  
 LORD'S SUPPER Rodney Evans  
 READER Timothy Pilson  
 CLOSING PRAYER Jarred Monroe  
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

**6:30 P.M.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS John Foxworth  
 INVOCATION Bernard Wallace  
 SONG DIRECTOR James Gadson  
 SCRIPTURE Artis Rucker  
 RESPONSIVE READING Doug Crim  
 PRAYER Joseph Wilson  
**SERMON** Jefferson Caruthers, Jr.  
 OFFERING Kolbe Adkins  
 LORD'S SUPPER Tevin Loyd  
 CLOSING PRAYER A. J. Crim  
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

**COMMUNION REFLECTION**

**(JOHN 6:2)**

And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.



**USHERS**

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

**EVENING USHERS**

A.J. Crim DeAnthony Miles  
 Kwali Bunker Jarvis Warren

## COMMENTARY CORNER

The Father invested in Jesus. And Jesus demonstrated that it was a wise investment. Jesus was baptized, we understand, to fulfill all righteousness. And young adults should welcome the opportunity to do the same. There are lessons we learn, not only from the Father, but also from the Son.

Jesus demonstrated that although thirty years old and grown, he could be obedient to the Father. We should not become so invested in self that we forget what the Father does in our lives. We should want to obey him. We know that this pleases him. And we should want him to be well-pleased in us.

Beyond the obedience of Jesus in baptism, Jesus showed that he could endure temptation. The young adult years are not for giving in to every temptation, as if we have no encouragement, no strength, and no wisdom from the Father. These are years when young people can prove that when God is in their lives, they are positively different and wonderful blessings to others their age.

Jesus is baptized. Jesus endures temptation. And Jesus accepts God's mission for his life. The Spirit descended in bodily form as a dove when Jesus was baptized. The Spirit led Jesus through the wilderness. And when in the synagogue Jesus declares that the Spirit of God was upon him. The

Spirit had led Jesus into Galilee (Luke 4:14, 18). God should lead young people.

These observances give insight into why the Father did not have to be hesitant about declaring that he was well-pleased with his Son, Jesus. There is a factor that prepares Jesus to be well pleasing. He came into the world pointed in the direction of God. He is led by God's Holy Spirit through every phase of life. And we should all learn that lives led by the Holy Spirit are lives we should encourage and praise. Jesus received praise and encouragement. Pray that we both extend and receive the same.

## 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)
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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)