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COMMENTARY CORNER: "THE AGES OF FAMILY AND LIFE" "These words spake his parents because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him" (John 9:22-23).

Jesus was come of age when he, his disciples, and mother were in attendance at a wedding. It was because of his maturity and mission that his mother could say to others at the wedding, "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2: 5, NIV). By that time, Mary realized that Jesus was no longer the twelve year old son whom she had to find after the occasion of the feast of the Passover (Luke 2:41-52). At that age Jesus was recorded to have come home and remain subject to his parents (Luke 2:51).

Jesus, when an adult, healed a man that was born blind, and here would be another occasion when a parent would acknowledge that a difficult situation was best handled by listening to a son. They replied to the Pharisees, "He is of age; ask him" (John 9:23). When it comes to life, there are ages when parents speak for their children, are responsible for their children, and determine how the child should live. But this is not for life.

Any child who lives long enough realizes that he comes of age. He comes to an age when training, nurturing, instruction, and rearing come together to form the older person whose decisions reflect the commitment he has to principles and values. This is a lesson for adults of all ages. On the one hand we see the need to supervise, guide, and instruct. On the other, we realize that sons and daughters must eventually make decisions for themselves.

It is clear that for a time, Moses was known as the son of Pharaoh's daugh-

ter. Instructing us in what happens when he was come of age, the Bible reads, "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Hebrews 11:24-25). Moses' decisions and choices are those of a much older child.

All parents would that children would mature and make wise choices, choices that reflect that children have been reared in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). It is the contention of this study that learning the ages of family and life help us to foster environments and opportunities that will help all succeed into the latter years of life.

It is no secret that for many parents there has been an unwillingness to acknowledge what has always been true of human beings. People are different and have different abilities dependent on their ages. This is true of the infant, toddler, middler, junior, and teen. It is also true of the young, mature, middle age, and senior adults. While we know how mature and senior adults should conduct themselves, there has been some negligence in understanding when it comes to others.

The misunderstanding not only affects the family, it also affects what is done in the church. Unwise church practices and structures can result in a destructive church environment resulting in immature Christians and discour-

aged members, members who fall away.

Over the years, understanding the ages of the family has affected whether a church believes all must have Bible class together, whether there will be children's worship, whether it is appropriate to have youth groups, what kind of money should be spent on age appropriate study materials, the amount of money budgeted to meet the needs of differing age groups—and the list goes on.

Age appropriate ministry structures is a very important matter to consider. It affects the timing of classes (for churches that have them), the structure of the building: will there be a nursery, rooms provided for teens to hang out, senior citizen accommodations, and the like?

There is good news for the child of God on this subject. The Bible gives us insight into expectations for people of all ages, including children. The word of God shows that God is keenly aware of how life is lived as an infant, a child, and an adult. This will help us in our expectations of one another.

Let us begin by noting that the Bible gives us children at very differing ages with differing needs and expectations. Infants are in the care of the mothers and fathers, nursed and cared for by them. Even Jesus had to be nursed and cared for as an infant (Luke 2:16-20; Matthew 2:11).

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

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MEN'S & LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Please adjust your schedules accordingly, our Men's and Ladies' Bible class to be announced at a later date.



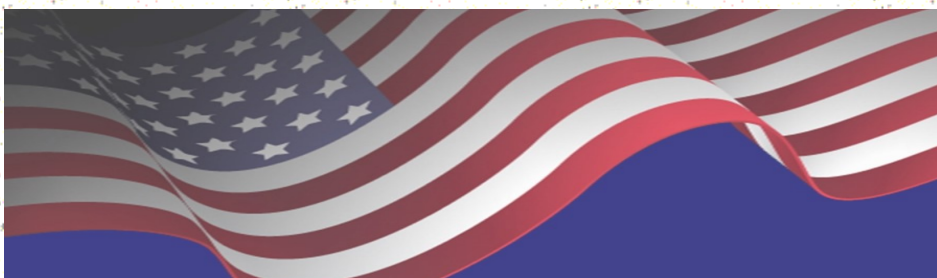
TRIAD SCHOOL OF PREACHING

April 18, 2020 ~ 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

For additional information or questions please contact brother Cloys R. Cecil, Sr. at (336) 969-9736



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Honored Guests!*



CORNELIUS CORNER

You may be able to get VA health care benefits if you served in the active military, naval, or air service and didn't receive a dishonorable discharge. To find out more about health care eligibility go to www.va.gov/health-care/eligibility.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

YOUTH SUNDAY



READING SAFARI



Stay tuned for the next Reading Safari. For any additional information please contact sister Felecia Caruthers at (336) 575-2972.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

