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COMMENTARY CORNER: "EVANGELISM IN UNEXPECTED PLACES:

FROM SYNAGOGUE TO CHARIOT" "Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest" (Acts 8:29-30)?

Jesus read from the prophet Esaias in the synagogue and assured the listeners that the scriptures He read were fulfilled that day (Luke 4:21). It was not unusual for Jesus to be in the synagogue; it was His custom to be there on the Sabbath (Luke 4:16). When He stood up to read, this, too may have been routine (Luke 4:16). He read from the Scriptures and declared that the Scripture was fulfilled! This is where custom, routine, the usual, and the normal came to an end. Jesus taught the people that He was the Anointed One, prophesied of by Isaiah.

Years later, a man of great authority, a Eunuch, treasurer for the queen, Candace, would be on a dusty road, sitting and reading from the book of this same prophet (Acts 8:26-28). Although reading about the Anointed One, the Messiah, the Eunuch did not exude the same confidence of understanding that Jesus did.

What was God's provision for those who would read and not understand? Enter the Great Commission. Before ascending to the Father, the Messiah, Jesus Christ commissioned the apostles to go into all the world and to preach the gospel to every creature. Their trek was to begin in Jerusalem but was to extend to the uttermost parts of the world (Acts 1:7-8).

Extending from the first preachers, the apostles, were evangelists like Philip (Acts 21:8). Directed by the Holy Spirit to go to the Eunuch, to the chariot, Philip asked the man if he understood what he read. The man explained that he could not understand unless some man guided him (Acts 8:31). Beginning at the passage where the man was, Philip

preached to him, Jesus, eventually baptizing him (Acts 8:34-38). What is significant here is not that the prophet Isaiah was read. It is not that both passages point to the saving work of Jesus Christ. And it is not that belief in Jesus leads to being in favor with the Father. What is important for our lesson is that whether in the synagogue, or in a chariot, we should take advantage of the opportunity to preach Jesus.

Whenever there is a door opened, we should be ready to speak the truths of heaven. And perhaps this simple reality is what hinders the progress of the gospel in our time. An effective tool of the enemy has been to circumscribe when and where the message can be shared. Many are convinced that the only appropriate place to share Jesus is in our synagogue like atmospheres, in our churches.

In our churches, we preach Jesus, we laud Jesus, we magnify His name. In our churches, we teach Jesus, we give our commentary on His life, we challenge students to walk in His footsteps. We share Jesus with all who have come to learn. In our churches, we confess to our trust in Jesus, we testify of His goodness in our lives, we sing of how He has brought us out and over. And we thank God for the peace we have in the safe environs of our worship houses. But we miss opportunity to fulfill the Great Commission when our preaching and teaching are limited to what we stand and do in our synagogue/church buildings, to the exclusion of running to join ourselves to chariots of opportunity for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jesus' custom was to be in the synagogue on the Sabbath, fully a part of the

reading and teaching. But His ministry was not limited to what was spoken there. The ministry of Jesus involved many settings where He taught kingdom realities, and not all of the settings were safe and secure.

We read of His Sermon on the Mount and the teaching that took place there. We need to appreciate that Jesus was just as comfortable teaching on the Mount as He was teaching in the synagogue. Jesus taught in the homes of those who invited Him to be guests (Luke 5:29, 14:1-6, 19:7). Jesus taught in the temple (Matthew 21:23). He took opportunity when going through grain fields to share insight with those who both disagreed with Him and with those who had faith in Him (Matthew 12:1-8). Jesus taught from the seaside, from boats, in bad weather and good (Mark 4:36-40). Jesus' teaching was not limited to what was spoken in the synagogue.

Jesus did not limit His teaching to people who would be agreeable. Often the response was contrary to what heaven would expect. Jesus taught that men and women must eat His flesh and drink His blood (John 6:56). He then witnessed many turn and walk no more with Him (John 6:66). Jesus taught the Jews that they were not really free; eventually, they took up stones to cast at Him (John 8:59). Jesus taught of the love of God (John 3:16), giving men a reason to love the Son, but said that the Scripture was fulfilled about Him which said they hated me without a cause (John 15:25). And the defining moment, His reward for teaching truth, was death on the cross (John 19:33).

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

CHURCH LEADERS

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



With Heartfelt Sympathy

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the following members and their families in the passing of their loved ones: brother Roy

Oliphant in the loss of his wife, sister Edelina Oliphant and our dear and faithful sister in Christ; daughters and their families in the loss of their mother: sister Tameka Oliphant-Grimes (Justin), brother and sister T. J. Loyd (Treva), and sister Tonya Bellanger; and to brother Brian Jackson in this loss of his aunt. Also, to brother and sister Juan Williams and family in the loss of a cousin; sister Dorris Jones, loss of nephew; brother Sean Penn, and brother and sister Rodney S. Evans (Cheryl) in the passing of their cousin; brothers Anthony and Lonnie Wellman in the passing of their father. May God continue to be with each family during their time of bereavement.



