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Dear Ones,

My office calendar now shows the days for December. The church auditorium is decorated for the season. Christmas is coming!

This morning I am thinking about "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. Do you remember the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future? Those scenes come to mind in a little different way as I visit with you today.

We celebrated a "youth Sunday" at FCC Memphis yesterday. It was a good morning as the teens shared in the service and Josiah preached. I woke this morning to a thought or two about what I witnessed yesterday. I could take the entire newsletter to elaborate on those encouraging and positive ponderings.

I look to the past this morning. I remember when several of those teens were toddlers! I recall seeing them in the "children's Christmas program several years ago. I am reminded how blessed we are to have children growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus! One of the blessings of ministry is seeing our children grow up.

I look to the present this morning. Our Teens are learning to serve the Lord. I appreciate the way they are developing their talents and abilities. Whether it be raising a voice in song or sharing a thought from the heart, they are becoming active and involved in leading worship. I am proud of the young men and young ladies involved in ministry here at FCC Memphis!

I look to the future this morning. The reality of rural life is that some of our young people will move to other communities as adults. I am encouraged to think the teens you saw Sunday morning will one day serve as Elders, Deacons, Preachers, teachers, small group leaders, and in other ways faithfully serving Jesus in other congregations because they were mentored among the Lord's people at FCC Memphis.

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

Youth Minister's Post

Even though the month of November is over, I am thankful that I got to preach and work with the youth during our Youth Sunday yesterday. I asked the students to share their answers to the following question, **"When you think about confession, what comes to mind?"** Here are the kids responses: "You admit to yourself and to God that you did wrong. It's not something you do once or twice, it's a process that you have to go through many times throughout your walk with Christ." "Confession to me means telling the whole truth, not to stretch it out or lie. You just tell someone exactly what you did. For example, if I didn't do my homework, I would say I didn't do my homework instead of saying my dog ate it." "Confession to me means to tell your sins and ask for forgiveness. You confess what you have done to your parents, grandparents, teachers, yourself and God." "When I think about confession I think about confessing your sins. Let's say I committed a crime. I would say, 'Yes Judge, I committed that crime and now I can see that it was wrong for me to do that. So, yes I am guilty of that crime.' In the end God will be our final Judge." They came up with these answers on their own. How would you answer the question?

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Mary Ann Blessing
 Donna Wheeler
 Donna Meeks
 John Dodge
 Gina Kittle
 John Wheeler
 Dixie Drummond
 Donna Houghton
 Florine Forrester
 Debbie Seamster
 Jay Schirk
 Jane Brookshire
 LeVonne Ketchum
 Holly Harris
 Chipper Harris
 Barbara Smith
 Russell James
 Evelyn Nye
 Louis Wilson

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 SCCC & R.C.F.**

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

Marietta Garrison



**December
 Book of Month**

Revelations

STATISTICS

November 30, 2014

Sunday School...66
 Worship...95
 General Fund.....\$2,459.00
 Carpet.....\$100.00

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs \$3,237.00
 Budget needs.....\$158,613.00
 Gifts.....\$149,675.15

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

The TASK children have taken on the challenge of raising \$250 for the "Rice and Beans for Kids" program established by the Living Water Christian Mission to feed those attending their schools. Want to join us in this cause? Save your spare change in a jar between now and Christmas or give a one time offering. (Memo—"Rice and Beans for Kids") The \$250 is enough for one day's cost of feeding 1,100 children and adults.



For more information, check <http://livingwaterchristianmission.org>



December 8 - TASK Family Night Supper will start @ 5:10 with a short program to follow. If you have not sent your reservations, please contact Stephanie (216-2469)



The **Memphis First Baptist Church JOY Group** invites the **F.C.C. Memphis Young at Heart Group** to their annual Christmas luncheon on **December 9th @ 12 p.m.** The gathering will be held at "**Dad's Shed**" (**528 North Adams St Memphis**) at the home of Rose Miller. Soups and beverages will be provided. Please bring finger foods, desserts, etc. to share.



December 14, 2014

Children's Christmas Program

Please plan on joining us this day to watch our kids perform "**The Promise Fulfilled**"



December 24, 2014 @ 6pm
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
First Christian Church

Reminder December 7, 2014

West Greeter..... Lynn Fincher
 West Usher.....Terry Fincher
 East Greeter.....Patricia Miller
 Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril
 SCCC Pianist.....Leah Terril
 Nursery.....Olivia & Hilary Harris
 December Bus Driver.....Lee Parish

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