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COMMENTARY CORNER: "THE FATHER, A FAR COUNTRY, FAMINE, AND FINANCE" (Part 1)
"And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee" (Luke 15:17, 18).

Jesus is revered, remembered, and respected for his timeless teachings on living a good life. He is referenced when love, mercy, and forgiveness are the subjects of discussion. His record of miracles is unparalleled in human history. He alone can claim complete knowledge of every subject considered in the minds of human beings. This is no less true on the subject of finance.

Jesus is rarely the first person who comes to mind when we think of who to go to for sound financial advice. How can he have much to say on this subject? Which business, small or large, did he ever own? What plan has he ever put in place that shows his knowledge of fluctuations of markets and the several variables that might affect human prosperity? Can a person be real and for real who counsels that one go to Jesus for education in the fields of marketing, business, and finance?

How naïve men and women are when daring to think that Jesus is to be uninvited to our planning meetings for getting the economy going again, getting it straight, and keeping it prosperous. Who else can sit at the table with a plan to feed thousands with the least of resources. (He has a reputation for making a few small fish and loaves of bread go a long way.) Who has greater insight into how seasons and weather can affect outcome on crops and markets? There are stories about him having something to do with winds that cease and waves limited in their tossing.

When we speak of businesses that he

oversees, the small and large are far too miniscule to be compared with what Jesus manages. He is the silent but ruling force behind the success of any health system. He is responsible for more patients, employs more staff, approves more meds, and is located in more cities and countries than anyone or group of people. This is true of him in whatever field of business there is: banking, manufacturing, sales, insurance, recreation, publishing, entertainment... and the list goes on.

When Jesus is included in finance and budgeting, personal or business, real priorities are set. What matters least does not impinge on what matters most. And godly living has great rewards when it comes to whether one is hungry or filled.

Jesus relates to us a simple story of how life happens to many who fail to realize the beneficent care the Father has for all his children. When we fail to see how God provides for us, we will find ourselves in places where our resources are depleted, our wants have us doing what we never imagined, and we find it impossible to have our needs met.

All of this is true in the story we affectionately refer to as the story of the prodigal son. His life is good. His resources are plentiful. His stomach is full. But his understanding of what sustains him suffers from spiritual bulimia nervosa. All the while he is filling his life with what his father provides, he finds himself nauseated, sick, and repulsed with the thought of not being on

his own. But we walk away as sick as he if we do not realize that his life is our lives!

The younger son has life good with the father. But he comes and asks for the portion of goods that belong to him. We are told that the father divided to him his living (Luke 15:12). It was not many days after this that the thought of funds that belonged to him being in his possession began to burn holes in his pockets, demand that he relocate, and scream to be shared with a lifestyle different from the one that gained him his prosperity.

The son went from his father to a far country. And there he began to waste his substance with riotous living. Is it not amazing how we don't allow our resources for production to match our living? Too many fools, young and old, don't make the connection between what sustains them and how they live.

It was not riotous living that amassed the living that he took into a far country. It was not riotous living that resulted in monies being set aside for he and his older brother. It was not riotous living that tilled soil, cared for cattle, hired servants, provided for good times, purchased clothing, sandals, and rings. It was not riotous living that freed him to go into a far country.

Let us make the connection sooner rather than later; how we think and live determines both what we appreciate and expect in life.



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CHURCH LEADERS

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JEFFERSON R. CARUTHERS, JR.

MINISTER EMERITUS

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MARCELLA F. KENDALL

**"For Freedom
Christ Has Set Us
Free- Stand Fast"
Galatians 5:1**



**WELCOME ALL
VISITORS!
YOU ARE OUR
HONORED
GUESTS!**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THOMAS STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Today is Thomas Street church of Christ Fellowship Meeting. The guest speaker will be brother Cloys R. Cecil, Sr. Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m., Congregational Singing will be from 2:30 p.m. — 3p.m., and Afternoon service at 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be served from 12:30 p.m. — 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Heritage Program

Our Heritage program of the African American churches of Christ will take place this coming weekend, February 27th & 28th at Carver Road church of Christ.

