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Dear Ones,

The blessings and benefits of being part of the Lord's Church and a local congregation are inexhaustible. About the time one thinks the list is complete, another comes to mind. I am encouraged by the truth of Ephesians 1:3 this morning. We are offered every spiritual blessing there is to be had in Christ.

This past weekend was the community's "Antique Fair Days." It is a local celebration with its parade, bustling town square filled with activities for children and food and the ever popular bingo tent. FCC Memphis participates by putting up a "tent" where we pass out a bit of free refreshment, promote our ministries and activities and provide a place for folks to simply sit and "visit a spell." This year, we were able to have a float in the parade. I am reminded to let folk know the float also took first place in the Church float category.

What a blessing to observe church family connecting with the community in meaningful ways! What an encouragement and benefit to see the Lord's people doing what they can to be salt and light in the midst of all the people mingling around the town square! I was reminded this past weekend that we are the body of Christ. We each have different gifts and abilities. Many thanks to all the folk from FCC Memphis who assisted in any way to help us be good representatives of Jesus during the Antique Fair.

I also want to thank the church family in advance for what I know will be a great blessing and encouragement for a vital ministry just down the road. Plan today to be in attendance for CENTRAL DAY on September 4th. Lloyd Pelfrey, President Emeritus, from Central Christian College of the Bible will be speaking. Please lay aside a financial gift to share with our beloved Bible College on that day too.

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

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

### ***Youth Preacher's Post***

The word happiness evokes visions of unwrapping gifts on Christmas morning, strolling hand in hand with the one you love, being surprised on your birthday, or vacationing in an exotic locale. Everyone wants to be happy. We make chasing this elusive ideals of a lifelong pursuit: spending money, collecting things, and searching for new experiences. But if happiness depends on our circumstances, what happens when the toys rust, loved ones die, or health deteriorating?

Philippians is Paul's joy letter. The church in that Macedonian city had been a great encouragement to Paul. The Philippian believers had enjoyed a very special relationship with Paul, so he wrote them a personal expression of his love and affection. The had brought him great joy. Philippians is also a joyful book because it emphasizes the real joy of the Christian life. The concept of rejoicing or joy appears 16 times in four chapters, and the pages radiate this positive message, culminating in the exhortation to "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice" (4:4).

In a life dedicated to serving Christ, Paul had faced excruciating poverty, abundant wealth, and everything in between. He even wrote this joyful letter from prison. Whatever the circumstances, Paul had learned to be content (4:1-12), finding real joy as he focused all of his attention and energy on knowing Christ (3:8), and obeying him (3:12-13). May we share Paul's aspiration and seek to know Jesus Christ more and more.

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  
Sam Berkowitz  
Bert Bibby  
Marjorie Durham  
Mrs. Dennis Ludwick  
Vicky Cummsiskey  
Louisiana flood victims  
Jeanie Drummond  
Joe Welsh

**Hospital:**  
Georganna Lister  
**Shut-In:**

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

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

Donna Meeks  
Georgia Couch

**Schuyler County  
Nursing Home:**

Marietta Garrison

*Sympathies to Chuck Webb family.*



**September  
Book of Month**

Hebrews, I & II Peter

**STATISTICS**

**August 28, 2016**

Sunday School...66  
Worship....110

General Fund.....\$2,605.39

**BUDGET (To Date)**

Weekly Needs.....\$3,242.00  
Budget needs.....\$116,470.00  
Gifts.....\$105,591.39

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are updating our Evangel E-mail list. If you would like to receive the Evangel through e-mail please e-mail the church at [fccm@nemr.net](mailto:fccm@nemr.net) and we will add you to the list.  
Thanks!



**Sept 4th ~ Central Day**

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

Church Office will be closed on  
**Monday, September 5th.**



Volunteers are needed for ONE route of home delivered meals on Tuesdays in September.

If you can serve in this way, please contact Angela Westhoff @ 660.216.0412 or 465.2714

**TASK Information:**

**Wednesday, Sept. 7 @ 6:30.**

An invitation is open for anyone high school age and up to join us as volunteers!!!

TASK will resume with a kick-off on

**Monday, Sept. 12.**

Please register your child, pass on registration forms, and invite others to join us.

A staff meeting will be held on

***First Christian Church  
Memphis, MO***  
**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 ~***

Morning Worship ~ Phillip Gore, Tim Hawkins (Beginning @ 9:20am) Gate Way Singers

Noon ~ meal provided for everyone in attendance

2pm ~ Closing service Terry Rush

**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 September 04, 2016**

West Greeter.....Kathy Miller  
West Usher.....Joe Miller  
East Greeter.....Edna Gundy  
Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril  
SCCC Pianist.....Alisa & Elsie Kigar  
Nursery.....Elaine Forrester & Elsie Kigar  
September Bus Driver.....Paul Campbell  
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