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COMMENTARY CORNER: "GOD, GRACE, GOOD WORK, AND GIVING" "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you: that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remains for ever" (2 Corinthians 9:8, 9).

Jesus is God's greatest gift to mankind and the greatest example of how love is manifested in what we give. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..." (John 3:16). And the Son was no unwilling participant in this great offering and sacrifice: "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). God's work of grace in giving Jesus serves as a guide to the spirit of giving to good works we should have.

Giving should not be a source of grief or consternation on the part of the giver. Unfortunately, however, when the church is gathered for its studies on giving, there are many who feel as though they are being inconvenienced by the very mention of the subject. There is that kind of uneasiness many feel when they approach various stores during the holiday season and see men standing with red buckets, their eyes seeming to dare one to walk in or out of the store and not give. We don't like to be made to feel that we must give at certain times.

God loves a cheerful giver, one who has purposed in his heart to give willingly, not grudgingly or out of necessity (2 Corinthians 9:6). There is a great difference in one's attitude toward giving when he gives because it is his desire to contribute to the work of God, out of gratitude to God, and for the benefit of the saints. One must have the right mind and spirit to give ap-

propriately to God. And the more the believer understands the word of God, the more likely life will be lived in such a way that he and she can cheerfully give.

The believer begins with the understanding that God has not ever asked anyone to give without first giving that person the ability to give. It would be very cruel on God's part to do what we call "getting blood from a turnip". Before God asks us to give, He has already blessed us, He has already given to us. This is important because we must realize that whatever we have was first given to us by God. He gives and then allows us to manifest wisdom in how we use what He grants us.

Paul assures the Corinthians that God is able to continue extending this grace to His people. He writes: "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you..." (2 Corinthians 9:8). No one has any ability to give anything until God blesses the person. And every person giving should recognize that God gave first. Our means is a result of what God has granted.

God makes all grace abound toward us with an expected result. Paul says that God is able to make all grace abound that his readers would always have all sufficiency in all things. The person who gives is not worried that he or his seed would go begging bread. God does not expect that a believer would be righteous in giving while neglecting his own needs. Paul prays with both necessities in mind: "Now he that

ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness" (2 Corinthians 9:10).

God gives first. God gives with purpose, that is, that we would have all sufficiency in all things. God gives expecting a result: that we would abound to every good work. It is important to underscore and highlight in our minds the phrase: *abound to every good work*, especially since it is said in the context of the Jerusalem offering for the saints (see 1 Corinthians 16:1, 2). Believers must remember that there were works before and beyond the collection for the saints.

This is not a new teaching for the people of God. Any familiar with the psalms knew that this was the way a righteous man lived his life. Paul reminds his readers of Psalms 112 and especially verse 9. In that psalm the righteous man disperses abroad, beyond the borders of his own home. He gives to the poor. And as a result his righteousness remains for ever (Ps. 112:9). Godly people are those who realize that godliness involves what we give just as surely as it involves singing, prayer, and meditation in the word of God. The believer who assures others of a prayer life, and a singing devotion life, while neglecting purposeful giving is deficient in righteous living before God. We should expect that God wants to increase the fruits of our righteousness.

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CHURCH LEADERS

MINISTER-SHEPHERD

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MINISTER EMERITUS

CLOY'S R. CECIL, SR.

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ROY OLIPHANT

BERNARD TERRY

JOE WILSON

CHURCH SECRETARY

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

Happy New Year!

HIGHLAND ACRES CHURCH OF CHRIST FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Today, Highland Acres will be having its Fellowship meeting beginning at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be brother Nelson Brockenborough. Congregational singing will begin one half-hour prior to the meeting. Lunch will not be served. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.



Ministers' Institute Conference

The Theme is "O Come Let Us
Worship...(Psalm 95:6; John 4:24).

This will be the 34th Annual Lectureship held in Ft. Lauderdale, FL and hosted by the New Golden Heights Church of Christ, January 16-21, 2010. For more information you may visit their website at www.ministersinstituteconference.com

Area Quarterly Brotherhood Meeting

The Area churches of Christ Quarterly Brotherhood Meeting will take place this coming Saturday, January 9, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon at the Hi-Thom church of Christ, High Point, NC.

HUSBAND SUPPORT GROUP

The Husband Support Group will meet January 16, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions please see brothers John Foxworth or Joe Wilson.



SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DAY



Let's make 2010 a great one with our Sunday school attendance day. Please mark your calendars for January 17, 2010. Remember we need you to help reach or succeed our goal of 250.

2010 New Year

Youth Fellowship Meeting

Our youth fellowship group will meet this Saturday, January 9, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon. We are asking for continued support of our youth. We need the involvement of every parent to make this a success in 2010.



Reading Safari

Reading Safari will meet January 16, 2010 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center of Carver Road church of Christ. Contact sister Felecia Caruthers for more information (336-575-2972).



PROCLAMATION PRESS' 10TH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S SYMPOSIUM 2010

Everyone is cordially invited to attend our 10th Annual Proclamation New Year's Symposium here at Carver Road church of Christ January 27-31, 2010. Brother Richard Rose of the Gray Road church of Christ Cincinnati, OH will be the anchor speaker. You don't want to miss this dynamic speaker. So please mark the date. Detailed information will follow.

TRIAD SCHOOL OF PREACHING

The Triad School of Preaching next class will meet January 16, 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.



KURIAKOS HOUSE

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



Baptisms

Douglas J. Crim, II (DJ) - 12/27/2009

Novell T. Hall - 12/27/2009

2009 Year End Membership Status

Baptisms - 42

Transfers - 5



In Deepest Sym-

pathy

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the following members and family in the passing of their loved one: brother Anthony Clinton and Family and sister Teresa Little and Family. May God continue to be with them.

FOR THE RECORD

DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
12/6/2009	380	\$ 9,427.00
12/13/2009	375	\$ 9,162.90
12/20/2009	260	\$ 6,858.05



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

(13 Years) Thomas & Talaya Loyd - 20th

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jason Adkins 3rd, Kaycee Adkins 4th, Theresa Rucker 4th, Sonya Chisolm 5th, Yalonda Crim 6th, John Foxworth 6th, Stephan Studevent 6th, Vanessa Cloud 8th, Francina Thomas 10th, Carmen Caruthers 11th, Jamie Downing 11th, Marion Gordon 11th, Georgia Glenn 12th, Jasmine Monroe 12th, Janel Brown 15th, Johnny Correll 18th, Doug Crim 19th, Frances Crosby 19th, Antoinette Leak 20th, Patricia Patterson 20th, Hayley Caruthers 24th, Shirley Correll 24th, Caprecious Alford 25th, Talaya Loyd 27th, Alice Hawkins 28th, Synthia Penn 29th.

SICK AND SHUT-IN LISTING

Sis. Vanessa Cloud.....Zone#8
 355 Retnuh Dr. 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 JANUARY

BRO. WALTER WEATHERS, JR.
 (336)785-2520



ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M

SONG LEADER Randy Dulin
 SERMON Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.

10:00 A.M.

INVOCATION Harold Brown
 SONG DIRECTOR Adolphus Coplin
 SCRIPTURE Adriel Hall
 RESPONSIVE READING Justin Curry
 PRAYER Troy Chisolm
 SERMON Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.
 OFFERING Thomas Loyd, Sr.
 LORD'S SUPPER Roy Oliphant
 READER Randy Dulin
 CLOSING PRAYER David Ingram
 VISITATION PRESENTATION
 ANNOUNCEMENTS John D. Foxworth

6:30 P.M.

INVOCATION Anthony Clinton
 SONG DIRECTOR Trey Crosby
 SCRIPTURE Luther Fair, Sr.
 RESPONSIVE READING Dwayne Weathers
 PRAYER Walter Weathers, Jr.
 SERMON Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.
 OFFERING Joshua Caruthers
 LORD'S SUPPER Tevin Loyd
 READER
 CLOSING PRAYER James Gadson
 VISITATION PRESENTATION
 ANNOUNCEMENTS John D. Foxworth

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(Mark 9:50)

Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, where-with will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.

USHERS

Anthony Clinton	Brian McCorkle	Christian Sides
Joel Caruthers	Johnny Correll	Jarred Monroe
Christian Jenkins	Alphonso Green, Jr.	Joshua Caruthers
Micheal Curry, II	Jordon Monroe	Tevin Loyd

EVENING USHERS

Garrin McNair Elijah Gibbs
 Kolbe Adkins Ryan Cook

RESPONSIVE READING

(Acts 13:9-14)

READER: Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him

CHURCH: And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

READER: And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

CHURCH: Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

READER: Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.

