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Dear Ones,

I hear the comments or read the words fairly often. There are variations in the way those things are said or written, but the point is the same. Folks seem to express a low view of coming together as the Lord's Church. That sentiment is expressed in these kinds of comments. Setting in church will make you no more a Christian than a cat having kittens in the oven makes them biscuits. I can be just as close to God setting on the riverbank fishing as setting on a pew on Sunday morning.

There is a bit of truth to these comments. One does not become a Christian by his adherence to certain "spiritual" activities. We become Christians as we respond to the Gospel message as believers in the book of Acts (Acts 2:36-41; 8:35-38; 22:12-16) I can attest that I find quiet times in the woods while I hunt or as I am on the lake fishing to be of spiritual benefit.

As we read our Bibles, we learn that Christians began to gather together regularly. In fact, the first Christians came together daily! Those believers were devoted, dedicated, committed, made it their purpose, gave priority to the Apostles teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer (Acts 2:42). They came together on the first day of the week and were encouraged to gather weekly offerings to assist with benevolent needs (1 Cor. 16:1, 2). The Apostle Paul would purpose to stay over at Troas that he and his missionary team might be around the Lord's Table with Christians there (Acts 20:7)

There are many reasons we should give preference and priority to being with the Lord's people on the Lord's Day. All the above are worthy of consideration, but there is one more I want to share. We come together on Sundays that we might be able to give spiritual encouragement to our church family (Hebrews 10:25) As much as I enjoy the riverbank, I want more to be encouraging my brothers and sisters in Christ every Sunday! How about you?

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

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

Youth Minister's Post

What is NYR? Nationwide Youth Roundup (NYR) is a summer conference located approximately 35 miles south of Denver, Colorado and is easily reached from Denver or Colorado Springs. NYR is held in late July every year at Roundup Ranch in Sedalia, Colorado. NYR was started in 1962.....44 years ago.

Can you believe that NYR is still going strong 44 years later? NYR has and always will continue to make a difference in the lives of students. I will be attending my 15th year of NYR in July. My first year at NYR was in 2000 at the age of 9. I went out as a student for 11 years....2000-2011. I have now been a leader/sponsor for 4 years...2012-2016. I have been a student that was challenged and now I get to see students being challenged.

I think the biggest difference that we make in a students life is to invest in them. I am thankful for the adults that I had in my life when I attended NYR as a student. They invested in me and challenged me to grow in ways that I couldn't imagine. Now I get the privilege along with my sponsors to invest in students lives. Yesterday, several adults got to invest in the lives of our students by attending a fundraiser. Your investment will make a difference in our students lives. Thank you for investing into the lives of our students! Keep making a difference in someone's life!

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Mary Ann Blessing, Kim Armstrong,
Donna Wheeler, Donna Strait,
Ron Alexander, John Wheeler,
Karen King, Jim Kratzer,
Glen Miller, Janie Upton, Twila Fulk,
Charlie Boyer, Ramah Douglas,
Bill Moffett

Hospital:

Velva Freburg—Boone Co. Hospital
Donna Meeks—SCMH

Shut-In:

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
Helen Cone family
at this time.*



**April
Book of Month**

Mark

STATISTICS

April 17, 2016

Sunday School...80
Worship...124
General Fund.....\$2,571.00

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs\$3,242.00
Budget needs.....\$51,630.00
Gifts.....\$51,136.24

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



**Thursday, April 21, 2016
Women's Day**

@ CCCB in Moberly, MO
"Fill My Cup"

Anyone interested in attending
please be here at the church no later than
4:10pm. The van or bus will be leaving at
4:15pm! The cost is \$20.

**TASK Last Day
Monday, April 25**

Last day of TASK for the year!



**Skate Night Out
Monday, April 25**

Bus will leave at 5:30 pm and
return at 8:00pm
Cost is \$2 per person



**May 1, 2016
CAMP KICKOFF SUNDAY!**

Sign up and Schedules will be in the back
of the auditorium.

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

Reminder April 24, 2016

West Greeter.....Mary Lou Harper
West Usher.....Dick Harper
East Greeter.....Rose Briggs
Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril
SCCC Pianist.....Sandra Blake
Nursery.....Lynn Fincher & Carson Harrison
April Bus Driver.....Roger Gosney
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