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**COMMENTARY CORNER:** DEVOTIONS IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK: A STUDY SERIES #14 "THE THRONG, THE TOUCH, THE TRUTH" (B) "But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague" (Mark 5:33-34).

Jesus answered questions, doubts and criticisms of those around him, those who thought incorrectly of him, those who needed teaching. Nicodemus learned how a man could be born again (John 3:9-17). The woman at the well learned that the Son of God could supply living water, eventually asking if Jesus were not the Christ (John 4:29). The Jews learned that Jesus was before Abraham, indeed, he was greater than Abraham (John 8:58). A host who doubted the prophet status of Jesus learned that love for the Savior often comes from those who know they need forgiveness most (Luke 7:40-50). The same was true of all men and women who understood that nobody but Jesus could meet their needs.

In our reflection under the subject, "The Throng, the Touch, the Truth," we learn of a woman who is an exceptional candidate to testify to the truth that nobody could do for her what Jesus could. What is true of her is applicable to everyone of us. There is none who has ever lived who has to offer to us what Jesus does. The reality is that though all need him, few recognize or acknowledge such a need. We evidence that there are differing dispositions that define our relationship to Jesus. One of those dispositions and states of existence is that among "the throng."

The throng position is the default position of the most of humanity. The throng position can be characterized as our comfort zone. The throng position is where we find ourselves as persons who have not asked to be born, who do not contemplate existence, nor seek to consider the ultimate outcome for people: past, present or future. The throng itself provides an answer for the usual and the unusual, the ordinary and the extra ordinary,

success and failure, long life and short life, sickness and wholeness. The throng's ultimate conclusion is "that's life" and there is nothing more to say about it.

It was this default and comfort zone position from which the disciples of Jesus answered his question when Jesus asked, "who touched my clothes?" (Mark 5:31). The disciples quickly answered: "Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?" Was there any error in the disciples' reasoning about the question Jesus asked?

The disciples correctly observed and assured Jesus that he saw the multitude, the same multitude thronging him. They thought that Jesus ought not try to distinguish one from another in the crowd. Any touch could be dismissed as incidental, just a part of reasonable expectation. The disciples provide for us a philosophy of life many ascribe to. That philosophy has two parts. The first is that those in the multitude, the throng are indistinguishable, obvious with the phrase, "thou seest the multitude." The second is that whatever happens just happens, proven with the words, "and sayest thou, Who touched me?"

The child of God must not summarily dismiss these statements made by the disciples. There is truth to the observance that there is a multitude, what I have labelled, "the throng." The truth is that many have relationship with God at the multitude and throng level. All of us have been defined only by the throng. But we must understand, too, that those who make up the throng are not indistinguishable. The encouragement is that our existence becomes more than "throng residence."

The throng is made up of both believers and unbelievers. The throng can include those who simply want to follow

Jesus to see the miracles, to enjoy the feeding, to be impressed by his power over nature. The throng can be those who have heard about Christ and those who have not heard about Christ. It is the nature of the throng to encompass the greater number in humanity.

There is not just a throng encompasses all the world. There is a church throng. The church throng is made up of the unfaithful and the faithful. The church throng includes those who give and who do not give. The church throng houses doubters and believers. The church throng is the dwelling place of those who don't believe God can and of those who know that he can. The church throng is made up of sheep who wander and of those who follow the Shepherd. The church throng is made up of people who believe they need no healing and of those who confess that they do need healing. The church throng hears that there are answers beyond Jesus, and is made up of those who understand that their healing can be accomplished by nobody but Jesus.

This reflection acknowledges, too, that we distinguish ourselves from the throng when we realize that our healing can come from nobody but the Lord. And the woman with the issue of blood is the witness who will testify of this truth. Her journey is not dissimilar to ours.

While her life was defined by the habits of the throng, she experienced only what everyone else experiences. Life was life and life had the answers to life. In her life she became sick with an issue of blood. And her initial response to her sickness was probably what ours is. We believe we will get over it in time. But sometimes, sickness lingers, does not go away, and we know we need to seek help from someone.

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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

## ZOOM MEETING

Our mid-week evening Bible study meets at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. Please visit us on Facebook at Carver Road Church of Christ to find link to join in our bible study each Wednesday evenings. Bible lesson materials are made available through the church's website listed below. We look forward to seeing and meeting with you.  
[www.carverroadchurchofchrist.org](http://www.carverroadchurchofchrist.org).

**FACEBOOK:** Take a moment to "like" and "follow" us on Facebook. Search for Carver Road Church of Christ. When sermons and virtual events announcements, and even our live Sunday services are posted and broadcasted live on our page, please be sure to comment as well as share on your personal page.

**YOUTUBE:** Be sure to visit our YouTube page, Carver Road Church of Christ to view past sermons. To subscribe to our page, simply create a free account on YouTube.



