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Dear Ones,

Today is "April Fool's Day." Hmmm Several of my friends were born on this day. I am sure they hear plenty of jokes every year. The ones I wish a happy birthday today are not fools at all. In fact they are some of my most respected, admired friends and family in the faith.

Hardly an April First goes by that I don't quote the verse, "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.'" (Psalm 14:1) I am not sure the one who wrote that verse meant it as a joke. Really, it is sad that some see all the evidence of God's existence around them, but fail to recognize all that is created can only be explained by a creator!

We celebrated "Easter" yesterday. In the miracle of the Resurrection, we are reminded that the creator God is also the God who came into the world to bring us forgiveness, salvation and the answer to the "six foot hole"! To some, that message sounds like foolishness. For those who put their faith in the Lord, the message is "good news."

Our hope is in one who said, "Because I live, you shall live also." For those who choose to reject the "good news," their only hope is that the good news is not true. I appreciate the words from a preacher friend who said this, "Because of Christ we have an endless hope instead of a hopeless end!"

**Lord Bless,
*Preacher Jack***

Sunday Services

Sunday School.....9:20 AM
Worship.....10:30 AM
Junior Church (Ages 3 to 5yrs).10:30 AM
Super Church (Grades K to 3) After offertory

Reminder April 7, 2013

West Greeter.....Alisa Kigar
West Usher.....Jim Kigar
East Greeter.....Marjorie Garrett
Sunday School at SCCC.....Ronnie Miller
Nursery.....Tonya Harrison & Connor Harrison
April Bus Driver.....660-465-7019, 660-341-6419
.....Roger Gosney

Adult Bible studies:

Wednesday Night Men's Bible Study at F.C.C. Fireplace Room 6:30 p.m.

Sundays — four adult classes offered at The Church building9:20 a.m.

Individual studies (Visualized Bible Study Series) may be set up at your request — Contact Preacher Jack for details.

Church Staff

Jack SumptionPreacher
Angel Chance Secretary
Debbie Seamster..... Co-Secretary
Stephanie Sumption "Interim facilitator"
Josiah Holloway Youth Ministry
Melanie Holloway Children's Ministry

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Prayer Requests

University Hosp. Columbia

George Owings

Scotland Co. Hospital

Donna Houghton

Jewel Skelton

Leo Campbell

Barnes Jewish Hosp. St. Louis

Ginny Monroe

Revere, Missouri

Jeri Braxton

Scotland Co. C C & R.C.F.

George and Millie Mullins

Alberta McNamar

Douglas Robinson Helen Cary

Ruby Chance Lenore Darr

Vetrice Goins Jeri Baker

Harriett Poole Gene Parsons

Cleo Davis Audrey Drummond

Muriel Blaine Velva Freburg

Louise Frederick Lorraine Rush

Schuyler County N.H.

Marietta Garrison

Donna Wheeler Bernice Shanes

HOME

Dorothy Franklin

Twila Fulk (At Joe Fulk's home)

Phyllis Cone (daughter of Helen Cone)

Steven Lomergan

Bob Carney

Marjorie Peterson

Anna Rowe

Lois Otte

Mark Mattingly

Military

Kellen Brown — Kuwait

April 2 - TASK 3:10 to 5:00 pm

April 11 - Fellow's Night Out, Pizza Ranch at Ottumwa, Iowa. Sign up each foyer.

April 20 - Men's Breakfast served @ 7:30 am in the Fireplace Room. Come and fellowship. Mike Cantril serving.

Mark your calendars:

April 19, 20: Crazy Days for 6th-8th Graders

May 5: I-Mo Camp Kick off

May 5: Senior Recognition Day

June 2: Sunday School Promotion Sunday

Our sympathy and prayers for
Mary Alice and Paul Hale in their loss of:

Margaret Bruner
and
Doris Anderson

Comfort to them from our loving God.

Children and Youth Ministry Message Board

A tradition here at FCC is to have our children present a Palm Service on Palm Sunday. You never know what will happen and seeing the children reenact this event always brings smiles. Here are some thoughts about the first Palm Parade.....

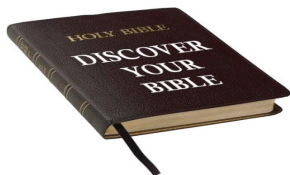
"It must have looked like a parade as Jesus went through the streets of Jerusalem with everyone waving and cheering. But as exciting as all this was, the people really did not know who Jesus was. They thought he was going to set up an earthly kingdom and that he would do great things for them here on earth. They did not understand that his kingdom was in heaven. In just a few days, these same people who were shouting, "Hosanna!" would be shouting, "Crucify him!" because he wasn't the kind of king they wanted.

The Good News today is that Jesus is King. He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Today we are here to praise him and we shout, "Hosanna!" Do you know what that word means? It means "Save now!" That is why we shout hosanna, because Jesus saves -- Jesus alone."

Inserted from <<http://www.sermons4kids.com/index.htm#>>

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April Book Mark



STATISTICS March 31, 2013

Sunday School....77

Worship.....175

General Fund.....\$3,118.51

New carpet.....\$130.00

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs\$3,235.00

Budget needs.....\$45,290.00

Gifts.....\$42,730.89