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COMMENTARY CORNER: STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE (7) “Jesus, Anointed Teacher In The Synagogue” “And he came to Nazareth where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written” (Luke 4:16–17).

Jesus came home after his baptism and temptation in the wilderness. It was at his baptism that the Spirit of God descended in the form of a dove (Luke 3:22). And it was before going into the wilderness that Jesus is described as being full of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:1–2). Now, away from the baptism at Jordan and the temptation in the wilderness, the scene has changed, Jesus is in his hometown in the synagogue. It is interesting to hear the text that he has chosen to read.

He reads, “*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord* (Luke 4:18–19).

There is intentional notice given to the place of the Spirit of God in these episodes. Here particularly Jesus says that the Spirit has anointed him for a purpose. The Spirit is present at the baptism of Jesus. The Spirit is present leading Jesus into the wilderness. And the Spirit of God is upon Jesus to carry out his ministry. The life of Jesus demonstrates that the Spirit of God in a person’s life is one of the surest ways to have purpose and direction. An awareness of and desire for God in one’s life makes a difference. Just knowing that God is changes the quality of life a man or woman lives.

Consciousness of God sets direction for people. Consciousness of God creates a certain playground and classroom experience at school. Though the issue of the Ten Commandments at school is deemed a civil issue and beyond the scope of religious liberties, advocates of the presence

of those commandments do understand that there is something to having consciousness of what is right and wrong.

Consciousness of God at school, however, is most effective when there is a consciousness of God already in the home. When mother and father relate to each other out of reverence, respect for, and fear of God, this sets an environment in the home that will set the parameters for how people speak to one another. It will determine sensitivities. It will dictate entertainment choices. It will deliver from the necessity to prove oneself, to have ones way, and to being concerned only about a self imposed “I’m number one,” status.

Consciousness of God in the home of the single parent will manifest itself in confident living that knows that whatever the circumstances, God’s presence is comforting, leading, directing, and assuring. It is an environment not characterized by a lack of trust in what God can do. It is a place where children witness the difference God makes in any circumstance. Children learn that if God is present there is no need to feel rejected or to live dejected. This child leaves home as confident as the next. She is ready to meet the challenges of the world. There is no direct correlation necessary between a lack of confidence and being the child of a single parent.

Consciousness of God lived by parents will instruct the spirit of young people. Young people will know that there is both a seen and an unseen world. They will know that the events of the world are not to be interpreted solely on the basis of what is reported on the daily news; God must be considered as well. The young will understand that though physi-

cal presence cannot always exist with others, God’s spiritual presence never ends. Life is lived more qualitatively and abundantly when the Spirit of God permeates, leads, and fills (John 10:10).

Jesus read that the Spirit of the Lord was upon him (Luke 4:18). And there was purpose. He reads that he is anointed to preach the gospel to the poor; he is sent to heal broken hearts, to preach deliverance to captives, and recovering of sight to the blind. He is come to set the bruised at liberty. He is to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Jesus reads that he is anointed for a purpose. But as noted, Jesus lived purpose before this synagogue scene. Without detailing that purpose from a broad context, let us appreciate the immediate context, a context that is at odds with some understandings we take for granted.

Jesus returned to the place where he had been brought up and lived consistent with his custom of going to the synagogue on the Sabbath (Luke 4:16). Have you not heard the great number of people who have said that the custom of bringing children to religious gatherings is injurious? Do not some blame church going while young as the culprit for ungodly adult living? Was not Jesus at an annual religious gathering at twelve (Luke 2:41), and did he not have a custom of going to the synagogue into his young adult years (Luke 4:16)? Whatever the reason people forsake God when older, it is not necessarily because they were in church while they were young.

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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
CLOY'S R. CECIL, SR.

SHEPHERDS
JEFFERSON R. CARUTHERS, JR.
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WALTER WEATHERS, JR.

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FRANK W. DULIN

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

SECRETARY
ALICIA LATTEN



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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DRIVE DAY



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



We wish to express our deepest condolences to Bro. Cleveland Reed, Shagail and the family in the loss of his mother. May God continue to keep you in His care and comfort your hearts now and forever more.



