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Dear Ones,

Are you keeping Jesus in your Christmas celebration this year. You know the clichés as well as I do. Many of us Christians are pretty vocal about wanting Jesus to be the reason for the season. In Sunday's sermon, we considered that "certain Greeks" came to Philip desiring to see Jesus. It was just after what we call the "Triumphal Entry" as Jesus entered Jerusalem the Sunday before his death, burial and resurrection. May we keep that as our Christmas wish. We also want to see Jesus!

I thought more about the request of those who desired to see Jesus. They sought out one of Jesus' disciples. They came up to Philip. What was it about Philip that drew their attention? In some way, these men concluded that if they wanted to meet Jesus, Philip was one with the ability to make it happen.

Want to Keep Christ in Christmas? That is great. Greater still is "Christ in you!" Do your friends see Christ in your Christmas celebrations, decorations, giving and living? Do they recognize you as a disciple of Jesus?

The story of the Greeks seeking Jesus, to my knowledge, leaves out a little detail. Did they ever get to see Jesus? May we live in such a way that our friends, family and acquaintances can see Jesus in us and through us. Let's do our best to be introducing Jesus to everyone we meet.

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

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

How many of you are excited for December 14? I will have to say that I am excited because it is our annual Children's Christmas Program. The title for this year's program is, "*The Promise Fulfilled—A Christmas Drama.*" Once again this year's program will involve children from our Nursery through Sixth Grade age groups. All of the children have been doing a wonderful job of practicing their lines and acting out their parts. The entire congregation gets to be a part of the Children's Christmas Program as well. "How is that?" you ask. You get to sing hymns at the end of most of the scenes. I think the children are excited to perform in front of their family and friends. Let's do our best to fill the church auditorium and support the children. I would also like to inform you that we will be recording the program. If you are unable to make it to the program, call the church. We will make sure we get you a copy of the program so you can watch our children perform. **Don't forget about the Dress Rehearsal on Saturday December 13, at 10 am in the church auditorium.**

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  
Jane Brookshire  
LeVonne Ketchum  
Holly Harris  
Chipper Harris  
Barbara Smith  
Russell James  
Evelyn Nye  
Louis Wilson  
Bob Carney

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

Jeri Baker                 Audrey Drummond  
Velva Freburg         Louise Frederick  
Vetrice Goins         Gene Parsons  
Harriett Poole         Jean Allen

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



**December  
Book of Month**

**Revelations**

**STATISTICS**

**December 7, 2014**

Sunday School...71  
Worship...103  
General Fund.....\$3,779.75  
Carpet.....\$90.00

**BUDGET (To date)**

Weekly Needs .....\$3,237.00  
Budget needs.....\$161,850.00  
Gifts.....\$153,454.90

**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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Saturday, December 13 @ 10am  
Church Auditorium—  
Children’s dress rehearsal**



**December 14, 2014  
Children’s Christmas Drama**  
Please plan on joining us this day  
to watch our kids  
perform  
**“The Promise Fulfilled”**



**Sunday, December 14** after the children's program.  
The meat, potatoes, and dressing will be provided. If  
you would like to bring a dish to share please bring a  
salad, vegetable or dessert. Everyone is welcome to  
stay and eat but for those who like to share their culi-  
nary talents we would welcome your side dishes.



**Community Cantata  
Methodist Church  
December 14 @ 4pm**

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



**New Year’s Eve Lock-In Jr/Sr High  
December 31**  
More details to come

**Reminder December 14, 2014**

West Greeter..... Linda Wheeler  
West Usher.....Leon Wheeler  
East Greeter.....Benjie Briggs  
Sunday School at SCCC.....Truth Seekers  
SCCC Pianist.....Jana Muntz  
Nursery.....Mary Morgan & Carson Harrison  
December Bus Driver.....Lee Parish

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