In preparation of the Heritage program we are asking all brothers and sisters that cook to prepare your favorite Southern Country Foods for that Sunday. If you have any questions please contact sisters Cindy Dulin or Yolanda Crim.

HUSBAND SUPPORT GROUP

The Husband Support Group will meet March 20, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions please see brothers John Foxworth or Joe Wilson.



SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DAY



Don't forget let's make 2010 a great one with our Sunday school attendance day. Please mark your calendars for March 21, 2010. Remember we need you to help reach or succeed our goal of 250.



SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE NATIONAL DINNER DAY

Southwestern Christian College National Dinner Day for this area will take place on March 28, 2010 here at Carver Road church of Christ. Our goal is to reach \$10,000.00. *Brother Jack Evans, Sr., President of Southwestern Christian College, Terrell, TX* will be the guest speaker. Please save the date for this event.

TRIAD SCHOOL OF PREACHING

The Triad School of Preaching next class will meet March 20, 2010 from 10:00 a. m. until 1 p.m. If you have any questions you may contact brother Cloys R. Cecil, Sr. at (336)969-9736.



MEN'S & LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

OUR MEN'S AND LADIES' BIBLE CLASS WILL MEET TODAY AT 5 P.M. WE ARE ENCOURAGING ALL OF OUR MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE. OUR NEXT MEN'S AND LADIES' BIBLE CLASS WILL MEET ON MARCH 14, 2010. PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND AND ADJUST YOUR SCHEDULES ACCORDINGLY.



"FAITH, FRIENDS, & FAMILY" WEEKEND

We are inviting everyone to come out to our 5th Annual "Faith, Friends, & Family" Weekend taking place on the 12th and 13th of March 2010.



KURIAKOS HOUSE

Please visit the Kuriakos House table located in the foyer for scheduled events of 2010. If you have any questions please feel free to contact sister Felecia Caruthers at (336)767-4201.



FOOD PANTRY: Canned Pork & Beans

YOUTH NEWS

During "Faith, Friends, & Family" Weekend, March 12th & 13, there will be special activities for the youth on Saturday, March 13th. We are asking for the participation of our youth and parents support and involvement as well.



Reading Safari

Reading Safari will meet March 20, 2010 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center of Carver Road church of Christ. You may contact sister Felecia Caruthers for more information (336-575-2972).

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

(2 Year) Bobby & Twana Roebuck - 16th
(18 Years) Micheal & Monique Curry - 19th
(58 Years) Ollie & Thelma Carpenter 23rd

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Candice Rumph 2nd, D'Tondja Foster 5th, Michael Foster 5th, Ruby Reaves 8th, Patricia Sullivan 9th, Lessie Williams 13th, Beverly Simington 13th, Angela Miller 13th, Brianna Crim 15, Anthony Wellman 15th, Reginald Nichols 15th, Cheryl Smith 17th, Mary Hargraves 19th, Detrice Ingram 21st, Frank Dulin 22nd, Jewel Johnson 23rd, Lillie Nelson 23rd, James Monroe 24th, Rosalyn Evans 28th, Misty Howard 28th, Jacalyn McCloud 28th.

SICK AND SHUT-IN LISTING

Sis. Athenia Pouncey.....Zone#4
 1309 Argonne Blvd. W-S, NC 27107
 Bro. James Peck.....ICU WFBMC.....W-S, NC
 Sis. Donna Toney-Gaither.....Zone#5
 4821 Germantown Rd. W-S, NC 27105
 Sis. Beulah RozierZone #1
 3840 Whifield Rd. W-S, NC 27105
 Sis. Minnie Walker ...Rm#211.....Zone #5
 Springwood Care W-S, NC 27105
 Sis. Nathan Revel.....Zone #1
 Meadowbrook Manor, Clemmons, NC Rm#109



SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR FEBRUARY

BRO. JOHN D. FOXWORTH
 (336)924-5029



ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M

SONG LEADER Troy Chisolm
 SERMON Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.

