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COMMENTARY CORNER: STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE (7) “Jesus, The Synagogue, and Demons” “And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth: art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God” (Luke 4:33–34).

Jesus maintained a presence in the local synagogue. He spent his Sabbath days in there. He had opportunity to interact, to fellowship, and to associate with people of God who made their spiritual lives a priority.

Townpeople knew that Jesus could be found in the synagogue. Luke informed that it was Jesus’s custom to teach there on the Sabbath (Luke 4:16). It was no surprise to find Jesus and the devout congregated for understanding the word of God. But we would assume too much if we believed that everyone in the synagogue was there to do the right thing, or there with proper attitudes.

The Jews became angry with Jesus in the synagogue (4:28). The church assembly is not the first place where one witnesses devoted people angry with each other. The Jews manifested wrong feelings about persons who needed healing in the synagogue (Luke 6:6–11). In addition, a Jew with an unclean spirit found his way into the synagogue (Luke 4:33).

Why would a demon filled person want to be in a synagogue? Why not be somewhere causing misery among the inhabitants of the world? What would a demon hope to accomplish by congregating where the people of God met? What we might need to ask ourselves is why demons would not want to be where they could destroy the effort of building up the people of God. After all, is the real battle most difficult among those who are not interested in pleasing God? Or is the battle most fierce in the hearts of those trying to find their way to the Creator and Savior?

It is certainly the desire of the demonic world, led by Satan, to destroy all men. Satan demonstrated long ago that it was

his personal quest to help men and women to doubt God, to curse God, to live as though there was no God.

The garden of Eden is proof that we can doubt God (Gen 3:4–5). The psalmists comments that the fool says in his heart there is no God (Psalm 14:1). And Satan insists that if he were allowed some time with Job, Job would curse him to his face (Job 1:11).

We do ourselves an injustice if we forget the places where demons and Satan show up. The demon sat in the synagogue where Jesus attended. Satan showed up with God’s sons. The text reads, “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them” (Job 1:6). Understand that Satan knew the day to show up. Satan knew where to show up. And Satan knew who would show up. When the sons of God came before God, Satan, whether with invitation or not, wanted that he not be forgotten.

God uses the moment to ask Satan what he had been up to. Satan did not refuse to answer. He says, “From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it” (Job 1:7). Satan admitted he had been some of everywhere he had a mind to be. God then asks him about whom he had seen, one man in particular.

The Bible reads, “And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?” (Job 1:8) Do not miss the teachings of this question, Satan can learn something of the faithfulness of man from a child of God. Satan can be instructed by

the upright. Satan can come to know that in spite of his rebellion, all are not in rebellion. Satan can see that not everyone lives doubting God, ignoring God, or cursing God. Satan is instructed when he comes across faithful men and women.

Satan had his opinion of why anyone would want to be faithful to God. His proposition: men and women only serve you because you do so much for them. Satan had tested this theory over and again. He was sure it was as applicable to Job as it was the last person who lost children, who lost possessions, who lost respect, who lost standing, who lost friends, who lost the support of his spouse.

The enemy of man asks, “Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face” (Job 1:9–11).

God’s proposition was different from that of the enemy’s. God asserted: Man enjoys his blessings, but he does not do what is right based on what he has, but based on his reverence, trust, and faith in God and what is right. Take every worldly possession a faithful man has and he will still serve God.

Before we study further, let us acknowledge some truths. God has provided us all with hedges, but don’t ever equate hedges with a will to be faithful. Your home is a hedge. Your income is a hedge. Your family is a hedge. Your transportation is a hedge. Your friends are a hedge. But make sure your hedges do not block your view of God.

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

CHURCH LEADERS

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BERNARD TERRY
JOE WILSON

SECRETARY
ALICIA LATTEN

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.

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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!



Baptisms

Sis. Diane Heap 10/18/2015
Bro. Francisco Holly 10/19/2015
Welcome to the Carver Road Family!

6th Annual Southeastern Regional Teachers' Workshop

November 6-7, 2015



Registration will take place in the foyer after morning services. See Sis. Felecia Caruthers or Sis. Kim McNair. Early Bird Special- \$20 per person before October 31, 2015. Everyone is invited to join us for this wonderful educational and learning experience!



