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COMMENTARY CORNER: DEVOTIONS IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK: A STUDY SERIES #6 *“PROVISION BEYOND WHAT WE BELIEVE WE NEED”* Whether it is easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. (Mark 2:9-11).

Jesus was the assurance that the Father loved all of humanity (John 3:16).

We urge all to remember that the work of the Son was not focused solely on causing us to respect and adore Mary’s baby. His work was not simply to provide us one more example of someone who lived and made a maximum impact. His life was not only a story that fills the shelves of libraries documenting the lives of incomparable individuals. The story of Jesus was a story that provided insight into the priorities of the Father. The story of Jesus remains a story of the Father and the Son providing humanity with what it needs most.

People of faith must be careful to remember that there is no meaning to the story of Jesus unless that story reflects on what Jesus does for the world. His story is not simply a localized or territorial story. It is not one limited to people in a certain geographical region. Neither is it limited to a chosen ethnic group. His story is not confined to the time he lived and died as a human. People of faith declare that Jesus is Savior of the world. His life has meaning for all men and women everywhere, in every age, of every ethnicity.

Let us not become confused over what most people believe they need and what God knows they need. Through the millennia, humanity has concluded that if one could have sufficient food, adequate clothing, peaceful relations with neighbors, life without physical ailments, and loving relationships with family, life would have been worth the few years they sojourned the earth. Beyond what most believe they need, there have been some who have sought to understand the meaning of life. From time to time, men and women have found themselves asking why there is life, or why we are here, and why we cannot control our

final destinies. Still fewer contemplate whether there is an author of life, or whether life is some experiment engaged by a being greater than humans, an experiment that got out of hand. Our concerns span the whole of human thought.

The child of God has come to understand that we have been provided answers to all of these concerns. Jesus makes these answers clear in his earthly ministry. He met people with a variety of needs, but all had needs. And one of the confusion points of individuals today is the belief that because my need appears to be different than my neighbor’s, I might not be as bad off as him or her. Jesus comes demonstrating that we can have some different needs.

The early years of the ministry of Jesus demonstrated that whatever the need was, Jesus could provide. There was a man in the synagogue with an unclean spirit and Jesus commanded the unclean spirit to come out of him; Jesus provided (Mark 1:25). Simon’s wife mother lay sick of a fever. Jesus healed; Jesus provided (Mark 1:31). There were many overcome with various diseases and vexed with demons, and Jesus provided (Mark 1:34).

Then there was one who assured Jesus that if it were his will that Jesus could heal him. He was a man sick of the palsy. And Jesus replied, “I will; be thou clean” (Mark 1:41). Interestingly, though the man was healed, Jesus commanded him to fulfill aspects of the law by showing himself to the priest and giving an offering (Mark 1:44), with the command to tell no one of his healing. Unfortunately, the man found himself unable to keep his healing to himself (Mark 1:45). And we can certainly understand that when Jesus has provided, it is not an easy thing to keep it to ourselves.

Reflecting on what we have asserted,

we all have recognized needs, whether we take them to God or not. When we do take them to God, we are not to assume that because his issue is an unclean spirit, and her issue is a fever, and still another’s issue is a sickness, or a demon, or even leprosy that we do not all have a common need.

The truth that we all have a need in common is demonstrated in our story for reflection in this lesson. We have heard the story of the man sick of the palsy, one whose four friends brought him to Jesus (Mark 2:3–12). We have spoken of the truth that it was good to have four friends to care in this fashion (Mark 2:3). We are impressed by their determination to get the sick man to Jesus, determination evident as they go up on the roof, breaking it, to lower the man before Jesus (Mark 2:4). We are thankful that Jesus noted their faith (Mark 2:5). But we must not miss the significance of what Jesus says next: “Son, thy sins be forgiven thee” (Mark 2:5).

We would have expected to be informed simply that Jesus could give power to the man who was sick of the palsy. This man needed the power to move on his own, power to get up off of his bed, power that released him from palsy, power to go home. And Jesus provided all of that (Mark 2:11). But Jesus provided beyond what he thought he needed. His initial words to him were, “Son, thy sins be forgiven thee” (Mark 2:5).

We state that there is a lesson to be appreciated in this story. Jesus provides beyond what we believe we need. All of the world acknowledges a desire to have needs met. We observed earlier that for many those needs have to do with simple things in life.

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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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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 website listed below. We look forward to seeing and meeting with you.

www.carverroadchurchofchrist.org.