READING SAFARI



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

Welcome
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

But my God shall supply
all your need according
to his riches in glory
by Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19



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

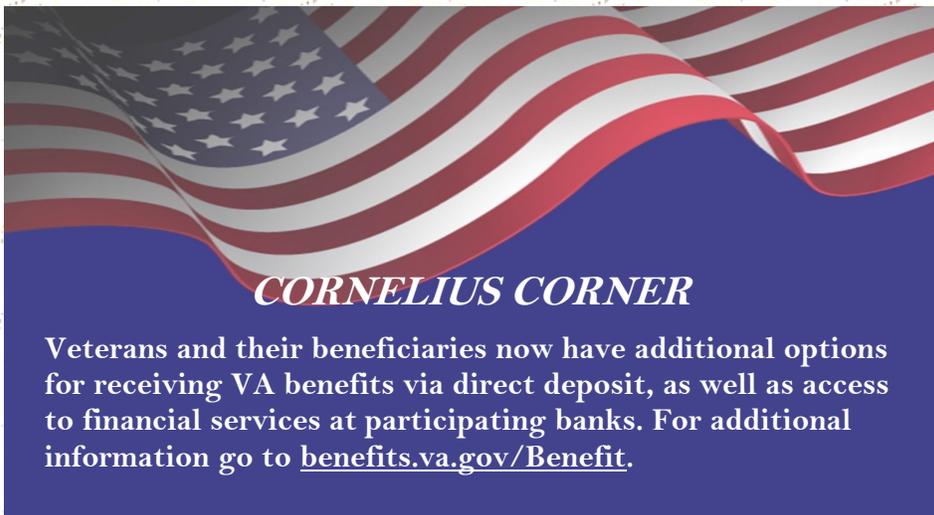
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Honored Guests!*

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.



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 SICK AND SHUT-IN

Our Shut-ins

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 1:5-10

READER: Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;

CHURCH: Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well:

READER: Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.

CHURCH: We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.

READER: I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.

UNISON: Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth *them* out of the church.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, give us the spirit and wisdom to always be those who are fellowhelpers of the truth. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Bro. Roy Oliphant, sis. Cynthia Cecil, bro. Juan Williams, bro. Reginald Nichols, bro. and sis. Richard Jones, sis. Beverly Wallace, sis. Carol Weathers, sis. Barbie Jones, sis. Mattie Wilson, bro. James Gadson



SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR JULY

BROTHER WALTER WEATHERS JR.

(336) 785-2520

ORDER OF WORSHIP



8:00 A.M.

SONG LEADER
SERMON

James Gadson
Jefferson R. Caruthers Jr.

10:00 A.M.

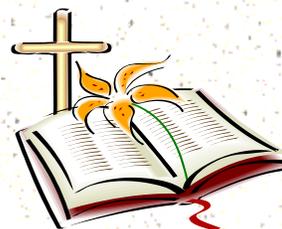
ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION
SONG DIRECTOR
SCRIPTURE
RESPONSIVE READING
PRAYER
SERMON
OFFERING
LORD'S SUPPER
CLOSING PRAYER
GUESTS PRESENTATION

Cecil Oliver
Walter Weathers Jr.
Adolphus Coplin
Todd Woods
Reginald Nichols
Richard Jones
Jefferson R. Caruthers Jr.
Bernard Terry
George McNair
James Gadson

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 10:26)

But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.



USHERS

Andrew Jackson	Bernard Wallace
Todd Woods	James Cherry
Cutis Conner	Tahjmel Brim
Javar Jones	Sean Penn

EVENING USHERS

Braxton King A. J. Crim
Tahjmel Brim Kobe Williams

COMMENTARY CORNER

Let us not have the impression that there was a progression of disagreement with Jesus and His teaching methods. From the very beginning, from the day when He said that this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing, men and women wanted to silence the Messenger and the message.

When Jesus further explained the implications of the lesson from Isaiah, men and women became irritated, infuriated; they wanted to do Jesus harm. Luke records; *“And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath. And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him up unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.*

But he passing through the midst of them went his way” (Luke 4:28-30). It is certainly a truth that teaching the word of God has its risks, even for the Son of God.

To our lesson. While we think that we may please our neighbors and our community by limiting our God talk to what we say in our buildings, the truth is that as the world has hated Jesus, whether in the synagogue or without, the world hates those who confess faith in Him, whether in the church building or without. Jesus says, *“If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you”* (John 15:18).

There is more that we should be aware of. Though the world hates those who trust in Jesus, the world will tolerate the believers’ faith when it is no threat to the world. That is, if we say we have confidence in Jesus, that

we believe in Jesus, that we will be faithful unto death, but do not join ourselves to chariots to teach, if we do not go into houses to teach, if we do not stand in the marketplace and teach, the world will continue as if we do not exist.

But the church of Christ must exist. It must be where the glory of God is revealed (Ephesians 3:10). The church must hear the directives of the Holy Spirit and take the gospel wherever men and women have not understood the prophecy of Isaiah about the One who was wounded for our transgressions. It must teach everywhere that the Scripture has been fulfilled in Christ. The church must work to take the gospel to those seeking understanding.

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)