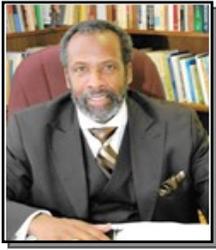


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COMMENTARY CORNER: "UNDERSTANDING GOD'S PURPOSE THROUGH HIS GOOD PLEASURE, PROMISE, AND POWER" "Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he purposed in himself (Ephesians 1:8-9).

Jesus prays to the Father about plans made, to be completed when Jesus came to earth: "I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do" (John 17:4). His prayer also provides insight into Jesus' relationship with the Father, even before the world: "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was," he prays (John 17:5). It is to be a source of comfort to the child of God to know that the work Jesus completes on earth was determined before Jesus is wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger.

God's purposes in the world, we teach, are determined without the counsel and intervention of men. At the same time, they are for the benefit of all of humanity. His purposes manifest the eternal love of the God who is love, and who loves His creation. Far from being a God who is detached and unaware of the everyday struggles, hurts, disappointments, desires, and hopes of men and women, God is intimately involved in providing for men and women what is most necessary for their souls; that is, relationship and fellowship with their Maker and Creator, God.

Teachings on God's purposes related to the salvation of men and women are clearly detailed in the writings of Paul. In the epistle believed to be written to the Ephesians, Paul informs his readers that there has been a mystery revealed according to God's good pleasure which he purposed in himself (Ephesians 1:9). This follows Paul's assurances and teachings on those

blessed with spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ (Ephesians 1:3), chosen in him (Ephesians 1:4), predestinated (1:5), having obtained redemption and forgiveness through his blood (1:7).

The mystery revealed according to God's good pleasure which he purposed in Himself is that God, in the fullness of time, would gather together in one all things in Christ (Ephesians 1:10). Christ makes all the difference in the world, in heaven and on earth! The Word who is God has come to earth becoming the unifying factor for all those who will be sons and daughters of God.

The coming of Jesus Christ makes a difference because now there is promise of reconciliation and restoration with God our Father through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. Men and women do not have to live their lives weighed down with the fear of dead ends, burned bridges, endless nights, continuous crying, rivers of tears, wringed hands, worn feet, meaningless explanations, angst and anguish, false hopes, and stifling fears. It is God's good pleasure to reveal His purpose for us all through the work of Jesus Christ. It is a work for the individual and a work for us all. We can all experience the unity that exists between the Father and the Son, coming to Him by way of the provisions made through the preaching of the gospel.

Reflecting on the gospel, Paul writes, "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise" (Ephesians 1:13).

There are two factors to consider. First, God's purpose includes the necessity of hearing the gospel, the story of the saving work of Jesus Christ through death on the cross, burial, and resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Paul makes clear to his readers that God has made provision for our salvation. What follows is our participation by hearing and believing. That is, the eternal purpose of God includes our desire to have all that God provides evidenced in our belief in the work of the Son of God.

After we have believed, we are ready to receive God's promised sealing as His own. We are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise (Ephesians 1:13). The seal is evidence that we are God's. The seal serves as the earnest of our inheritance, the guarantee that everything is taken care of related to our ultimate residency in the kingdom of God. Far from being persons who simply sojourn in the flesh, we are souls destined for spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Our lives are not understood once we have closed the covers to our history books chronicling the lives of men and women past. Nor do we understand life when we have considered the origins of life and placed our biology books on the shelf. Man's philosophical musings about the meaning of life do not provide the answers we seek. We are beings made in the image of God, the knowledge He provides is what satisfies our query into what is the purpose of our lives.

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

CHURCH LEADERS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PREACHER-SHEPHERD
JEFFERSON R. CARUTHERS JR.

ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER
RICHARD JONES

MINISTER EMERITUS
CLOYS R. CECIL SR.

SHEPHERDS
JEFFERSON R. CARUTHERS JR.
JOHN FOXWORTH
ROY OLIPHANT
WALTER WEATHERS, JR.

ELDER EMERITUS
FRANK W. DULIN
LEROY NELSON

DEACONS
MICHEAL CURRY
JAMES E. GADSON
GEORGE MCNAIR
BERNARD TERRY
JOE WILSON



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
MARCELLA KENDALL

CARVER ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST GOSPEL MEETING

This year's Spring gospel meeting will be rescheduled to coincide with our Fall gospel meeting. Information will be coming as we get past the current national concerns.



"With GOD All Things Are Possible!"

Matthew 19:26



In Deepest Sympathy

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the following members and their families in the passing of their loved ones: brother and sister Curtis Conner in the passing of his mother, sister Frances Crosby in the passing of her niece and also to brother and sister Adolphus Coplin and family in this loss as well of his cousin; and sister Chanel Helm loss of uncle. May God continue to comfort them during their time of bereavement.

READING SAFARI



Keep Reading! For any additional information please contact sister Felecia Caruthers at (336) 575-2972.