I Chronicles 16:11

"Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually."

With Deepest 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 Juan Williams loss of a great-cousin; brother and sister James Cherry passing of his aunt; sister Athenia Pouncey loss of a nephew; and to sisters Mary Hargraves, Bobby Robinson, Magdalene Fleming, Shagail Reed and Francine Thomas and their families in the loss of a loved one. 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.



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; 21st Saroya Brown, Rashaad Davis; 22nd Hazel Gordon, Treva Loyd; 23rd Bryce Correll, Wendy Thomas; 25th Tara Floyd, Thomasina Williams; 28th Angela Horton, Dollean Johnson, Michael Terry; 29th Mikey Mash; 30th Leah Adkins

Welcome
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

*All Visitors!
You Are Our
Honored Guests!*

Growing In Faith



(53 years) Leroy & Lillie Nelson—2nd
(46 years) Ronald & Rosalyn Evans— 28th
(18 years) Michael & D'Tondja Foster—28th



Our Shut-ins

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. De-lores Reaves, sis. Martha Reynolds, sis.

Mattie Richardson, sis. Bobby Robinson, sis. Carol Weathers

SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR SEPTEMBER

Brother Walter Weathers Jr.
(336) 785-2520

ORDER OF WORSHIP



8:00 A.M.

SONG LEADER
SERMON

Andrew Jackson
Dr. Jefferson R. Caruthers Jr.

10:00 A.M.

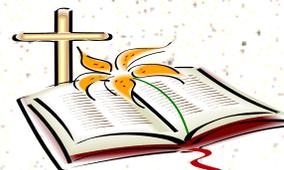
ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION
SONG DIRECTOR
SCRIPTURE
RESPONSIVE READING
PRAYER
SERMON
OFFERING
LORD'S SUPPER
CLOSING PRAYER
GUESTS PRESENTATION

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

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 10:34)

Jesus answered them, *Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?.*



USHERS

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

RESPONSIVE READING

Revelation 1:14-19

READER: His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

CHURCH: And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

READER: And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

CHURCH: And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

READER: *I am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

UNISON: Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

PRAYER

Father in heaven, give us courage to serve Your Son, the first and the last, the one who lived, died, and is alive evermore. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

bro. Juan Williams, sis. Mary Williams
bro. James Cherry, sis. Hazel Gordon
sis. Denise Garner, bro. Artis Rucker



COMMENTARY CORNER

Many believe that all would be well with life if they could just have good health, good families, good neighbors, a good retirement plan, a great food supply, and some happiness from day to day. They don't believe that they need to necessarily have the greatest education, the most money, or prestige in life. They live with the truth that our needs are different. They believe that these are all we need to be provided.

There are too the religious. They are not content to contemplate life among humanity, but life within time and the universe. They are concerned about origins in life, what brought us into the world. What sustains us who keeps us.

A great number have come to acknowledge that there must be a God some-

where who is responsible for us and wants to provide for us. They accept that He can provide food and shelter and happiness and security, even beyond the present life.

The story of faith asserts that God can provide beyond the present life. And that God does so by sending his son, Jesus, into the world (John 3:16). The lesson is missed, however, if Jesus does not come in the fashion that the Scriptures teach. He is Lord because he is Savior of the world. Everyone of us needs what he has provided.

This truth astounded the scribes who thought that Jesus had gone too far when he said to the sick of the palsy: "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee" (Mark 2:5). They thought this power belonged to God alone (Mark 2:7). They learned that the Son of man had power on earth to forgive sins (Mark 2:10). And there is more.

Jesus met the needs of the man who had an unclean spirit. He healed Peter's mother in law of a fever. He cast out demons from some. He willingly healed a man who had leprosy. And then the man sick of the palsy. And while it may look that all of these needs were different. Jesus reveals that there is a greater concern affecting us all. We all have a sin problem. And Jesus has the power to forgive those sins.

We all need forgiveness of sins. In every place, every age, every ethnicity, every income level, every educational level, family history and pedigree. Jesus must be understood in terms of providing for us all. He gives us provision beyond what we believe we need. We need his love, sacrifice, and forgiveness. We all have in common the need to have our sins forgiven. We thank Jesus for this provision.

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 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)
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Co-Capt. Bro. A. Rucker (924-5696)
ZONE #7 Capt. Bro. J. Foxworth (924-5029)
Co-Capt. Bro R. Oliphant (765-3105)
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