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Dear Ones,

Lord willing, The Memphis First Christian Church will have a Homecoming Celebration in 2016, September 30, October 1 and October 2. The Homecoming Planning team will be sharing information and requests with you as preparations are being made.

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

***From Sheila Berkowitz, Secretary of the Homecoming Celebration Planning Team:***

*In preparation for the Church's Homecoming Celebration, part of which will be to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the completion of the church building, the planning committee has begun work on the celebration which will be held the first weekend of October, 2016. One thing planned is to make a commemorative "history" booklet and video presentations. We would like for members or former members of the congregation or anyone from the community to share stories, artifacts, or pictures for this project. Members wishing to share information may email documents to me at [sberko@truman.edu](mailto:sberko@truman.edu). Mail items to Sheila Berkowitz 705 W. Newman, Memphis, MO 63555 or give them to me at church.*

*Thanks,  
Sheila*

## ***Youth Minister's Post***

The daily theme for Monday at NYR was "Kingdom." Scott Ancarrow talked about how God gives us the Lord's Prayer to remind us of the kingdom. Scott talked about how God's kingdom is vast, huge, eternal, draws near to us, and participatory. In other words we get to participate instead of being spectators in God's kingdom. This is what makes God's kingdom so distinctive. Scott challenged us by asking, "Are you trying to run a kingdom that doesn't belong to you?" In the evening we looked at the story of the Rich Young Ruler in Matthew 9. The rich young ruler identified that something was missing or lacking. Instead of going all in for Christ the young man walks away sad. The idea was that we only show the world what we are proud of. In the end we see that the rich young ruler misunderstood grace here. God's kingdom is a right now kingdom. So, which kingdom are you living for? I hope that you are living for God's Kingdom instead of this earthly kingdom. The rich young ruler was not willing to give up his earthly possessions in order to follow Christ. We need to be willing to give up our earthly treasures and following Christ instead. So, instead of going away sad we can go away happy.

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

**Prayer Requests:**

Mary Ann Blessing	Willideane Crist
Donna Wheeler	Evelyn Nye
John Wheeler	Dalene Bergman
Dixie Drummond	Terry Fincher
Cole Anderson	Bob Carney
Helen Hammack	Ramah Douglas
Charles Hammack	Dora Monroe

**Hospital**

**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

*Sympathies to the **Egger Family** and **Kraus Family** at this sad time of loss.*

*Matthew 5:4*

*"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."*

**August Book of Month**



**I Corinthians  
James**

**STATISTICS**

**August 16, 2015**

Sunday School...55  
 Worship...90  
 General Fund.....\$3,191.00

**BUDGET (To date)**

Weekly Needs ..... \$3,242.00  
 Budget needs.....\$110,228.00  
 Gifts.....\$100,778.94

**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**

**August 23rd "All Church Dinner"**  
**&**  
**"Mission Emphasis"**  
*Christian Prison Ministry*  
*(Richard Blake)*

**2015**  
**Scotland County Antique Fair**  
**Community Vesper Service**  
 Wednesday, August 26th @ 6:00 p.m.  
East Side of the Memphis Square  
*"Together we are the body of Christ"*  
*I Corinthians 12:27*

**TASK NEWS:**

*Staff Meeting, Monday, August 31 @ 4pm*  
Church basement

*TASK Kickoff!*  
Monday, **September 14th**

Any information please contact  
Stephanie Sumption @ 465-7751

**Church Homecoming Celebration  
of 100 years!  
October 2, 2016**

If you have any information for former FCC members/relatives please email the church office so we can be sure they get the information about the celebration.  
fccm@nemr.net

It's that time of year again that students and college students go back to school. Please keep everyone in your thoughts and prayers as new adventures arise for them.

**Reminder August 23, 2015**

West Greeter.....Tonya Harrison  
 West Usher.....Randy Harrison  
 East Greeter.....Dorothy Harvey  
 Sunday School at SCCC.....Ronnie Miller  
 SCCC Pianist.....Sandra Blake  
 Nursery.....Kim Smith & Brooke Smith  
 August Bus Driver.....Mary Morgan  
 328-6685