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Dear Ones,

Josiah is good to write his weekly article promptly on Sunday afternoon or evening. I can appreciate that, but he wrote this week about a thought on my mind! I, too, wanted to give a bit of time encouraging our church family as we step into the Christmas season,

It was heartwarming to hear about the church decorating party. Some of the family got together and had a great time together. In the midst of decorating, memories were made and folks got to see one another in a different setting than on a Sunday morning. Thank you to all of you who gave your time to decorating. The decorations look so nice.

Sunday is our annual "Thanksgiving/Christmas" all church dinner. I want to encourage you to see this special dinner and our "Third Sunday Dinners" as blessings not to be missed. It seems from the book of Acts, that the early believers found great joy in getting together daily and sharing their meals together. While every Sunday should be important to you for worship and fellowship, let's give the Sundays we gather for lunch a special priority. Let's share the joy of being family!

One other thought about family is on my mind this morning. We are updating our Church family information. We've lost touch with some of the family. We want to reconnect with everyone who claims Memphis First Christian Church as their church home. Perhaps you know someone you can encourage to come back and be an active part of the family. Perhaps you are one of those we've lost touch with. Let us know how we may encourage you. Sunday will be a great day for family to come together! Come be blessed and be a blessing!

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

## Youth Minister's Post

One of favorite things about the holiday's is spending time with FAMILY. In the book of Acts we find what we call **The Fellowship of the Believers**. *"They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved,"* (Acts 2:42-47). This group of believers understood what it meant to spend time with FAMILY! What a great reminder for us every time that meet together. We are coming together as a FAMILY OF BELIEVERS sharing what we have in common. Anytime that we get to spend time together with our FAMILY let's take advantage of it! In my mind the early church will always serve as a wonderful reminder of what the word FAMILY means!

**In Christ,** Josiah Holloway



## Prayer Requests

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Mary Ann Blessing | Bob Carney         |
| Willadean Crist   | Ramah Douglas      |
| Randy Elder       | Donna Houghton     |
| Richard Kennett   | Linda Koser        |
| Dora McClintock   | Sam Berkowitz      |
| Debbie Seamster   | Judy Thibault      |
| Joe Miller        | Teresa Fisher      |
| Dean Smoot        | Donna Wheeler      |
| Max Kapfer        | Jean "Effie" Allen |
| Sheila Owing      | Mark Kutzner       |

### Hospitalized

### FCC Members at SCCC & R.C.F.

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Jeri Baker       | Cleo Davis     |
| Audrey Drummond  | Velva Freburg  |
| Louise Frederick | Vetrice Goins  |
| Gene Parsons     | Harriett Poole |
| Ruth Speer       |                |

### FCC Members at Schuyler County N.H.

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Marietta Garrison | Bernice Shanes |
|-------------------|----------------|

### Military

|              |
|--------------|
| David Miller |
|--------------|

## December's Book of Month

Revelation



## STATISTICS

**December 1, 2013**

|                   |
|-------------------|
| Sunday School..59 |
| Worship..110      |

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| General Fund..... | \$3,170.34 |
| Carpet Fund.....  | \$90.00    |

### BUDGET (To date)

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Weekly Needs ..... | \$3,235.00   |
| Budget needs.....  | \$155,280.00 |
| Gifts.....         | \$145,480.80 |

## 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        |
| Debbie Seamster ..... | Office Assistant |

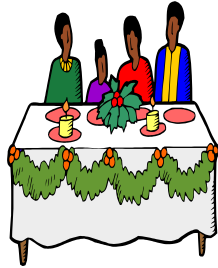
# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Family Night for TASK - Tuesday, December 3**

Supper will be served from 5:10 to 5:30. Activities will follow. This will be the last TASK meeting for 2013. We will resume on January 7 after the holidays.

## **Saturday, December 7th ~**

There will be a practice at 4pm for the Children's Christmas Program. Please try and be there as this will be the final rehearsal.



## **December 8th ~** Children's Christmas Program

&  
Annual Thanksgiving/  
Christmas Dinner

There is a sign up sheet in the East foyer for helping out or bringing in food.



Children's Christmas Program

## **TASK NEWS**

The children in TASK are learning this life lesson...giving is about showing gratitude for what Jesus did for us! The TASK children have committed to collecting school supplies for the children of Living Water Christian School in Gonaives, Haiti. They are filling shoeboxes with various school supplies. Would you consider filling a box too? Boxes need to be brought in by December 8.



## **Community Choir Christmas Program "We Beheld His Glory"**

December 8th @ 5 p.m.  
Memphis United Methodist Church  
(refreshments served afterward)



The Memphis First Baptist Church JOY Group invites the F.C.C. Memphis Young at Heart Group to their annual Christmas luncheon on December 10th at 11:30 a.m. The gathering will be held in "Dad's Shed" (528 North Adams Street in Memphis) at the home of Rose Miller. Soups and beverages will be provided. Please bring finger foods, desserts, etc. to share.

## Reminder December 8, 2013

|                            |                                 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| West Greeter.....          | Alisa Kigar                     |
| West Usher.....            | Jim Kigar                       |
| East Greeter.....          | Marge Garrett                   |
| Sunday School at SCCC..... | Truth Seekers                   |
| SCCC Pianist.....          | Jana Muntz                      |
| Nursery.....               | Elaine Forrester & Jordon Orton |
| December Bus Driver.....   | Lee Parrish                     |

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