UNISON: But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.

PRAYER

Father God in heaven, grant and give us the ability to be astonished at the teaching of the Lord. Through Jesus, we pray, Amen.



PRAYER REQUEST

Sis. Jamie Downing, Sis. Lillie Holmes, Sis. Denise Garner, Sis. Latoya Kimbeni, Bro. Emile Kimbeni, Bro. Simon Johnson, Bro. Brian McCorkle, Sis. Linda Studevent, Sis. Dee Foster, Bro. Michael Coplin, Sis. Angela Weathers, Sis. Karima Scales, Bro. Rogers Brimfield, Sis. Tameka Oliphant, Sis. Tonya Oliphant, Sis. Willette Curtis, Bro. Brian Jackson, Bro. Dwayne Weathers, Bro. Rodney Evans, Bro. Scottie Blackwell, Sis. Theresa Rucker, Sis. Georgia Glenn, Sis. Donna Toney-Gaither, Bro. Artis Rucker, Bro. Adriel Hall, Bro. Grady Crosby, Bro. Bernard Terry,

COMMENTARY CORNER

We should also understand that God has always known that there will be demands placed on what He blesses us with. This was true for the people who lived during the days of Moses, during the times of all the prophets before Jesus, while Jesus walked this earth, and it is true for believers today.

Jesus walked this earth during a time when the Jews had grown accustomed to the many demands placed on their income. Jesus taught on purposeful and godly giving during those times.

The people of that day offered sacrifices at the altar (Matthew 5:23, 24). They gave tithes of what they possessed, even tithing

the very smallest things: mint and rue and the very smallest herbs (Luke 11:42). In addition they had taxes to pay, expecting that the army of publicans sent out by the Romans would exact the very last cent (Luke 2:3, 4; Matthew 17:24, 25; 22:17).

Sacrifices, offerings, and taxes got their share of the money. Beyond these, however, there would be some people who wanted and felt like they needed to borrow money. Accordingly, Jesus instructs on the proper mindset for lending (Luke 6:34, 35). In lending, one may or may not be paid again.

Some did not ever expect to pay again, to these alms were given. And Jesus taught how alms were to be given (Matthew 6:1-4). We know of alms givers who were com-

mended and recognized for such: Dorcas (Acts 9:36), Cornelius (Acts 10:2-4) and Paul are all said to have given alms (Acts 24:17).

The teaching does not end with these opportunities to participate in every good work, there were treasury boxes near the temple into which one could give for the upkeep of the temple (Luke 21:2-4). One might see a widow there giving more than the rich!

In our studies to come we shall explore in depth these opportunities to give, recognizing the significance of God, Grace, Good Works, and Giving in the context of God giving man the greatest gift by sending His Son to die for the sins of the whole world.

NURSERY DUTY

Kari Scales/Leah Adkins - 3rd
Brenay Simon/Francina Thomas - 10th
Trevia Oliphant/Tiffany Seawright - 17th
Janel Brown/Pamela Monroe - 24th
Diane Foxworth/Cindy Dulin - 31st

GREETERS

Cindy Dulin/Siatu Zoker - 3rd
Alinda Gadson/Erica Jenkins - 10th
Tamah Williams/Carol Weathers - 17th
Cora Revel/Mary Terry - 24th
Lillie Alford/Athenia Pouncey - 31st

COMMUNION PREPARER(S)

MONTH OF JANUARY
Denise Garner/Warnetta Eccles
Alternate: Mary Robinson

NURSE ON CALL SCHEDULE

Jackie Williams - 3rd	Bridget Stewart - 3rd
Shari Griffin - 10th	Rosalyn Evans - 10th
Vanessa Cloud - 17th	Martha March - 17th
Willie B. Baker - 24th	Delores Reaves - 24th
Jackie Williams - 31st	Bridget Stewart - 31st

ZONEs

ZONE #1 Capt. Bro. J. Wilson (661-1312)
Co-Capt. Sis. C. Pearson (661-1379)
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
FOR THE MONTH OF January
Bro. George McNair

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



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 & 3RD SAT. 10:00A.M. – 12 NOON

ZONE MINISTRY MEETING TBA