4th, Worth McCloud; 5th, Martica Dixon; 9th, Kecia McCloud; 10th, Delores Reaves; 13th, Theresa Witherspoon; 15th, Eshe Johnson; 16th, Melodie Ralls; 18th, Johnny Johnson; 19th, Simon Johnson, Javar Jones; 20th, Katherine Eichleberger, Athenia Pouncey, Joey Taylor; 22nd, Jefferson Caruthers Jr.; 24th, Veronica Sides; 25th, James Ralls; 26th, Meika Loyd; 28th, Angela Weathers; 29th, Jefferson Caruthers, III



(11 Years) Kevin & Shundra McLaurin – 14th
(38 Years) James & Melodie Ralls – 16th
(45 years) Worth & Jacalyn McCloud – 20th
(53 years) Joe & Mattie Wilson – 26th
(23 years) Adolphus & Valarie Coplin – 29TH

PRAY THAT GOD LEADS US TO SOULS TO SAVE TODAY & THROUGH THIS WEEK



OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

Our Shut-ins

sis. Immogene Bray, sis. Gloria Brown,
bro. Harold Brown, sis. Beverly Crim, bro.
Frank W. Dulin, 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

RESPONSIVE READING

1 John 2:17-22

READER: And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

CHURCH: Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

READER: They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

CHURCH: But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

READER: I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

UNISON: Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, thank you for the unction from the Holy One. Strengthen us to walk in celebration of and faithfulness to the truth. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

sis. Edelina Oliphant, sis. Carol Weathers,
sis. Deloris Reaves, sis. Alfreda Howell
bro. John Foxworth, bro. James Gadson



SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR MARCH

BROTHER JOHN FOXWORTH
(336) 918-6359

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
READER
CLOSING PRAYER
GUESTS PRESENTATION

Roy Oliphant
Tahjmel Brim
Christian Alexander
Sean Penn
Kobe Williams
Braxton King
Javar Jones
A. J. Crim
Isiah Black
Javar Jones
D. J. Crim

6:30 P.M.

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George McNair
Christian Alexander
Arnold Thomas
Timothy Pilson
A. J. Crim
Jefferson R. Caruthers Jr.
Bernard Wallace
Anthony Clinton
James Gadson

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 10:10)

The thief cometh not but for to steal and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.



USHERS

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

EVENING USHERS

Braxton King
Tahjmel Brim

A. J. Crim
Kobe Williams

COMMENTARY CORNER

Expecting that Jesus was about the age of a toddler, Herod had all children two years and under slaughtered, (Matthew 2:16). It is important to note that children grow through these toddler years to be able to choose between what is good and what is bad.

Isaiah demonstrates that children are not born knowing everything that is right and wrong. He prophesies of destructions that would come before a young child knew to choose between right and wrong. The Bible record reads; "Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings" (Isaiah 7:15, 16).

The apostle Paul gives insight into the truth that children and adults don't talk, understood, or think alike. He writes, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things"(1 Corinthians 13:11).

During the restorations of Ezra and Nehemiah, it is evident that some people are able to understand the reading of the Law and others are not: "He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the pres-

ence of the men, women and others who could understand" (Nehemiah 8:3).

We are striving to understand how we should interact with infants, toddlers as it relates to sharing the word of God. We know that Jesus demonstrates an interest in children who were probably of middler and junior age as it instructs his disciples to allow the children to come to him (Mark 10:14).

Understanding these ages will help us to answer questions about Bible schools, nurseries, ministries, building structures and a host of other family age related issues. Pray that God gives us insight to prepare our children to come to age making godly decisions.

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 MARCH
BROTHER BERNARD TERRY



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

1st Diane Foxworth/Michelle Conner
8th Wendy Thomas
15th Tiffany Seawright
22nd Marcella Kendall/Centrece Kendall
29th Chanel Foxworth

NURSERY DUTY

1st Sherry Woods/Tabbatha Burgess
8th Tamah Williams/D'Asia Williams
15th Yolonda Crim/Brianna Crim
22nd Edelina Oliphant/Sherri Pilson
29th Sandra Jones/Tamika Nelson

GREETERS

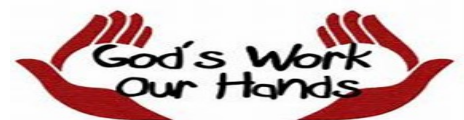
1st Shuandra McLaurin/Tabbatha Burgess
8th Mary Robinson/Willie Mae Cherry
15th Alfreda Howell/Teresa Love
22nd Alinda Gadson/Carol Weathers
29th Edelina Oliphant/Meredith Boyd

COMMUNION PREPARERS

Mary Robinson/Teresa Love

BAPTISMAL COMMITTEE

Diane Foxworth/Diane Blakely
Wendy Thomas



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Co-Capt. Bro. A. Rucker (924-5696)
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