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Dear Ones,

In two weeks (4-24) we will examine another portion of Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount." Jesus said of his followers, "You are the salt of the earth," and, "You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:13-16). I believe Jesus is reminding Christians to be a positive influence in the world. He speaks especially of how being a light translates into "good works" others can see.

As a result, God will be glorified.

I just read a quote attributed to Richard Dawkins about Christian influence. It is encouraging to me because he realizes the impact of Christianity on the world. You may want to keep in mind that Mr. Dawkins is an avowed atheist! He said, "*There are no Christians, as far as I know, blowing up buildings. I am not aware of any Christian suicide bombers. I am not aware of any major Christian denomination that believes the penalty for apostasy is death. I have mixed feelings about the decline of Christianity, in so far as Christianity might be a bulwark against something worse.*"

Mr. Dawkins is not a fan of Christianity, but he admits that followers of Jesus Christ have something about them that contributes to keeping civilization civil. Thanks to Christians being the "salt of the earth," he seems to be saying we are preserving and protecting the world around us.

There are so many around us who are living as salt and light for Jesus all around us. We may think of athletes, actors, public figures, and even some politicians. Let's look closer to home. Look around the community, look within the church family. Be encouraged as you begin to think of the Sunday School teacher, the farmer, the neighbor, the young man or lady from youth group.

Jesus said, "You are" ... He knows you. He believes in you. He challenges you. He encourages you. He equips you. I am thrilled to think that our church family is made up of "salt of the earth" and "light of the world" people. Let's shake and shine for Jesus this week!

Lord Bless,

Preacher Jack

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

Youth Minister's Post

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash" (Matthew 7:24-27 NIV).

The two lives Jesus compares at the end of the Sermon on the Mount have several points in common. They both build, they both hear Jesus' teaching, and they both experience the same set of circumstances in life. The difference between them isn't caused by ignorance, but by one ignoring what Jesus said. Externally, their lives may look similar, but the lasting structural differences will be revealed by the storms of life. The immediate difference in your life when you follow Jesus may not be obvious, but eventually they will turn out to affect ever your eternal destiny. Like a house of cards, the fool's life crumbles. Most people do not deliberately seek to build on a false or inferior foundation. Instead, they just don't think about their life's purpose. Many people are headed for destruction, not out of stubbornness but out of thoughtlessness.

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Mary Ann Blessing, Kim Armstrong,
Helen Cone, Donna Wheeler,
Helen Sloan, Donna Strait,
Ron Alexander, John Wheeler,
Karen King, Jim Kratzer, Glen Miller,
Janie Upton, Twila Fulk,
Charlie Boyer, Kim Anderson,
Ramah Douglas, Bill Moffett,
Jeannie Drummond, Marsha Monroe

Hospital:

Velva Freburg—Boone Co. Hospital
Donna Meeks—SCMH

Shut-In:

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

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

Bob Carney

**Schuyler County
Nursing Home:**

Marietta Garrison

*Sympathies to Roxie Clapp
(mother of Fred Clapp) family
at this time.*



**April
Book of Month**

Mark

STATISTICS

April 10, 2016

Sunday School...61
Worship...80
General Fund.....\$2,036.15

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs \$3,242.00
Budget needs.....\$45,388.00
Gifts.....\$48,385.24

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

Prayer Group for Church Anniversary Celebration
Every Friday @ 12:20 pm in Fireplace room.
Memphis First Christian Church



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 16, 2016 @ 11a.m.

Downing Christian Church
Ladies Spring Salad Banquet
Sign up sheet in East foyer.
Van will leave at 10:30 a.m.



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.



April 17, 2016

Mission Emphasis Sunday

Jerry & Roseanne Briscoe
They are serving in the Philippines
and will be talking to us during the
Sunday School hour about there
mission and then bring us
our Sunday message.
Don't want to miss this!



**MISSION
SUNDAY**



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Thursday, April 21, 2016

Women's Day

@ CCCB in Moberly, MO
"Fill My Cup"

Anyone interested in attending
please contact church office or
sign up in the East Foyer.

Reminder April 17, 2016

West Greeter.....Allison Campbell
West Usher.....Lance Campbell
East Greeter.....Dorothy Harvey
Sunday School at SCCC.....
SCCC Pianist.....Maurine Robinson
Nursery.....Mary Morgan & Jacob Kapfer
April Bus Driver.....Roger Gosney
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