STATE EVENT

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

Theme:

"Fortifying the Functionality of the Family"

Visit 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



LOCAL GOSPEL MEETING/EVENTS

Fall Fellowship Meeting (October 25th)
Thomas Street Church of Christ
700 W. Thomas Street

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. Everyone is welcome to join us for this wonderful educational and learning experience!



VETERANS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

November 8, 2015

NATIONAL EVENT



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

Welcome

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

CORNELIUS CORNER:

Special Adaptive Housing (SAH) grants help Veterans with certain service-connected disabilities live independently in a barrier-free environment. SAH grants can be used to adapt a home to the special needs of a disabled veteran, build a home on land already owned or apply the grant against the unpaid principle mortgage. Check it out at www.benefits.va.gov.

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: 18-23

READER: But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

CHURCH: Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

READER: Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies

CHURCH: Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

READER: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith

UNISON: Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law

PRAYER

Father in heaven, produce in us the fruit of the Spirit. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Sis. Tamah Williams, Bro. Victor Baldwin,
 Bro. Reginald Nichols, Sis. Rose Ellerbe,
 Sis. Shagail Reed, Bro. William Pouncey,
 Sis. Athenia Pouncey, Sis. Kellie Pouncey
 Bro. Stanley King, Bro. Eric Nelson,
 Sis. Alicia White, Bro. George McNair,
 Bro. Doug Crim, Bro. Howard Brown, Bro. Joseph Ford,
 Ms. Gladys King, Ms. Shawana Corlew, Delores Reaves,
 Meika Sherrard, Valeria Ford, Wendy Thomas,
 Shundra McLaurin, Yolanda Crim, Carol Weathers



ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M.

SONG LEADER
 SERMON No Services

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Joseph Wilson
 INVOCATION Jason Adkins
 SONG DIRECTOR Randy Dulin
 SCRIPTURE Juan Williams
 RESPONSIVE Joshua Caruthers
 PRAYER Walter Weathers
SERMON *Dr. Olu J. Shabazz*
 OFFERING Roscoe Burgess
 LORD'S SUPPER Bernard Terry
 READER Isaiah Black
 CLOSING PRAYER Elliot Thompson
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

2:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Joseph Wilson
 INVOCATION Harold Brown
 SONG DIRECTOR Timothy Pilson
 SCRIPTURE Joseph Crim
 RESPONSIVE READING Adriel Hall
 PRAYER Walter Weathers
SERMON *Dr. Olu J. Shabazz*
 OFFERING Joel Caruthers
 LORD'S SUPPER Kolbe Adkins
 CLOSING PRAYER Richard Jones
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 6:3)

And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.



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

There is more about this initial synagogue scene. Jesus did not intend solely to be present. He came also to be active. The text says that he stood up to read (4:16). Evidently he had been seated with the others. But Jesus did not come this day simply to sit. He came to read.

Ours is a time when men would do well to follow the example of Jesus. Do not come to church gatherings only to be seated. As opportunity presents itself, be available to serve. Jesus stood up to read. He came to be involved.

Have we not sought ways to involve young men, to teach a proper mindset

about God, to engage them on the level of service to God? We would do well to remind ourselves and others that when Jesus came to the assembly he came to stand up and to read.

Quite insightful as well is that Jesus evidently knew something about the text of the Hebrew Bible. He received the scroll of Isaiah and turned to a particular place. No it was not the "chapter and verse," but the "place" where it was written. This kind of Scripture reading demanded a familiarity with where certain things were said in the text. How would we know where a "place," was in the Scripture if we had no chapters and verses? This insight is telling. Jesus

demonstrates that it is not just "being" in a place that is the sum total of development; it is most important to be "doing," as well. And this doing is done with an awareness of the will and presence of God.

Let us not overlook what we are learning about the effectiveness of the ministry of Jesus. It was a God given, God directed, God filled ministry. Jesus had come, not to do his will, but the will of the Father. We are all invited to be involved in the will of the Father, to live with consciousness of how God is using our lives to work out his salvation for all. Let us think in terms then of what "anointing" means for us.

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

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ZONE #5	Capt. Bro. J. Gadson (650-9693) Co-Capt. Bro. A. Rucker (924-5696)
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