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PREACHER-SHEPHERD  
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**COMMENTARY CORNER:** “EVANGELISM IN UNCOMMON SETTINGS: FROM SYNAGOGUE TO THE WAY” “And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this say, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem” (Acts 9:2).

Jesus travelled throughout Jewry preaching and teaching the kingdom of God. Although He frequented synagogues, and the temple, teaching during the day (Matthew 4:23, Luke 21:37). His places and times of instruction included many other settings. At night, Jesus taught Nicodemus about being born again, by water and spirit, (John 3:1-5). He taught a woman of Samaria, at the site of Jacob’s well, about the water of life, and about spirit and truth worship of the Father (John 4:5-26). Jesus heals and teaches at the pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-9). He again teaches and heals at the pool of Siloam (John 9:7, 35-41). When Jesus commanded the apostles to go into all the world, He had already modeled for them that teaching takes places in settings other than the synagogue.

The beginning days of the church, however, had many associated with the synagogues who became believers in and followers of Jesus Christ. This is not to suggest that those in the synagogue were completely receptive to the gospel. Synagogue teachers had disputation with Stephen: “*Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen. And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake*” (Acts 7:9-10).

In addition, those who obeyed the gospel, on the day of Pentecost, from all over the world, undoubtedly included some who would go home and share gospel truths in cities where there were synagogues. This reality became a concern for Saul, a young zealous Pharisee who took it upon himself to persecute the church,

believing that he was doing God service.

Identifying with his cause, Jewish leaders provided Saul letters to the synagogues, giving him license to arrest any of that way, that is the way which followed Jesus Christ (Acts 9:2; 22:4). What Saul would discover is that the gospel would continue to be preached, believers would continue to be added, and these believers would be taught and converted, not only in the synagogues, but in every place there was opportunity. And all of this because Jesus was with His people, even unto the end of the world (Matthew 28:18-20).

Saul, and believers of every age, understood that our witness to the world is not contained in and restricted to our worship and meeting places. The church experiences great growth when there is preaching and teaching in every place. Students of Scripture need only to examine the life of Saul, later more frequently known as Paul, to see the power in evangelism beyond the four walls of our meeting houses.

Saul began many of his missionary efforts in the synagogues (Acts 13:5, 14; 14:1; 17:1, 10, 17; 18:4; 19:8). But some of his most noted work, from the first missionary journey to the last, was outside of the synagogue. In the city of Paphos, the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus called for Barnabas and Saul (Acts 13:7). After Saul, with the help of Jesus, blinds and silences a false prophet, Sergius Paulus believed (Acts 13:12).

In Acts 16, Paul’s places of instruction included a river side and a prison (Acts 16:13, 29-33). In Athens, Paul was given opportunity to preach and teach on Mars Hill, at the Aeroapagus (Acts 17:19-22).

In Corinth, Paul again begins in the synagogue, but eventually teaches from the house of Justus (Acts 18:4-7). It was there that Crispus, the chief ruler of synagogue, obeys with all his house, as well as many others of the Corinthians (Acts 18:8).

Teaching in Ephesus begins with about twelve men (Acts 19:1-6), then in the synagogue (Acts 19:8). The Jews made it difficult. Paul and the disciples began meeting in the hall of Tyrannus, daily, with the result of all Asia hearing the word of God (Acts 19:9-10). The story of the spread of the gospel would be much different if the only place of teaching had been in the synagogues.

In the synagogues, the ruler of the synagogue and the Jews determined what was appropriate teaching. In the synagogue, the time to share truth was limited to the time when people chose not to hear any longer. In the synagogue, Paul and others found that though hearing the gospel first, the Jews would be less interested in obeying than Gentiles outside of the synagogue.

These observations are important in a day when the church questions the efficacy of teaching the gospel. Much of the church’s effort is centered in a certain place, the church building. We are hoping that someone will be a visitor, will hear the gospel, and respond. But as was true then, it is true today, we must have a message to share everywhere, and not just where we meet. What would we experience if adopted teaching at river sides, at prisons, on hills of philosophy, in member houses, and in community meeting halls?

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**2020 THEME:** "To Him Be Glory In The Church, By Christ Jesus..." (Ephesians 3:21)

### CHURCH LEADERS

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

**ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER**  
RICHARD JONES

**MINISTER EMERITUS**  
CLOYS R. CECIL SR.

**SHEPHERDS**  
JEFFERSON R. CARUTHERS JR.  
JOHN FOXWORTH  
ROY OLIPHANT  
WALTER WEATHERS, JR.

**ELDER EMERITUS**  
FRANK W. DULIN  
LEROY NELSON

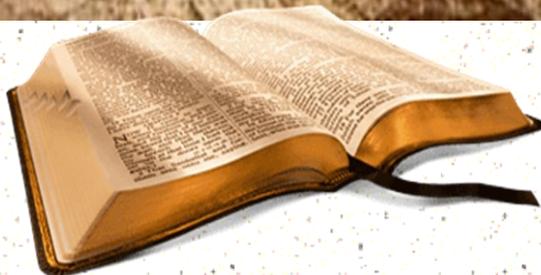
**DEACONS**  
MICHEAL CURRY  
JAMES E. GADSON  
GEORGE MCNAIR  
BERNARD TERRY  
JOE WILSON



**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
MARCELLA KENDALL

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

~Psalm 23:1-6



### ZOOM MEETING

Our mid-week evening Bible study will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. Please visit us on Facebook at Carver Road Church of Christ to find link to join in our bible study each Wednesday evenings.

### READING SAFARI



Keep Reading! For any additional information please contact sister Felecia Caruthers at (336) 575-2972.

Welcome  
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

All Visitors!  
You Are Our  
Honored Guests!