Happy Birthday
MAY BIRTHDAYS

2nd, Cynthia Cecil; 3rd, Thomas Blakely; 6th, Genesis Ervin; 7th, Diane Heap; 9th, Adriel Hall, Centrece Kendall; 10th Victor Baldwin, Carina Mash; 11th, Cristina Judge, Mattie Richardson; 17th, Walter Weathers, Jr.; 20th, Jessica Ford; 22nd, Jesse Green; 23rd, Carlos Rucker; 24th, Mary Williams; 25th, Joseph Ford, Cecil Oliver; 26th, Micheal Curry, II; 29th, James Gadson; 31st, Jonah Caruthers

Happy Anniversary

- (35 years) Walter & Carol Weathers - 4th
- (27 years) George & Antoinette Leak - 14th
- (34 years) Howard & Saroya Brown - 23rd
- (47 years) James & Alinda Gadson - 26th
- (9 years) Michael & Chava Mash - 28th
- (49 Years) Isiah & Veronica Black - 29th
- (50 years) Simon & Dollean Johnson - 29th



*All Visitors!
You Are Our
Honored Guests!*



CORNELIUS CORNER

Regional offices will no longer accept walk-ins for claims assistance, scheduled appointments, counseling and other in-person services. Veterans can continue to get information about benefits, file a claim for benefits by visiting our website at www.va.gov. Veterans with claims specific or other questions may request information via [Inquiry Routing & Information System \(IRIS\)](#) or telephone at 1-800-827-1000.



Our Shut-ins

OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

sis. Immogene Bray, 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. Martha Reynolds, sis. Mattie Richardson

RESPONSIVE READING

1 John 3:18-23

READER: My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

CHURCH: And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

READER: For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

CHURCH: Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

READER: And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

UNISON: And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

PRAYER

Father in heaven, we desire to live every day keeping your commandments and doing what is pleasing to you. Help us do so in deed and in truth. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

PRAYER REQUEST

sis. Diane Foxworth, sis. Linda Burgess
 sis. Heather King, sis. Shagail Reed
 sis. Trena Wilson, bro. Milton Hall
 bro. Juan Williams, bro. Roy Oliphant



SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR MAY

BROTHER ROY OLIPHANT
 (336) 765-3105



ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00 A.M.

SONG LEADER
 SERMON

Roy Oliphant
Jefferson R. Caruthers Jr.

10:00 A.M.

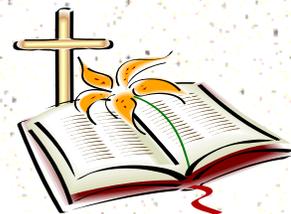
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 SONG DIRECTOR
 SCRIPTURE
 RESPONSIVE READING
 PRAYER
SERMON
 OFFERING
 LORD'S SUPPER
 READER
 CLOSING PRAYER
 GUESTS PRESENTATION

Joseph Wilson
 Walter Weathers Jr.
 Adolphus Copli
 Timothy Pilson
 Cecil Oliver
 Richard Jones
Jefferson R. Caruthers Jr.
 Roy Oliphant
 Bernard Terry
 Isiah Black
 Elliot Thompson

COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 10:15)

As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.



USHERS

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

EVENING USHERS

Braxton King A. J. Crim
 Tahjmel Brim Kobe Williams

COMMENTARY CORNER

Paul understands that once we have believed and obeyed the gospel, life must be lived on earth. Beyond, then, what God predestines and plans, and after obedience, we are to consider how to proceed. Paul answers this in his prayer. He writes, "Wherefore, I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him" (Ephesians 1:15-17).

Paul's desire is that his readers progress beyond their knowledge of what God's pur-

posed plans for redemption were and the subsequent obedience to the gospel, to the life we live once sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. Paul envisions that this life will be characterized by growth in wisdom in the knowledge of Christ. And what is it that Paul desires the readers know?

Paul believes that among other things they must know the power of God. He writes: "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened: that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints. And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power. Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his

own right hand in the heavenly places," (Ephesians 1:18-20).

We need to grow in our understanding of the hope of God's calling, in our knowledge of what the riches of the inheritance are, and in appreciation of the great power at work in the lives of those who are in Christ Jesus.

What a comfort and blessing it is to know that God not only has the wisdom to plan for our salvation; He also has the power to accomplish everything in our lives He has promised. We cannot believe on Jesus and believe less. We must agree that He has finished the work God has sent him to do, fully expecting eternal life with the Father.

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 MAY
BROTHER GEORGE MCNAIR



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

3rd Kevin & Shundra McLaurin
10th Diane Foxworth/Michelle Conner
17th Tamah Williams/D'Asia Williams
24th Wendy Thomas
31st Chanel Foxworth/Leah Adkins

NURSERY DUTY

3rd Sherry Woods/Tamika Nelson
10th Tamah Williams/D'Asia Williams
17th Yolanda Crim/Brianna Crim
24th Edelina Oliphant/Sherri Pilson
31st Tamika Nelson/Sandra Jones

GREETERS

Mary Terry

COMMUNION PREPARERS

Mary Terry

BAPTISMAL COMMITTEE

Lillie Holmes/Wanda Jones
Shanita Green/Regina Scott



ZONES

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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)