10:00 A.M.

INVOCATION Harold Brown
 SONG DIRECTOR Randy Dulin
 SCRIPTURE Micheal Curry
 RESPONSIVE READING John Stewart, IV
 PRAYER Richard Jones
 SERMON Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.
 OFFERING Bernard Terry
 LORD'S SUPPER Roscoe Burgess
 READER Frank W. Dulin
 CLOSING PRAYER William Pouncey
 VISITATION PRESENTATION
 ANNOUNCEMENTS John Foxworth

6:30 P.M.

INVOCATION Milton Hall
 SONG DIRECTOR James Gadson
 SCRIPTURE Juan Williams
 RESPONSIVE READING Artis Rucker
 PRAYER Grady L. Crosby
 SERMON Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.
 OFFERING Isiah Black
 LORD'S SUPPER Thomas Loyd, Sr.
 READER
 CLOSING PRAYER George McNair
 VISITATION PRESENTATION
 ANNOUNCEMENTS John Foxworth

**COMMUNION REFLECTION
 (Luke 1:7)**

And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.

USHERS

Anthony Clinton	Andrew Jackson	Daniel Braawell
Anthony Green	Rogers Brimfield	Elijah Gibbs
Joel Caruthers	Barry Harper	Roger Conrad
DeAnthony Miles	Garrin McNair	Joseph Ford

EVENING USHERS

D. J. Crim Jonas Caruthers
 Todd Cooke, II Michael Terry

**RESPONSIVE READING
 (Acts 13:50-52; Acts 14:1-3)**

READER: But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.

CHURCH: But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium.

READER: And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

CHURCH: And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed.

READER: But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren.

UNISON: Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

PRAYER

Father God in heaven, we are praying for honorable women and leading men, that they would be among those who hear the word and believe. Continue to fill us with joy and the Holy Sprit. Through Jesus, we pray, Amen.



PRAYER REQUEST

Bro. Frank Dulin, Bro. Bernard Terry, Sis. Imogene Bray, Sis. Juanita Brown, Sis. Mitzie Perry, Sis. Dolly Warren, Sis. Willie Mae Cherry, Sis. Andrea Holmes, Bro. Walter Weathers, Sis. Hazel Gordon, Bro. Marion Gordon, Bro. Juan Williams, Bro. William Pouncey, Sis. Theresa Rucker, Sis. Kim McNair, Sis. Wendy Williamson, Bro. Scottie Blackwell, Bro. James Gadson, Bro. David Ingram.

COMMENTARY CORNER

A grievous and infectious malady affecting the health of our homes, community, churches, and nation today is the number of people who should be responsible, living irresponsible lives as a complement to the hard work that got them where they are in life.

Parents, make sure that children know that partying does not pay the bills. Putting off what most matters to do what least matters does not keep a roof over heads. Planning to play rather than purposing to work saps the energy needed to complete a task and do a job that is well

done. People need to know that all should live in appreciation of the opportunity to do what this young man grew up seeing go on with those around his father: responsible work and living. All need to understand that people live right for a reason, and with great reward.

Challenges need to be made again for others to document those who do not listen, who do not prepare, who do not discipline themselves going on to do well in life on their own. It does not happen.

