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COMMENTARY CORNER: GIVING SERIES 2020: "GOOD TO ALL, ESPECIALLY..."

"For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:8-10).

Jesus taught shocking truths about doing good and our interactions with one another, and especially those interactions with people who were not close to us. One of the most profound truths was that which encouraged proper cheek offerings. Put simply, Jesus encouraged that if one cheek were to be abused, have the second one ready to offer (Matthew 5:39).

The teaching recorded reads, "But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also" (Matthew 5:39).

Cheek offerings. This teaching leads a series of teachings that find the children of God in unfavorable situations. And though the situations are unfavorable, the child of God is taught how to continue to do good to all.

Once Jesus counsels his disciples on proper cheek etiquette, he moves on to obligations mandated by the courts. He encourages, "And if any man will sue thee at the law: and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also" (Matthew 5:40). For the child of God, if the stings deposited on the cheeks were not enough, now he must disrobe, offering both his coat and his cloke. Yet this is not the end of Jesus's directions on how to get along in the world, how to maintain the good among people who may not intend the same for you.

The child of God offers his cheek, gives up his coat and his cloke, and now comes a soldier demanding that his equipment be carried a mile by one who benefits from the Roman kingdom. Jesus offers: "And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain" (Matthew 5:41). The cheek, the cloke, and the mile are all extensions beyond what might be expected from a good man or woman.

Good men and women would believe that enough had been given with the first cheek, with the coat, and with the first mile.

Let us be reminded, however, that as children of God, we learn that God goes far beyond what we might believe is fair compensation and offers us more. And when it comes to our doing good, our giving to others, we should seek to meet such a standard. We should understand further that it will not always be about what the next person deserves, but what is the spirit of the person provided the opportunity to give and to do good.

Jesus continued, "Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away" (Matthew 5:42). This teaching causes us sometimes to ask whether Jesus anticipated the kinds of friends and relations we have. We would like to respond to Jesus by saying that our people are the wrong ones to give to, or to lend to. We would want him to know that this is no easier than the other cheek, the cloke, and the extra mile.

Jesus continues teaching along these lines until we get to the words: "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you. That you may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust" (Matthew 5:44-45).

Let us consider some lessons as we approach our focus on giving as children of God. All of this section we have examined from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:39-45) focuses on the responses of the children of God in some of the worst of situations, untenable situations, undesired situations. Yet, in these, Jesus is interested in teaching the child of God to put himself and herself in the position God does.

God's position is not about what people have gotten away with: smiting on the cheek,

a cloke, and an extra mile of service. Often we withhold good worried about what others are getting away with.

Beyond the call to experience what God does, and the necessity of not worrying about what others are getting away with is the necessity of understanding that people are not blessed according to what they deserve. Jesus says that the Father allows the sun to rise on the evil, but they don't deserve the blessing. Jesus sends rain on the unjust, but it is not their reward for righteousness. And in truth the good and the just may not be as deserving as they often believe (Matthew 5:45). Whatever the case, Jesus was teaching his disciples how to do good to all. He prepares his disciples for what will eventually be their life in the church, kingdom, and household of God.

We keep in mind that Jesus taught his disciples how to do good to people who might have been the least deserving of our good responses. How much more should we consider it appropriate to do good to men and women who are not looking for our other cheek, our cloke, and an extra mile? Let us reflect on the teaching of Paul.

Paul puts our general giving into two categories. One of those is giving that reaps to the flesh, those things of the here and now, this life (Galatians 6:8a). The second category is sowing that is concerned about the Spirit and eternal consequences of how we live (Galatians 6:8b). Paul writes, "For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption: but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Galatians 6:8).

When we consider our giving, it is important that we understand that we can live our lives giving without concern for the spiritual, that which reaps life everlasting, that which focuses on well-doing.

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

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Welcome
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

All Visitors!
You Are Our
Honored Guests!

CHORAL ENSEMBLE: Calling all singers! Calling all singers! The Choral Ensemble of Carver Road is looking for enthusiastic singers to join our group in 2020. We are looking forward to participating in various events this year and we need your voice to help us reach our 2020 singing ministry goals. We meet each Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Come join us as we sing praises to Glorify our Lord and edify each other in the Spirit. Please contact sister Alinda Gadson, Choral Director at (336)414-6586 if you are interested.

