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COMMENTARY CORNER: DEVOTIONS IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK: A STUDY SERIES #8 *"DISCIPLES, WINE, CORN, AND BREAD;" OR, "DISCIPLES, TRADITION, THE LAW, AND THE KING"* "And it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the sabbath day; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn. And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful?" (Mark 2:23-24)

Jesus encountered many challenges to bringing salvation to humanity. He was questioned by scribes and Pharisees. He was harassed by priests and Levites. He was doubted by elders of the people. And he was eventually put to death by government officials in collusion with the enemies of Jesus. Jesus should not have had to face this much difficulty seeking to save the lost.

We can certainly identify with some level of frustration associated with trying to do good to others. The husband is thoughtful and carefully chooses a gift for his wife. With anticipation, he drives home, rushes to his front door, and enters his foyer with a smile on his face, certain that his wife will be happy, even appreciative. Instead, he is greeted by questions. "Why are you so late coming home?" "What are you smiling about?" "What is that in your hand?" Then, the words, "I hope you did not try to get a gift for me!" And finally, "You know I don't like stuff like this." It should not be this difficult to be nice to another person.

The wife knows that her husband has an important project to complete. She determines that she will make everything commodious for him at home. Although she works a very important job herself, she comes home and prepares. His working place is cleaned and straightened. She prepares a quick meal, not a feast, but enough to satisfy him. She makes sure that he will not be disturbed by guests or friends. He then arrives. Upon entering the house, he sees that his work space is orderly. But instead of thanking her for her thoughtfulness, he protests. "Why did you move my stuff?" "I don't have time to look for my work, wherever you put it." He smells the food and roughly tells her, "You know I have work to do, no time to take time to

eat that meal; I picked up something on the way home." "By the way, an associate will stop by, I'll pause and see him." There should have been a moment of pause to thank the wife for her loving concern.

Need we continue with how parents often strive to please children and are thanked with things thrown and loud protests? The teenager is given freedom, but still insists that she is being treated like a prisoner. It again is a problem when good intentions are met with hostility.

Hostility is what Jesus was rewarded often times in his ministry. The Pharisees were again in a questioning and criticizing mood when they asked Jesus, "Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not?" (Mark 2:18). Jesus did not have to, but he explained, in part, "And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but new wine must be put into new bottles" (Mark 2:22). The Pharisees needed instruction on how wine was connected to the ministry of Jesus.

The Pharisees also needed a lesson on corn and the ministry of Jesus. In the instance of wine instruction, Jesus is answering questions about his disciples and the traditions of the Pharisees and disciples of John. The question focused on the corn is tied to what is permissible on the Sabbath. The disciples were hungry, and in their travels through the corn field, rather than restricting themselves, they indulged themselves on the Sabbath (Mark 2:23-24). Luke notes that they not only picked the corn, but rubbed it in their hands (Luke 6:1). The issue this time is not about tradition, but about the law of Moses.

Jesus takes opportunity to teach by call-

ing their attention to bread, more specifically shewbread (Mark 2:26). Included in this observation is the king, David (Mark 2:25). Through all of this, Jesus intersects with and brings clarity to the persons and events he addresses. These verses are rich with opportunity for Jesus to demonstrate why salvation centers on the Son of God and his desire to save humanity, in spite of the difficulties, the criticisms, the questioning, and eventual crucifixion.

Above all persons benefiting from the passion of Jesus are the disciples of Jesus. The Pharisees begin by comparing the disciples of Jesus to the disciples of the Pharisees and John. But the disciples of Jesus are the ones who will have the victory. And Jesus addresses another proclivity of the people of their day. They were prone to exalt tradition. They negated the words of God by their tradition (Mark 7:5). Jesus told them that they reject the commandment of God for their tradition (Mark 7:9). Eventually, those who extricate themselves from human traditions will be the ones who will wear Christ's name. The disciples of Jesus were called Christians in Antioch (Acts 11:26).

By way of wine, we should not miss Jesus's departure from tradition by reference to wine. And know that wine was much involved in the lives of people in the first century. It could be good wine, like the wine at the wedding (John 2:10). Jesus obviously spoke to the nature of fermented wine in (Mark 2:22). And Jesus was accused of being a winebibber (Luke 7:34). By way of wine teaching, Jesus is teaching that his disciples will not be bound by the traditions of other religious figures. His ministry is new.

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

CHURCH LEADERS

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CLOYS R. CECIL SR.

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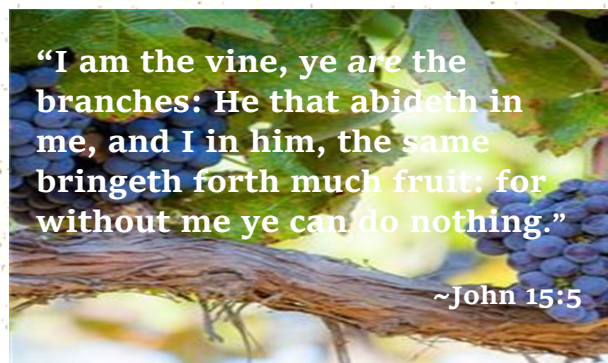
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
MARCELLA KENDALL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 web-site listed below. We look forward to seeing and meeting with you.

www.carverroadchurchofchrist.org



"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

~John 15:5

Reading Safari

Who's Reading



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

With Heartfelt Sympathy



We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to the following members and their families in the passing of their loved ones: brother and sister Jefferson R. Caruthers Jr. and family in the passing of sister Caruthers' grandmother; brother and sister Michael Mash Sr. (Chava), brother Biko Caruthers, sisters Carmen and Hayley Caruthers, brother and sister Joshua Caruthers, and brothers Joel and Jonas Caruthers in this loss as well of their great-grandmother.