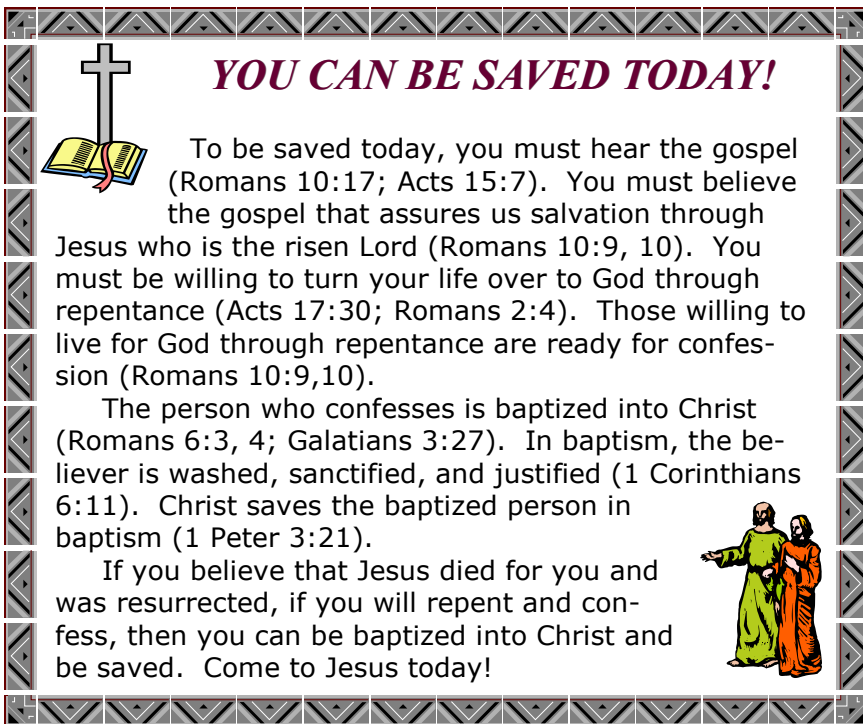
Let us not ask at this point why the son decided to go to a far country, away from the father; rather, let us note that the text says, "*And there wasted..*" (Acts

15:13).

Perhaps all of us need to be mindful of where we want to go and what we plan to do when we get *there*. It was not until he was *there* that we read that he wasted. Too many already know that life would be different for them today if they had never gone *there*, been *there*, or had done better while they were *there*!

Let us also appreciate at this point in the lesson that Jesus knows that one of the ways we demonstrate our knowledge of who the Father is in our lives is in how we manage our substance, and what we do with our resources, wherever we are in this world.

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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!



BAPTISMAL TEAM
Bro. Anthony Clinton
Bro. Walter Weathers, Jr.

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

Early Morning Worship8:00 A.M.
Sunday Bible Class..... 9:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship ...10:00 A.M./SUNDAY PM WORSHIP 6:30 P.M.

Mid-Week Bible Study Wednesday (11:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.)
Men's Training Class...Every 2nd & 4th Sunday 5:00 P.M.
Ladies' Bible Class.....Every 2nd & 4th Sunday 5:00 P.M.

Meetings & Ministries

Teachers' Meeting

Every 1st Sat. of Each month at 9:00 a.m.

Men's BUSINESS Meeting Every 1st Sat. Each month at 10:00 a.m.
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP 2ND SAT. 10 AM—12 NOON
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY 4th FRIDAY EACH MONTH
CLOTHING BANK 1st SAT. 10:00A.M. – 12 NOON

NURSERY DUTY

Karima Scales/Angela Weathers - 7th
Meredith Boyd/Veronica Sides - 14th
Sonja Chisolm/Kiara McNair - 21st
Valarie Coplin/Mary Ann Conrad - 28th

GREETERS

Leah Adkins/Edelina Oliphant - 7th
Laura Bellanger/Karima Scales - 14th
Carol Weathers/Dian Foxworth - 21st
Veronica Black/Mary Ann Conrad - 28th

**COMMUNION PREPARER(S)
MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

Athenia Pouncey/Detrice Ingram
Alternate: Cora Revel

NURSE ON CALL SCHEDULE

Jackie Williams - 7th	Bridget Stewart - 7th
Shari Griffin - 14th	Rosalyn Evans - 14th
Vanessa Cloud - 21st	Martha March - 21st
Willie B. Baker - 28th	Delores Reaves - 28th

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) Co
-Capt. Bro. R. Burgess (748-0282)



WORSHIP TO THE SICK & SHUT-IN