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Dear Ones,

A childhood friend recently told of a gift he received as a birthday present years ago. He got a cassette tape recorder. I remember when he got it! He made a recording of himself calling his dog. He explained that he put the recorder in a corner of the room, turned it on and quickly took a seat a distance from the recorder. The dog responded to the call as it ran into the room. My friend said the dog was in a very confused state to hear the voice of his master in one place and his master across the room. I can imagine that scene and my friend doing such a thing.

There is a great spiritual lesson to be learned from this childhood story. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He said his sheep hear his voice. His sheep follow his leading. I understand back in those days, it was not uncommon for shepherds to share a common sheep pen. Every sheep could recognize the voice of its shepherd. Separating the sheep was a simple process. As a shepherd would call his sheep, they would follow his voice, leading them from the pen.

There are lots of shepherds calling you out there to come follow them. They can sound almost like Jesus, but they are imitations. They call you to politically correct rather than Biblically correct. They call you to replace Bible truth for relative truth (which is not truth at all)! They call you to embrace sinful behaviors lest you be labeled a hater. I am reminded in the midst of all these voices calling me to be sure I am reading and studying the Word of the Shepherd regularly. I hope you are training yourself daily to recognize the voice of the Good Shepherd.

Now where's my old recorder. I have a dog to trick!

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

Youth Minister's Post

"What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sins; how can we live it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been buried with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection." (Romans 6:1-5 NIV).

God's forgiveness doesn't make sin less serious. His Son's death for sin shows us the dreadful seriousness of sin. In the church of Paul's day, immersion was the form of baptism. New Christians were "completely buried" in water. They understood this form of baptism to symbolize the death and burial of the old way of life. Coming up out of the water symbolized resurrection to new life with Christ. If we think of our old sinful life as dead and buried, we have a powerful motive to resist sin. We can enjoy our new life in Christ because we are united with him in his death and resurrection. Our evil desires, our bondage to sin, and our love of sin died with him.

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Mary Ann Blessing	Willideane Crist
Donna Wheeler	Rose Miller
Donna Meeks	Evelyn Nye
John Wheeler	Dalene Bergman
Dixie Drummond	Terry Fincher
Donna Houghton	Angel Chance
Cole Anderson	Jean Allen
Helen Hammack	Larry Roberts
Janice Grosenkemper	Bob Carney
Larry Miller	Ron Alexander

Hospital

Charles Hammack—Iowa City

FCC MEMBERS at:

SCCC & R.C.F

Jeri Baker	Louise Frederick
Gene Parsons	Velva Freburg
Vetrice Goins	Harriet Poole

Schuyler County N.H.

Marietta Garrison

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go to Dorothy Franklins' family at this time of loss.

Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. "



April Book of Month Mark

STATISTICS

April 26, 2015

Sunday School...61
Worship...110
General Fund.....\$1,736.26

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs \$3,242.00
Budget needs.....\$58,356.00
Gifts.....\$55,542.71

Sunday Services

Sunday School.....9:20 AM
Worship.....10:30 AM
Junior Worship (Ages 3 to 5yrs).10:30 AM
Super Church (Grades K—6th).....During sermon

Church Staff

Jack Sumption.....Preacher
Josiah Holloway.....Youth Minister
Kelly Cochran.....Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Mother-Daughter Tea

Saturday, May 2, 2015 @ 10am

The Rutledge New Testament Church

Please bring a guest and join us.

Speaker will be: Mrs. Kathy Campbell
(Hats & Gloves optional!)

R.S.V.P. by April 29, either by email or telephone.

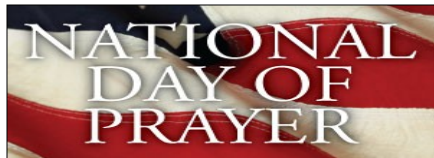
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May 3, 2015
**Senior Recognition/
Camp Kick-Off**

(Gift bags for the seniors will be in the back of the auditorium until May 3rd)

- *Wear your old Camp Shirts*
- *Sign up & Schedules will be in back*
- *Come and ENJOY the fun!!*



May 7th
@ 12:05 pm

May 9th 11:00am

First Christian Church
Mother's Day Luncheon
(more details to come)
ALL MOTHER'S WELCOME



- **May 8th— 5pm**
- 6th grade Baccalaureate First Baptist Church
- **May 8th—6pm**
- CCCB Commencement Moberly, MO
- **May 13th—**
- SCR-1 High School Baccalaureate
- **May 17th—**
- SCR-1 High School Graduation

Reminder May 3, 2015

West Greeter.....Allison Campbell
West Usher.....Lance Campbell
East Greeter.....Edna Gundy
Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril
SCCC Pianist.....Leah Terrill
Nursery.....Tonya & Carson Harrison
May Bus Driver.....Joel Kapfer
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