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

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

Gospel Meeting (October 25th-29th)
Bell Fork Rd. Church of Christ
321 Bell Fork Road
Jacksonville, NC 28540

21st Annual Homecoming (Nov. 4th-8th)
South Central Church of Christ
2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Raleigh, NC 27610

VETERANS RECOGNITION PROGRAM NOVEMBER 8, 2015

1:00-3:00

Frank W. Dulin Fellowship Hall
Lunch Will Be Served

"The Spirit of The Korean War Veteran"



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
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: 24–Gal. 6:3

READER: And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lust.

CHURCH: But if we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

READER: Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

CHURCH: Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness: considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

READER: Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

UNISON: For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, give us the wisdom to be spiritual enough to restore any overtaken in a fault. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Sis. Bayyinah Brown, Sis. Wendy Thomas,
 Sis. Diane Heap, Sis. Amelia Brown, Sis. Latasha Gandy, Bro. Jasper Horton, Sis. Athenia Pouncey, Bro. Jeff Patton, Sis. Alicia White, Sis. Ashley Baker, Sis. Maegan Gomez, Sis. Bridgette Gomez, Sis. Dollean Johnson, Sis. Latrecia Smith, Sis. Ruby Reaves, Sis. Leah Adkins, Sis. Indya Rucker, Sis. Sandra Harper, Bro. Barry Harper, Sis. Lillie Nelson, Bro. Leroy Nelson, Sis. Jamie Downing, Sis. Syietta Baldwin, Sis. Carol McDowell, Bro. Gabriel Clay, Ms. Gwen Grishom, Ms. Lisa Martin, Ms. Brenda Hill



ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M.

SONG LEADER
 SERMON

Roy Izzard
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

Joe Wilson
 George McNair
 Adolphus Coplin
 Juan Williams
 Howard Brown
 John Foxworth
Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.
 T. J. Loyd
 R. Burgess
 Isaiah Black
 Richard Jones

6:30 P.M.

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 Thomas Loyd, Sr.
 Timothy Pilson
 Artis Rucker
Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.
 Rodney Evans
 Harold Brown
 D. J. Crim

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 6:4)

And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.



USHERS

Kolbe Adkins	Tevin Loyd	George Eichelberger
D.J. Crim	Garrin McNair	Todd Woods
Novell Hall	Michael Terry	Harold Brown
Joseph Ford	Jared Monroe	Bernard Wallace

EVENING USHERS

A.J. Crim Elijah Gibbs
 Jesse Green Jarvis Warren

COMMENTARY CORNER

The truth is that Satan can do something about your hedges, but he should not be able to do anything about your faith. Faith in God has more depth than what affects us in life. Satan still goes to and fro as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (1 Pet 5: 8). So do not be blindsided. He shows up where the sons and daughters of God show up.

In the days of Jesus, a demon possessed man showed up in the synagogue. It is no more unusual to find demons in the synagogue than it is to find them wherever men and women have doubted God, denied God, and cursed God. Whether a Friday

night club or Sunday morning church building, demons can be present. The children of God must decide what kind of interaction the demons will have with them.

The demons who came to synagogue when Jesus did understood that they showed up on the wrong day. He admits that Jesus has nothing to do with him. They implore Jesus, "Let us alone; what have we to do with thee thou Jesus of Nazareth?" Jesus and demons do not mix. And we should consider ourselves when we hear ourselves saying, "let us alone, Jesus."

Jesus came to destroy the work of demons, and they knew it. They ask, "art thou come to destroy us?" (Luke 4:34). Jesus did not come to compromise with evil,

to placate evil, or to strike a bargain with evil. Jesus came to destroy evil.

The demons confessed that they knew who Jesus was, "the Holy one of God" (Luke 4:34). Here the demons might have an advantage on some today. They knew who he was. The brother of the Lord writes that demons believe and tremble (James 2:19).

We are often shocked to discover that Satan shows up when the sons of God do. Demons show up in the synagogue. The devil is busy in the church. Understand, that these exist yet pose no threat to the faithful; those who refuse to doubt, disbelieve, and deny. Praise God for victories over the unseen, the enemy who shows up.

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

25th Leah Adkins & TBA

NOVEMBER

1st Howard & Saroya Brown

NURSERY DUTY

25th Sherry Woods & Sydney Johnson

NOVEMBER

OCTOBER GREETERS

25th Alicia Latten
Anita Terry

NOVEMBER

1st Kim McNair
Shundra Mc Laurin

COMMUNION PREPARERS OCTOBER

Yolanda Crim & Cindy Dulin

NOVEMBER

Edelina Oliphant



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)