CORNELIUS CORNER: If you served in the Southwest Asia or Afghanistan theater of military operations, you may suffer from illnesses or other conditions related to service in this region. Find out if you can get disability compensation or benefits. Go to www.va.gov/disability/eligibility for information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CAPERNAUM CHURCH OF CHRIST FELLOWSHIP MEETING

February 2, 2020

Guest speaker brother Louis Wright of the Richland Church of Christ, Richland, NC. Services at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Lunch will be served from 12:30 p.m.—2 p.m. (Location: Clemmons, NC)

SLOCUMB STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST WINTER GOSPEL REVIVAL

FEBRUARY 13TH—20TH, 2020 (THURSDAY—THURSDAY)

THEME: "TRUTH: The Foundation of Salvation" (John 8:32) - The guest speakers will be brother Michael Dublin and Dr. Jefferson R. Caruthers Jr. Services Thursday and Friday at 7:15 p.m. with guest speaker brother Dublin and Sunday, February 16th at 10 a.m. Dr. Caruthers will be speaking Sunday, February 16th at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and also, Monday, February 17th—Thursday, February 20th at 7:15 p.m. (Location: Goldsboro, NC)



With Heartfelt Sympathy

We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the following members and their families in the passing of their loved ones: brother Thomas Loyd Sr. and family in the loss of his sister; and to sister Meika Loyd in this loss of her aunt and to brother and sister Arnold Thomas in this loss as well of their cousin. Our condolences also go out to brother and sister William Scott in the loss of his cousin. May continue to be with them.

Heritage Program

15TH ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN CHURCHES OF CHRIST HERITAGE PROGRAM
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

NATIONAL TEACHERS' WORKSHOP

APRIL 16TH—18TH, 2020

HOST CONGREGATION
SHELDON HEIGHTS CHURCH OF CHRIST
A SUFFICIENT CHRIST: AN EFFICIENT WORD IN AN INEFFICIENT WORLD
WEBSITE: WWW.NATIONALTEACHERSWORKSHOP.ORG
LOCATION: NAPERVILLE, IL



ATTENDANCE DAY

DRIVE: Our goal is to reach **275** or more on Sunday, February 16, 2020. Remember as always we look forward to seeing you.

READING SAFARI



Reading Safari will meet Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. For any additional information please contact sister Felecia Caruthers at (336) 575-2972.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2nd Candice Rumph; 4th, Richard Jones; 5th D'Tondja Foster, Michael Foster, Willie Massey; 8th Ruby Reaves; 13th Lessie Williams, Angela Miller, Regina Scott; 15th Brianna Crim, Reginald Nichols; 16th Alfreda Howell; 17th Cheryl Smith; 18th Alvin Eaton; 19th Mary Hargraves, 21st Detrice Ingram; 22nd Frank Dulin, 23rd Jewel Johnson, Kevin McLaurin, Lillie Nelson, 28th Rosalyn Evans, Jacalyn McCloud



14th—Thomas & Diane Blakely (3 years)
16th—Bobby & Twana Roebuck (12 Years)
19th—Micheal & Monique Curry (28 Years)
22nd—Richard & Wanda Jones (37 Years)
23rd—Ollie & Thelma Carpenter (68 Years)



OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

sis. Immogene Bray, sis. Gloria Brown, bro. Harold Brown, bro. Alvin Eaton, sis. Magdalene Fleming, sis. Jessie Hall, bro. Barry Harper, sis. Dorris Jones, bro. Amos Lewis, bro. Leroy Nelson, sis. Martha Reynolds, sis. Mattie Richardson, sis. Rosa Thompson

RESPONSIVE READING

2 Peter 2:22—3:2

READER: While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

CHURCH: For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

READER: For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

CHURCH: But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

READER: This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in *both* which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

UNISON: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

PRAYER

Father in heaven, stir up our pure minds by way of remembrance. Keep us mindful of the words of the prophets and apostles. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

Sis. Theresa Rucker, sis. Shawn Moncrief, sis. Marcella Kendall, sis. Annette Nichols, bro. Reginald Nichols, sis. Teresa Love, sis. Marleshia Young, sis. Denise Garner, sis. Monique Curry, sis. Shagail Reed, sis. Meika Loyd, sis. Janet Ervin, sis. Carol Reynolds



SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR FEBRUARY

BROTHER ROY OLIPHANT

(336) 765-3105

ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M.

