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Dear Ones,

A Facebook comment prompted my thinker! One had posted a simple statement: "I can't quit by myself." I have no context for understanding the statement as it stands alone, but it sure speaks to me about the believer and the benefits or blessings of being a weekly participant in the local assembly of Christians!

Christian or not, regular church attender or not, we do share common daily experiences! Sometimes those experiences are well beyond our abilities or resources to overcome on our own. When we are actively engaging one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, there should be no challenge before us to face without the encouragement, support and resources from other siblings in Christ!

A friend in Christ is trying to overcome a sin in his life. We are there to cheer him on. A sister in Christ is burdened to reach out to single moms, we are there to share our resources to undergird her ministry. One needs a helping hand with financial crisis, we are there to share from our bounty. What might you add to this list?

I receive calls from time to time to assist folk in the community with a variety of needs. I am quick to share with them the benefits and blessings afforded those who know Jesus, Love His Church and meet regularly with the Lord's people!

What a blessing it is to be surrounded by encouragers! What a blessing to be at a place today where I can encourage. What a comfort to know I have those around me who are ever ready to be encouragers when I need it!

Lord Bless,

Preacher Jack

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

Youth Preacher's Post

There is no getting around it, John the Baptist was unique. He wore odd clothes ate strange food, and preached an unusual message to the Judeans who went out to the wastelands to see him. John did not aim for uniqueness for its own sake but instead he aimed for obedience. He knew he had a specific role to play in the world. He announce the coming of the Savior and he put all of his energies into that task.

This wild looking man had no power or position in the Jewish political system, but he spoke with almost irresistible authority. People were moved by his words because he spoke the truth, challenging them to turn from their sins and baptizing them as a symbol of their repentance. They responded by the hundreds. Even as the people crowded to him, he pointed beyond himself, never forgetting that his main role was to announce the coming of the Savior.

The words of truth that moved many to repentance motivated others to resistance and resentment. John even challenged Herod to admit his sins. Herodias, the woman Herod had married illegally, decided to get rid of this desert preacher. Although she was able to have him killed, she was not able to stop his message. God has given each of us a purpose for living and we can trust Him to guide us. John did not have the complete Bible as we know it today, but he focused his life on the truth he knew from the available Old Testament scriptures. Likewise we can discover in God's Word the truths He wants us to know. As these truths work in us, others will be drawn to Him. God can use you in a way He can use no one else.

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Mary Ann Blessing
Donna Wheeler
Bill Moffett
Charlie Boyer
John Wheeler
Jim Kratzer
Kim Armstrong
Glen Miller
Ron Alexander
Donna Strait

Hospital:

Jeannie Drummond—SCMH

Shut-In:

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

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

Donna Meeks
Georgia Couch

**Schuyler County
Nursing Home:**

Marietta Garrison

We are updating our prayer list. Please let us know of any changes. Thanks!



**August
Book of Month**

I Corinthians, James

STATISTICS

August 14, 2016

Sunday School...50
Worship....86

General Fund.....\$2,090.00

BUDGET (To Date)

Weekly Needs.....\$3,242.00
Budget needs.....\$106,744.00
Gifts.....\$99,390.68

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

We replaced our roof here at the church. Our goal is to raise **\$20,000**. Donations to the "roof fund" would be greatly appreciated.
Thanks **YTD: \$5,564.50**



**August 21st
"Mission Emphasis"
&
"All Church Dinner"**
Shiloh Christian Ranch
(Tim Craig)



**August 21st ~ Youth Group Outing
Pizza Ranch ~ Ottumwa, IA**

Jr. & Sr. High Students we will be leaving as soon as church services are over. Please invite your friends. RSVP by August 19th to Josiah.

**August 24th ~ Scotland County Antique Fair
Community Vesper Service**

Wednesday, @ 6:00 p.m.
East Side of the Memphis Square



Sept 4th ~ Central Day

Celebrating the *59th Anniversary of Central Christian College of the Bible.*
Lloyd Pelfer, Chancellor will be preaching.
A special anniversary offering will be taken for CCCB on that day.

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Memphis FCC Homecoming Events:

Sept 30th ~
7pm ~ Mercy's Bridge Gospel Band

Oct 1st ~
5pm ~ BBQ—open to all friends, family, members and guests
6:30pm ~ Gateway Singers

Oct 2nd ~
9:20am ~ 1st service Phillip Gore
10:30am ~ 2nd service Tim Hawkins
Noon ~ meal provided for everyone in attendance
2pm ~ Closing service Terry Rush

Reminder August 21, 2016

West Greeter.....Holly Harris
West Usher.....Chris Harris
East Greeter.....Patricia Miller
Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril
SCCC Pianist.....Maurine Robinson
Nursery.....Marie Alexander & Jacob Kapfer
August Bus Driver.....Mary Morgan
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