### JULY BIRTHDAYS

2nd, Teresa Love; 4th, Ellis Rice; 5th Anthony Clinton, Bernard Wallace; 7th Andrew Jackson; 8th Jerry Evans; 9th Carol Lynn Reynolds; 11th Justin Curry, Patricia I. Johnson; 12th Joseph Crim; 14th Karsyn King; 17th Elijah Gibbs; 18th Denise Garner, Brinay Simon; 20th, Lisa Jones; 21st Laura Bellanger, 22nd Devonda Holmes; 24th Tenisha Taylor; 29th Carol McDowell; 30th Diane Blakely

### CORNELIUS CORNER

Veterans and their beneficiaries now have additional options for receiving VA benefits via direct deposit, as well as access to financial services at participating banks. For additional information go to [benefits.va.gov/Benefit](https://benefits.va.gov/Benefit).



50 years Artis & Theresa Rucker - 3rd  
20 years Reginald & Annette Nichols - 4th  
19 years Andrew & Geraldine Jackson - 7th  
27 years Douglas & Yolonda Crim - 17th





**Our Shut-ins**

**OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN**

sis. Gloria Brown, sis. Beverly Crim, bro. Frank W. Dulin, bro. Alvin Eaton, sis. Paula Evans, sis. Magdalene Fleming, bro. Barry Harper, sis. Dorris Jones, bro. Amos Lewis, bro. Leroy Nelson, sis. Martha Reynolds, sis. Mattie Richardson

**RESPONSIVE READING**

**3 John 1:11-14; Jude 1:2**

**READER:** Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

**CHURCH:** Demetrius hath good report of all *men*, and of the truth itself: yea, and we *also* bear record; and ye know that our record is true.

**READER:** I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee:

**CHURCH:** But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace *be* to thee. *Our* friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name

**READER:** Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, *and* called:

**UNISON:** Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

**PRAYER**

Father in heaven, continue to fashion us into people who are followers of that which is good. Give us the wisdom to support teachers of the truth. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

**PRAYER REQUEST**

brother Roy Oliphant, sister Athenia Pouncey, sister Kynah Thomas, sister Beverly Wallace, brother Reginald Nichols, sis. Lillie Alford, sis. Valarie Coplin, sis. Carol McDowell, bro. Andrew Jackson



**SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR JULY**

BROTHER WALTER WEATHERS JR.

(336) 785-2520

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**



**8:00 A.M**

SONG LEADER  
SERMON

Andrew Jackson  
*Jefferson R. Caruthers Jr.*

**10:00 A.M.**

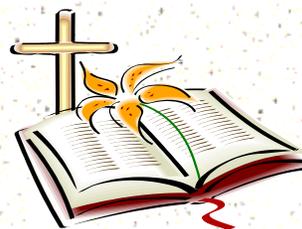
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
INVOCATION  
SONG DIRECTOR  
SCRIPTURE  
RESPONSIVE READING  
PRAYER  
**SERMON**  
OFFERING  
LORD'S SUPPER  
CLOSING PRAYER  
GUESTS PRESENTATION

Walter Weathers Jr.  
James Gadson  
Adolphus Coplin  
Curtis Conner  
Cecil Oliver  
Javar Jones  
*Jefferson R. Caruthers Jr.*  
George McNair  
Artis Rucker  
Isiah Black

**COMMUNION REFLECTION**

(JOHN 10:27)

*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:*



**USHERS**

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Andrew Jackson | Bernard Wallace |
| Todd Woods     | James Cherry    |
| Curtis Conner  | Tahjmel Brim    |
| Javar Jones    | Sean Penn       |

**EVENING USHERS**

Braxton King      A. J. Crim  
Tahjmel Brim      Kobe Williams

## COMMENTARY CORNER

The suggestion that we change our focus and emphasis from expected church building conversions to going where people will meet is not for the novelty of the opportunity, but for obedience to what Jesus expects. When Jesus commanded that we go everywhere, He did so after modeling the same. He went everywhere taking advantage of every opportunity where people would listen.

We have this second necessity as well. We expect certain people, mostly religious, to hear in specified places. Jesus and the apostles demonstrate that often we are expecting response from

the wrong people, at the wrong time, in the wrong place. Thus we have explanation as to why our witness, our preaching, and our teaching are not as effective as Jesus would want, nor as effective as they could be by the help of the power of Jesus.

The encouragement to the children of God is to be inspired, challenged, and motivated by what we learn from the lives of Jesus and His apostles. Let us take advantage of conversations we have about life to speak a good word for Jesus. Let us not be inhibited by place. Let us seize upon opportunities to teach that Jesus is Lord, Savior of the world. Let us pray that we will be instrumental in the way in

bringing others to the Way.

It is past time that churches go from the church building to preach the way of the cross. There are potential believers serving us in malls, teaching in our schools, treating us in medical facilities, living down the street, mowing our lawns, checking our utilities, working by our sides, checking us out at grocery stores and drug store counters. There is potential for evangelism above the numbers that we post on church boards and in our bulletins. Thank God!

We are in the Way that leads to salvation. Let us determine to bring others with us. Pray God to give us the boldness to share the gospel everywhere.

### 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.       |
|                                       | (3rd Friday)    |

### WORSHIP TO THE SICK & SHUT-IN

FOR THE MONTH OF JULY  
BROTHER JOSEPH WILSON



#### 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 @ 3 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!



### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

5th Wendy Thomas  
12th Angela Weathers  
19th Tamah Williams/D'Asia Williams  
26th Chanel Foxworth/Leah Adkins

### NURSERY DUTY

NOT SCHEDULED

### GREETERS

Mary Terry

### COMMUNION PREPARERS

Mary Terry

### BAPTISMAL COMMITTEE

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)