Also, our condolences go out to brother and sister Arnold Thomas in the loss of a loved one; and brother Jerry Evans in the passing of a cousin. May God continue to comfort and strengthen each family during their time of bereavement.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3rd Timothy Pilson; 7th James Samuel, Mellany Scott; 8th Kim Littlejohn; 10th Tabatha Burgess; 12th Constance Rumph, D'Asia Williams; 13th Lillie Holmes, Edwena Kirby; 15th D'Onna Williams; 17th Claudette Eldridge; 20th William Holmes; 22nd Hazel Gordon, Treva Loyd; 23rd Wendy Thomas; 25th Tara Floyd, Thomasina Williams; 28th Angela Horton, Dollean Johnson, Michael Terry; 29th Mikey Mash; 30th Leah Adkins



(53 years) Leroy & Lillie Nelson—2nd

(46 years) Ronald & Rosalyn Evans—28th

(18 years) Michael & D'Tondja Foster—28th

Welcome
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

All Visitors!
You Are Our
Honored Guests!

**Growing
In Faith**





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. Delores Reaves, sis. Martha Reynolds, sis. Mattie Richardson, sis. Bobby Robinson, sis. Carol Weathers

Our Shut-ins

RESPONSIVE READING

Revelation 2:6-11

READER: But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

CHURCH: He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

READER: And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

CHURCH: I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and *I know* the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but *are* the synagogue of Satan.

READER: Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast *some* of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

UNISON: He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, for Your glory we strive by Your power to be faithful unto death. Give us opportunity to eat of the tree of life. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

sis. Rashunda Richardson, sis. Heather King, sis. Hazel Gordon, sis. Marion Wofford, sis. Mary Williams, sis. Marleshia Young, sis. Wendy Thomas, sis. Johnson, sis. Mary Thompson, sis. Diane Blakely, sis. Linda Burgess, bro. Reginald Nichols



SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR SEPTEMBER

Brother Walter Weathers Jr.
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ORDER OF WORSHIP



8:00 A.M.

SONG LEADER
SERMON

James Gadson
Jefferson R. Caruthers Jr.

10:00 A.M.

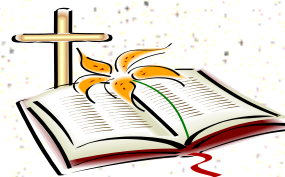
ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION
SONG DIRECTOR
SCRIPTURE
RESPONSIVE READING
PRAYER
SERMON
OFFERING
LORD'S SUPPER
CLOSING PRAYER
GUESTS PRESENTATION

Joseph Wilson
Roy Oliphant
Adolphus Coplin
Richard Jones
Todd Woods
Javar Jones
Jefferson R. Caruthers Jr.
George McNair
Reginald Nichols
Walter Weathers Jr.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 10:36)

Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?



USHERS

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

EVENING USHERS

Braxton King Kobe Williams
Tahjmel Brim A. J. Crim

COMMENTARY CORNER

By way of corn, Jesus has opportunity to teach that though the law of Moses was important, Jesus was Lord of the Sabbath, making him superior to the law and Sabbath (Mark 2:28). The disciples of Jesus would not be bound by the law.

By way of the bread, there is yet another consideration Jesus used to instruct the Pharisees. All honored David the king. They understood that his seed was promised the throne forever. Jesus reminded the Pharisees that David the king went to the temple eating the shewbread in the presence of the High Priest (Mark 2:25–26). We cannot miss the connection.

The Pharisees could respond by stating, “but that was David the king, and you are

no David the king.” And the Pharisees would be speaking some truth. But what their statement missed is that Jesus was the seed of David promised as the fulfillment God made (Acts 2:29–30). Jesus is not simply the seed of David the king. Jesus is King of kings and Lord of Lords. If David could eat the shewbread in the temple in the presence of the High Priest, certainly the disciples of Jesus could be permitted to eat corn, and that on the Sabbath day.

We are blessed by these interactions between Jesus, his disciples, the Pharisees and teachings on wine, corn, and bread.

We affirm that the disciples of Jesus are not bound by the traditions of other religious groups. The disciples are not seeking to do what others do. We need not worship like others, call ourselves what others do, or

seek to gain recognition in ways similar to them.

The disciples of Jesus are not bound by the law of Moses. The law has been nailed to the cross. (Colossians 2:14). Jesus has freed his disciples from the Sabbath and the law’s demands. We encounter religious groups today that need to hear and understand that truth.

The disciples of Jesus are free to follow Jesus as king, to be taught by Jesus, to be saved by Jesus, to be commissioned by Jesus, and to live to his glory. It should not be difficult to offer salvation to humanity. But Jesus demonstrates that when doing good, as he did saving us, regardless of how others often respond, we must all stay focused on what brings glory to God. We praise and serve God because of Jesus our Savior.

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY

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| 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

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| 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 SEPTEMBER
BROTHER WALTER WEATHERS JR.



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

6th Diane Foxworth/Michelle Conner
13th Centrece Kendall/Marcella Kendall
20th Tamah Williams/D'Asia Williams
27th Chanel Foxworth/Leah Adkins

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)