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Dear Ones,

Planting season is here or soon will be. Farmers are starting to prepare their soil. Folks are getting into their gardens. Friends are preparing their planters or containers with potting soil. Grow lights are shining on all kinds of plants in basements or back rooms. Real enthusiasts are planning that they may get the most out of their plots.

Some of my first introductions with gardening were not so positive. I recall a visit at the Grandparents when it was time to plant green beans. The only things between me and a trip to the swimming hole up Bear Creek were a hoe, a bag of beans and a garden plot. On another occasion, I was introduced to weeding. I concluded that gardening thing was not for me. I didn't really care for carrots or cauliflower, beans or broccoli. I had more enjoyable things to do than plant potatoes or pull weeds.

Today, my perspectives are much different. I see a pantry full of canned goods from the garden. I now understand the value of planting. It produces! My tastes have changed too. There is something satisfying to a simmering pot of vegetable stew in the late winter or the anticipation of fresh peas and potatoes as the garden begins to produce in the Spring.

Aren't there some spiritual lesson to be drawn from this? Didn't Jesus speak of how we need to prepare the soil of our heart? Doesn't He teach us about the good seed of the Word of God? Isn't there a truth that there cannot be a harvest if we do not plant? In our immaturity, we may allow other interests to draw us away from the Word of God, worship with His people or other opportunities to grow in our relationship with Jesus and His church. As we mature, I pray our tastes and perception change. I pray that we see the benefits and blessings that come from growing in Christ and planting the good seed of the Gospel among our friends and neighbors.

Lord Bless,

*Preacher Jack*

**F.C.C. MEMPHIS HOMECOMING CELEBRATION  
Sept. 30—Oct. 2, 2016**

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

*"What the is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one. I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth" (1 Corinthians 3:5-7).*

Paul planted the seed of the gospel message in people's hearts. He was a missionary pioneer; he brought the message of salvation. Apollos's role was to water, to help the believers grow stronger in faith. Paul founded the church in Corinth and Apollos built on that foundation. Tragically, the believers in Corinth had split into factions, pledging royalty to different teachers (see 1 Corinthians 1:11-13). After the preachers' work is completed, God keeps on making Christians grow. Our leaders should certainly be respected, but we should never place them on pedestals that create barriers between people or set them up as a substitute for Christ.

God's work involves many different individuals with a variety of gifts and abilities. There are no superstars in this task, only teams members performing their own special roles. We can become useful members of God's team by setting aside our desires to receive glory for what we do.

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

**Prayer Requests:**

Mary Ann Blessing    Kim Armstrong  
Donna Wheeler        Helen Cone  
John Wheeler         Helen Sloan  
Charlie Boyer         Donna Strait  
Kim Anderson         Ron Alexander  
Ramah Douglas        Lydia Hunt  
Bill Moffett           Karen King  
Jeannie Drummond    Jim Kratzer  
                                  Glen Miller

**Hospital:**

**Shut-In:**

Laura Carney  
Dixie Drummond  
Roberta Small  
Roberta Beckert  
Georganna Lister  
Jean "Effie" Allen  
Viola Heiner

**FCC Members at:  
SCCC & R.C.F**

Velva Freburg  
Bob Carney  
Donne Meeks

**Schuyler County  
Nursing Home:**

Marietta Garrison

*Sympathies to Betsy Gundy  
(Guy Gardine's daughter) family  
at this time.*



**April  
Book of Month**

Mark

**STATISTICS**

**April 03, 2016**

Sunday School...76  
Worship...96  
General Fund.....\$4,436.75

**BUDGET (To date)**

Weekly Needs ..... \$3,242.00  
Budget needs.....\$42,146.00  
Gifts.....\$46,349.09

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**"THE TRUTH PROJECT"**

Come be reintroduced to the Truth Claims of God...Learn of God's design for living out the Christian World View in daily life.

**Sunday nights @ 7pm**

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**Prayer Group for Church Anniversary Celebration**

**Every Friday @ 12:20 pm** in Fireplace room.

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**April 7, 2016**

**Joy Group invites the Young @ Heart  
to Douds, Iowa**

They will be leaving the Baptist Church parking lot at **10am**. Will be having lunch at The Lunchbox in Douds, Iowa.

**April 9 @ 11:30am**

**Ladies Day Out**

Trump Heritage House B&B  
Cost \$15      RSVP by April 4

You can sign up at the church  
call the office (465-7751) or Stephanie (660-216-2469)

**April 15th and 16th**

**CrAZy DaYs**

Central Christian College of the Bible  
Moberly, MO      Jr. High Students

For more information contact:  
Josiah Holloway @ 660-341-8706

**April 17, 2016**

**Mission Emphasis Sunday**

Jerry & Roseanne Briscoe

They are serving in the Philippines and will be here to bring us our Sunday message. Don't want to miss this!

**April 17, 2016**

**NYR Spaghetti Dinner**

Following the service the kids attending NYR will be serving spaghetti as a fundraiser. Come stay and enjoy this wonderful time.

**2016 I-MO Camp Dates:**

**June 5-10** ~ Junior High I  
Completed 7th-8th grades

**June 12-17** ~ Senior High  
Completed 9th-12th grades

**June 19-24** ~ Junior I  
Completed 5th-6th grades

**June 25** ~ Day Camp  
Completed 1st-2nd grades

**June 26-30** ~ PeeWee  
Completed 3rd-4th grades

**July 10-15** ~ Junior High II  
Completed 7th-8th grades

**July 17-22** ~ Junior II  
Completed 5th-6th grades

**August 5-7** ~ Family Camp  
Your Entire Family

**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 April 10, 2016**

West Greeter.....Bert Bibby  
West Usher.....Leroy Bibby  
East Greeter.....Edna Gundy  
Sunday School at SCCC.....Truth Seekers  
SCCC Pianist.....Jana Muntz  
Nursery.....Elaine Forrester & Emily Terrill  
April Bus Driver.....Roger Gosney  
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