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Dear Ones,

Do you know how comforting and encouraging it is to have folks willing to step up and step in when you are called away? I was called away last week to be with a dear family in Indiana to share in the funeral services for an Elder and friend who mentored me for many years. I made a phone call and my teacher for Sunday's Bible class was secured. I had been preparing Josiah for the possibility he might preach if I was called away late in the week. I certainly appreciated having men ready to fill in at a moment's notice.

I am a believer in the thought of "mentoring." The Apostle Paul said this to a young preacher, **"The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others."** (2 Timothy 2:) A simple idea about mentoring is the purposed action to teach others what you know and do. I am struck by the thought that though Timothy was young, he was encouraged to find faithful men to teach the things of the Lord. In turn, those faithful men were to do the same with others.

One need not be a preacher to do this! I was thinking this could be a great challenge for the church family in 2014. Let's each be mentors in some way! Sunday School teachers or Elders, Those taking out shut in communion or helping with children's ministry ... Purpose to find a faithful person to train as your helper in those areas. Are you thinking you need someone to mentor you? That is great. Go volunteer to share in a ministry and we will get you connected with a mentor.

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

Youth Minister's Post

"Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole; I want Thee forever to live in my soul. Break down every idol, cast out every foe; Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. (Refrain) Whiter than snow, yes whiter than snow. Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Lord Jesus, let nothing unholy remain, Apply Thine own blood and extract ev'ry stain; To get this blest cleansin, I all things forego now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. (Refrain) Lord Jesus look down from Thy throne I the skies, Abd help me to make a complete sacrifice. I give up myself, and whatever I know, Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. (Refrain) Lord Jesus, for this I most humbly entreat, I wait blessed lord, at thy crucified feet. by fiath, for my cleansing, I see thy blood flow, Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. (Refrain) Lord Jesus, thou seest I patiently wait, Come now, and within me a new heart create; To those who have sought Thee, Thou never sadist, "No," Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. (Refrain) The blessing by fiath, I receive from above; O glory! My soul is made perfect in love; My prayer has prevailed, and this moment I know, The blood is applied, I am whiter than snow. (Refrain)." These are the lyrics to the hymnal *Whiter Than Snow*. I love how the lyrics serve as a great reminder of what it means to be pure! There is nothing that can be Whiter Than Snow! I am thankful for the reminder of such a wonderful Creator and the beautiful world that HE created.

In Christ, Josiah Holloway

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Jean "Effie" Allen	Dora McClintock
Sam Berkowitz	Debbie Seamster
Mary Ann Blessing	Dean Smoot
Bob Carney	Judy Thibault
Willadean Crist	Sheila Owings
Randy Elder	Donna Wheeler
Teresa Fisher	Viola Heiner
Donna Houghton	Vicky Clark
Max Kapfer	Matt Frederick
Richard Kennett	Judy Gamber
Linda Koser	Margaret Elder
Mark Kutzner	Brandi Ely

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

We would like to send our sympathies to Joel Kapfer's family.

December Book of Month

Revelation

STATISTICS

December 15, 2013

Sunday School..71
Worship..80

General Fund.....\$2,220.50
Carpet Fund.....\$40.00

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs \$3,235.00
Budget needs.....\$161,850.00
Gifts.....\$151,383.31

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 SeamsterOffice Assistant

ANNOUNCEMENTS



December 21st—Men's Breakfast
7:30am meet in the fireplace room

Dec 24th @ 6pm
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
Please come and bring
your family.



New Year's Eve Lock In:
Dec 31st 8pm through
Jan 1st 8am
FOOD, GAMES, MOVIES



For junior high and senior high students (7-12 grades)

Where: basement of the First Christian Church. We will be hav-

ing breakfast for any of the kids that want it that morning before the kids leave.

More information contact Josiah Holloway:
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Wishing you and your family a
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year

From the Staff



Reminder December 22, 2013

West Greeter.....Marjorie Durham
West Usher.....Wayne Durham
East Greeter.....Angela Newman
Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril
SCCC Pianist.....Sandra Blake
Nursery.....Tonya & Connor Harrison
December Bus Driver.....Lee Parrish

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