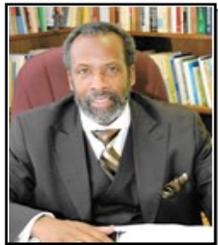


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COMMENTARY CORNER: “Evangelism Everywhere In An Unrepentant

World” “As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. Therefore, they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ unto them” (Acts 8:3-5).

Jesus commanded that repentance and remission of sins be preached in all nations, beginning at Jerusalem (Luke 24:47). Obedient to the words of Jesus, the apostles tarried in Jerusalem waiting for the promise of the Father spoken of by Jesus (Acts 2:1-5). Beginning in Jerusalem, filled with the Holy Spirit as promised by the Father, Peter preached, “*repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins*” (Acts 2:38).

Beginning in Jerusalem, what seems to us an overwhelming expectation, the apostles began their tasks of preaching to all nations. It is easy to read of their accomplishments today, not realizing how their example challenges the people of God in our time. Twelve men were expected to accomplish what thousands of churches refuse to fathom in our era.

Churches believe it to be unrealistic to countenance the idea that churches in a community could make the gospel known to that community. Hundreds of members disparage the thought that they could do what twelve men did. Twelve men began at Jerusalem. Twelve men taught others who joined them in taking the gospel to Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the world. Twelve men were so effective that Paul wrote that the gospel had been preached in all the world (Colossians 1:6).

What they did is just as important as where they went. What they did was preach. Their primary commission was not to go and to hold seminars on hunger in Rome. Theirs was not to go and to encourage that wells be dug so that the thirsty might have water. Theirs was not

to show locals in a community the beauty of non-exploitive ways of interacting with their environment. The apostles were not asked to take some moments to inform prospective children of God of the impact they would have in a community if they determined to build hospitals, educate to keep people out of prison, and set up community awareness programs that would result in the general uplift of mankind. The apostles were to go and to preach.

What they preached is to be considered along with where they were expected to go: to all nations, and what they were expected to do, to preach. They were to preach repentance and remission of sins. How unpopular and self-defeating that seems to us! If we want to assure ourselves of deaf ears, closed doors, short conversations, few invitations, inattentive, insulted, and aghast listeners, show up in a hamlet, town, village, or city preaching repentance and remission of sins. Repentance and remission of sins doesn't sound to many like very commending and uplifting talk. At first consideration, it does not appear to have any comfort, any encouragement, any positive objective, meeting men and women where they have need.

In our time, the idea of preaching repentance is viewed as one that has outlived its time. Preaching repentance is thought to undermine the success of what church people are trying to accomplish. Preaching repentance is thought to be diametrically opposed to the goal of preaching the love of God to a hurried, haunted, and hurting world. Preaching repentance is considered to be preaching

accusation, blame, guilt, and accountability. Preaching repentance will alienate, insult, hurt, disturb, offend and outrage any who happen to be in the presence of the preacher or teacher at the time of his preaching or teaching the gospel, we believe.

Preaching repentance, however, is not all that Jesus commanded to be preached. Preaching repentance is effective because of what it insists that men need from God. Preaching repentance achieves the result of preparing men and women for the remission of sins. Consider that what men and women need more than anything else in the world is remission of sins. And how arresting it is that what all humans need is not even known to them! Who they need is denied by them. They need remission of sins through Jesus Christ. Preaching informs the world of this truth. And only the preaching of the gospel will put people in a position to obtain salvation that is in Jesus Christ.

Everyone needs to hear the gospel. People everywhere are to hear of the love of God, through Jesus, leading them to repentance and the blessing of remission of sins. The church might want to be about other tasks, but this one must be primary to the world. It is commanded by Jesus and practiced by the first century believers. Whenever the gospel is preached, what is concomitant, what accompanies it is the saving of souls and the expansion of the church. Is it any wonder, then, that as persecution arose, they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word (Acts 8:3-4)?

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY GOD GIVE YOU MORE AND MORE GRACE AND PEACE AS YOU GROW IN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND JESUS OUR LORD.
2 PETER 1:2



Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

~Psalms 27:14



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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 Belanger, 22nd Devonda Holmes; 24th Tenisha Taylor; 29th Carol McDowell; 30th Diane Blakely



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

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.





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. Magda-
lene Fleming, bro. Barry Harper, sis.
Dorris Jones, bro. Amos Lewis, bro.
Leroy Nelson, sis. Martha Reynolds,
sis. Mattie Richardson

RESPONSIVE READING

2 John 1:6-11

READER: And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

CHURCH: For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

READER: Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

CHURCH: Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

READER: If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into *your* house, neither bid him God speed:

UNISON: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, strengthen us to obey the commandment of walking in that which we have heard from the beginning. Focus us to look forward to the reward. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

sis. Diane Foxworth, sis. Annette Nichols
sis. Wendy Thomas, sis. Alfreda Howell
sis. Mary McLaurin



SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR JULY

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ORDER OF WORSHIP



8:00 A.M.

SONG LEADER
SERMON

Adolphus Coplin
Jefferson R. Caruthers Jr.

10:00 A.M.

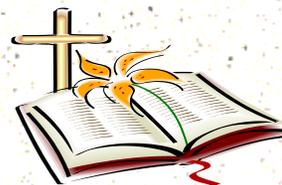
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Cecil Oliver
Todd Woods
Adolphus Coplin
Javar Jones
Isiah Black
Artis Rucker
Jefferson R. Caruthers Jr.
Reginald Nichols
George McNair
Walter Weathers Jr.

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 10:24)

Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly



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

The disciples suffered the humiliation of being alienated in their communities, being hauled off to prison; and ultimately worse, being put to death. But, amazingly, they continued to preach the word. They did not decide that there was a better approach to reaching people than that of preaching the word. They are not recorded as people who concluded that what God thought might be effective was dangerous and defeating.

They did not challenge the wisdom of God in their committee meetings, lectureships, and conferences. As heated as the persecution was, they still traveled

throughout the world preaching repentance and remission of sins.

Thank God for the comfort that comes from the remission of sins. Thank God for the encouragement, the positive outcome of realizing that sins have been covered, cleansed, washed away, forgiven, remembered no more. Thank God that remission of sins results in true freedom, liberation, a new mind, positive purpose, loving again, laughing again, living again.

Remission of sins gives sanctified and justified men and women reason to love their neighbors as themselves, to do good to all men, to do what each can to heal hurts, show direction, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the lonely, and uplift the defeated. Remission of sins is the

only reality that has sustaining power beyond momentary feel good outreach. Remission of sins is what the redeemed have and what the redeemed share. Preaching remission of sins, then, must continue to be our way into the hearts and lives of men and women.

The church's task is great and appears to be daunting and overwhelming. Pray that we remember that what seems to be impossible with us is possible with God. Jesus teaches that we go to all nations. Jesus is able. We are able, by the power of God. Let us not grow weary. Let us not be misdirected. Let us not be deterred. Let us continue to expect that God will empower the church to preach repentance and remission of sins 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.

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Thursdays @ 3 P.M.
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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

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Rosalyn Evans/Shirlene Murray
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