### In Deepest Sympathy

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the following members and their families in the passing of their loved ones: brother and sister Arnold Thomas in the loss of Wendy's stepmother; sister Denise Garner in the passing of her cousin. May God continue to be with each of them 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

*All Visitors!  
You Are Our  
Honored Guests!*



### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st, Indya Rucker; 2nd, James Floyd, Annette Nichols; 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tamika Nelson; 4<sup>th</sup>, Michael Mash, Sr., Jada Thomas; 5<sup>th</sup>, Eva Jones; 7<sup>th</sup>, Alinda Gadson; 10<sup>th</sup>, Cecilia Mash; 11<sup>th</sup>, Eric Nelson; 14<sup>th</sup>, George Leak; 15<sup>th</sup>, LeAngela Stewart; 16<sup>th</sup>, Beverly Wallace; 17<sup>th</sup>, Jai Caruthers, David Rice; 21<sup>st</sup>, Aliyah Coplin; 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sherry Woods; 24<sup>th</sup>, Malachi Downing; 26<sup>th</sup>, Twana Roebuck; 29<sup>th</sup>, David Ingram

## Proverbs 3:5

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."

KJV



(37 Years) Jefferson & Felecia Caruthers - 17<sup>th</sup>  
(31 Years) Bernard & Mary Terry - 23<sup>rd</sup>



**OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN**

sis. Beverly Crim, bro. Frank W. Dulin, bro. Alvin Eaton, sis. Magdalene Fleming, bro. Barry Harper, sis. Dorris Jones, bro. Amos Lewis, sis. Lillie Nelson, bro. Leroy Nelson, sis. Martha Reynolds, sis. Mattie Richardson, Bobby Robinson, sis. Carol Weathers

**SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR DECEMBER**

Brother Roy Oliphant  
(336) 765-3105

**RESPONSIVE READING  
Revelation 5:4-9**

**READER:** And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

**CHURCH:** And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

**READER:** And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

**CHURCH:** And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

**READER:** And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four *and* twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

**UNISON:** And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

**PRAYER**

Father in heaven, the lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David has prevailed. He is worthy to take the book and to open the seals. May we ever Praise You through him. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

**PRAYER REQUEST**

sis. Diane Foxworth, sis. Beverlon Green, sis. Athenia Pouncey, sis. Mary Hargraves, sis. Alfreda Howell, sis. Valarie Coplin, sis. Geraldine Jackson, bro. Reginald Nichols, bro. Kevin McLaurin, bro. Roy Oliphant, bro. Jefferson Caruthers Jr., bro. Ron Jessup, bro. Walter Weathers Jr., sis. Linda Burgess, bro. Adolphus Coplin, bro. John Foxworth



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**



**8:00 A.M.**

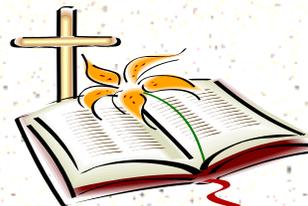
SONG LEADER  
SERMON

Adolphus Coplin  
*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

Joseph Wilson  
George McNair  
Adolphus Coplin  
Juan Williams  
Artis Rucker  
Richard Jones  
*Jefferson R. Caruthers Jr.*  
Isiah Black  
Isiah Black  
Ollie Carpenter



**COMMUNION REFLECTION**

(JOHN 11:4)

When Jesus heard that he said, **This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.**

## COMMENTARY CORNER

The woman sought her help from the people and institutions who made up the throng. She went to the doctor. And there was not necessarily anything wrong with going to the doctor, especially when we arrive at the conclusion that Jesus can help the doctor (Mark 5:26).

The woman, however, after doing what others did, found herself no better; she was actually worse (Mark 5:26). Her current situation was where the dividing line began to take shape when she asked the question, "If man can't help me, to whom can I turn?" Before learning of her situation, the text reads about Jesus with Jairus, "And Jesus went with him; and

much people followed him, and thronged him" (Mark 5:24).

Among those who thronged him was this woman who has now suffered with her illness for twelve years. Discover now what she determined to do as she has learned that she could not help herself and that the doctors could not help. The prescriptions the doctors prescribed could not help. No man could help. No woman could help. No "child wonder" could step in. But the woman came to a conclusion. That conclusion was that if there were no help from all others, what she heard about Jesus was her only hope.

We read, "When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I

may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole" (Mark 5:28).

When she concluded that if she touched his clothes she would be whole, she began at that moment to separate herself from "the throng" group to "the touch him" group. There are differences between "the throng" group and "the touch him" group.

The "touch him" group has leaned that if there is help to come for my problems, my difficulties, my circumstances, my sorrow, my hurt, my pain, my tears, my cries, my confusion, my anxiety, my outer and inner pain, my sickness, even my sin, then I must distinguish myself from the throng. I must touch him.

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### 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 DECEMBER  
BROTHER GEORGE MCNAIR



#### BAPTISMAL TEAM

Bro. Anthony Clinton  
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

Will resume in 2021



### NURSERY DUTY

Not Scheduled

### GREETERS

Mary Terry

### COMMUNION PREPARERS

Mary Terry

### BAPTISMAL COMMITTEE

Diane Foxworth/Diane Blakely  
Wendy Thomas



### 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)