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## **P r e a c h e r ' s P o s t**

Dear Ones,

When will Christmas be over? We've been given an extra day to "officially" shop on Thanksgiving day. Since then, there have been so many Christmas related activities and events to attend. Christmas movies and family gatherings may still be part of the fare between now and Christmas day.

When will Christmas be over? I find it hard to understand that for some, Christmas is a disturbing thought. There is something offensive even in the greeting, "Merry Christmas." What is offensive about the story of the Nativity. What is offensive about the birth of a baby in an obscure village over two millennium ago?

When will Christmas be over? I don't recall a year in my decades of Christmases that we haven't heard the admonition to "keep Christ in Christmas." In some ways, keeping Christ in Christmas can be a bit limiting! You see, for some well meaning Christians, Jesus takes the forefront for a few days this time of year. The nativity set is put away. The baby Jesus is tucked away for another year.

When will Christmas be over? I tease about being a Grinch at Christmas time, but I like the thought that we share the Christmas message all year long. I saw a quote this year I've never seen before ... "Let's keep Christ in Christians." IF we do that, Christmas will never be over!

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

### **Youth Minister's Post**

How many of you enjoy working with children? We have a wide variety of folks within our church family that work with children of all ages. This was one of the main reasons for why I wanted to become a Youth Minister. I had a passion to help kids grow in the Lord while I was in high school and college. My biggest reason for becoming a Youth Minister is .....Matthew 28:18-20 (The Great Commission). I feel that it is important to prepare the kids for the real world like my parents, grandparents, college professors, and church family did for me. Jesus told His disciples, **"Go therefore and MAKE DISCIPLES of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you."** It is my job for the limited amount of time that I get to spend with the kids that I let them know that Jesus loves them. I need to let the kids know that they are important in God's eyes. Jesus told the disciples, **"Permit the children to come to ME; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs so such as these. Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all."** Your kids are special to me and always will be. I treat them as family and plan to for as long as I possibly can. So if you want to get plugged in and be a part of this contact me....**E-mail** (jh964@cccb.edu) **Cell phone** (660)-342-8706.

**In Christ,** Josiah Holloway

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

*We are here to pray for you!*



Jean "Effie" Allen	Dora McClintock
Mary Ann Blessing	Debbie Seamster
Bob Carney	Dean Smoot
Willadean Crist	Judy Thibault
Randy Elder	Sheila Owings
Teresa Fisher	Donna Wheeler
Donna Houghton	Viola Heiner
Max Kapfer	Vicky Clark
Richard Kennett	Matt Frederick
Linda Koser	Judy Gamber
Mark Kutzner	Margaret Elder
	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 express our sympathies to Earl Aylward and his family.

**December Book of Month**

Revelation

**STATISTICS**

**December 22, 2013**

Sunday School..46

Worship..81

General Fund.....\$2,660.98

Carpet Fund.....\$140.00

**BUDGET (To date)**

Weekly Needs ..... \$3,235.00

Budget needs.....\$165,085.00

Gifts.....\$154,044.29

**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**

**Dec 24th @ 6pm**

Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service

Please come and bring your family.



**Dec 29th after church**

2014 Organizational  
Deaconess Meeting



We will meet in the east wing to prepare our 2014 schedule.

**December 29th—** Baby Shower in the basement at 1 p.m. for Wyatt, Mackenzie and Baby Miller.

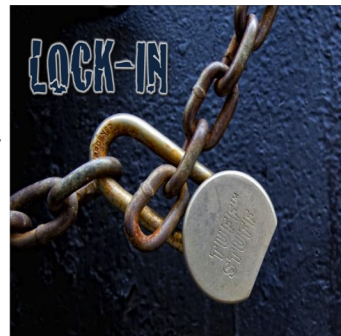


**New Year's Eve Lock In: Dec 31st 8pm through Jan 1st 8am  
FOOD, GAMES, MOVIES**

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

Where: basement of the First Christian Church.

We will be having breakfast for any of the kids that want it that morning before the kids leave. More information contact Josiah Holloway: Call/text: 660-341-8706 Email: jh964@cccb.edu



**Jan 9th 6pm  
@Keith's Cafe**

**January 12th—4-6pm  
All Church Skating Party  
@ C.A.R.E Roller Rena**



**Reminder December 29, 2013**

West Greeter.....Allison Campbell

West Usher.....Lance Campbell

East Greeter.....Doris Orton

Sunday School at SCCC.....Ronnie Miller

SCCC Pianist.....Jana Muntz

Nursery.....Patricia and Katie Miller

December Bus Driver.....Lee Parrish

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