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Dear Ones,

We ought to be thankful for and express our appreciation to the FCC Memphis Mission Team for all the effort they put into organizing our "Mission Emphasis Sundays." They are tasked with having four of these Sundays each year. It is their responsibility to coordinate with missionaries and/or mission organizations we support to invite their missionaries, representatives, directors, or others to update us about their work.

It was eye opening for me to learn about the "Christian Prison Ministry of Missouri" this past Sunday. I hope those of you who were here for the first hour picked up on some of the statistics he shared. What a worthy ambition it is to have the Prison ministry in every State Prison and the one Federal prison in the boundaries of Missouri! What a sad statistic to learn that up to 88% of incarcerated men in Missouri grew up with no positive father figure in their lives. What an encouraging message that many are brought to Christ through the efforts of those involved in prison ministry.

I appreciated too, how Mr. Blake spoke of the focus of the prison Ministry. They purpose to Evangelize! That simply means they are determined to teach people about Jesus and how to be saved. They purpose to encourage! They want to bring the hope of Christ to a people who feel they have no hope. They purpose to equip! They want prisoners to live their faith and share their faith among the prion population. That sounds like a worthy plan. Might we purpose to do similar things in our community. Let's consider how we may be involved in evangelism, in encouragement and in equipping other to serve Jesus. Think with me about these things ... until next week.

Lord Bless,

Preacher Jack

Youth Minister's Post

Have you paid the price on something that you were a little unsure about before? I am sure that all of us have at some point in our lives. Maybe we regretted it later down the road because it fell apart. I'm sure that all of us have paid the price for something that has been very essential or useful in our lifetime as well. In the Bible there is one instance where a man named Jesus Christ paid the price for man's sin. We were bought with a price that will never be forgotten. In 1 Corinthians 7:21:23 it says, "**Were you a slave when you were called? Don't let it trouble you – although if you can gain your freedom, do so. For he who was a slave when he was called by the Lord is the Lord's freedman; similarly, he who was a free man when he was called is Christ's slave. You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.**" People today are slaves to sin until they commit their lives to Christ, who alone can conquer sin's power. Sin, pride, and fear no longer have any claim over us, just as a slave owner no longer has power over the slaves he sold. The Bible says we become Christ's slaves when we become Christians, but this actually means we gain our freedom because sin no longer controls us.

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

John Schenk-Columbia
I.G. Ruth-Columbia
Matt Cheney-Nebraska
Jerry Jones-Columbia

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

I Peter 5:7

*Casting all your care upon Him;
For He careth for you.*

August
Book of Month



I Corinthians
James

STATISTICS

August 23, 2015

Sunday School...57
Worship...103
General Fund.....\$2,755.77

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs \$3,242.00
Budget needs.....\$113,470.00
Gifts.....\$103,534.71

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

(Antique Fair Days August 27-29)

TASK NEWS:

Staff Meeting, Monday, August 31 @ 4pm

Church basement

TASK Kickoff!

Monday, September 14th

Any information please contact

Stephanie Sumption @ 660-216-2469

MISSION NEWS:

Sunday, Sept 6, missionary **James Hla** will be speaking during Sunday School and preaching at the morning service.

After the service, the missionary team will host a **free-will offering taco lunch!** All donations will go toward the mission trip to **Haiti.**

MISC NEWS:

Thursday, September 11, 2015 @12pm

9/11 Memorial Service @ FCC Memphis

Elaine Forrester asked the church office to convey her thanks to all who donated to or helped with the Food Tent at the Kapfer Auction. The profit of \$470 will be forwarded to the FCC Memphis Mission Fund.

The monies will help cover expenses of those taking a Mission Trip to "Living Water Christian Mission in Gonaives, Haiti.

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.

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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

Reminder August 30, 2015

West Greeter.....Linda Wheeler
West Usher.....Leon Wheeler
East Greeter.....Marjorie Durham
Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril
SCCC Pianist.....Jana Muntz
Nursery.....Patricia & Katie Miller
August Bus Driver.....Mary Morgan
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