SONG LEADER

Roy Oliphant

SERMON

Jefferson R. Caruthers Jr.

10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joseph Wilson

INVOCATION

Ron Jessup

SONG DIRECTOR

Roy Izzard

SCRIPTURE

Cecil Oliver

RESPONSIVE READING

Howard Brown

PRAYER

Richard Jones

SERMON

Jefferson R. Caruthers Jr.

OFFERING

Reginald Nichols

LORD'S SUPPER

Bernard Terry

READER

Roy Oliphant

CLOSING PRAYER

A. J. Crim

GUESTS PRESENTATION

6:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joseph Wilson

INVOCATION

Javar Jones

SONG DIRECTOR

Andrew Jackson

SCRIPTURE

Isiah Black

RESPONSIVE READING

Juan Williams

PRAYER

Walter Weathers Jr.

SERMON

Jefferson R. Caruthers Jr.

OFFERING

Bernard Wallace

LORD'S SUPPER

Anthony Clinton

CLOSING PRAYER

Ollie Carpenter

GUESTS PRESENTATION

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 10:2)

But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.



USHERS

Isiah Black	Andrew Jackson
James Cherry	Curtis Conner
A. J. Crim	Sean Penn
Javar Jones	William Scott

EVENING USHERS

Braxton King Kobe Williams
Tahjmel Brim A. J. Crim

COMMENTARY CORNER

Paul certainly understood the frustration a believer experiences when continually doing good by others, with seemingly less than desirable returns. He writes, "And be not weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9). Paul's encouragements? First: Be not weary in well doing. Every child of God must remember that he and she are people engaged in well-doing. Others may seem to prosper in evil doing, gaining advantage, moving up in life, getting over on others, driving better and farther, cruising more often, invited to more gala affairs, recognized by the in crowd, but the child of God must remember to not grow weary in well doing.

Paul's second encouragement is an assurance: we shall reap if we faint not. There is good reason to keep on being diligent in well doing. We shall reap, provided we faint not. It may ap-

pear that the reward is too far off, that it will never come, that it is beyond reach, that it is slipping away, that it is an illusion, not much more than a cruel dream of hope. But Paul assures: we shall reap, if we faint not.

We need to remind ourselves that our labor is not in vain, our hope is not to be disappointed, our faith will be rewarded, we shall reap if we faint not. And God is able to make sure that we do not faint, that we don't become exhausted, that our strength does not fail. And all of this brings us to Paul teaching coinciding and intersecting, even coming to a collision with the teachings of Jesus. Paul writes, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10).

We seek to note three truths as we introduce this series on giving. First, we acknowledge that God provides for us to respond to opportunity. And as long as we live we must understand that there will be some opportunity to take of what is

ours and to give to others.

A second truth is that we are to do good to all men. We will have encounters with persons seeking to be offered a cheek, or to take a cloke, or to get an extra mile from us. But there are also good people who need the children of God to manifest the Spirit of Christ.

Finally, there is a sphere, "the especially," of giving that the child of God is to prioritize. Paul calls it, "the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10). While we are giving to the causes of others, to the needs of others, to the desires of others. We are not to forget that God prioritizes how we give in respect of the household of faith. It will not commend our souls to God in the day of reaping, if our giving has not recognized that God is glorified when we prioritize giving that prioritizes the household of God. We shall examine this "especially" teaching as we continue our studies on doing good, and on giving.

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 FEBRUARY
WALTER WEATHERS JR.



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

2nd Diane Foxworth/Michelle Conner
9th Regina Scott
16th Tamah Williams/D'Asia Williams
23rd Leah Adkins/Chanel Foxworth

NURSERY DUTY

2nd Sandra Jones/Tamika Nelson
9th Sherry Woods/Tabbatha Burgess
16th Yolonda Crim/Brianna Crim
23rd Tamah Williams/D'Asia Williams

GREETERS

2nd Diane Foxworth/Shirley Correll
9th Edeline Oliphant/Meredith Boyd
16th Geraldine Jackson/Rosalyn Evans
23rd Theresa Rucker/Kim McNair

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