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Dear Ones,

I look forward to the first day of winter! We may have winter like weather well before the twenty-first day of December, but I do not necessarily look forward to snow or dropping temperatures. For me, some of the darkest times are those leading up to Winter. I am not writing about being depressed or discouragement. I am simply talking about the lack of daylight. I am talking about the Winter Solstice. We often call it the shortest day of the year. It is the shortest time in the year between sunrise and sunset. It is the longest time between sunset and sunrise that we will experience annually.

Starting with this day, the amount of daylight we experience until the Summer solstice will gradually increase until we experience a day of the longest amount of sunlight and shortest night of darkness for the year. So much for the "earth science" lesson. I hope to make a spiritual application as we enter these last moments before Christmas.

The birth of Jesus is all about bringing light to a world filled with darkness! The Apostle John declares Jesus is the "true light that give light to everyone." In John 8, Jesus calls himself the "light of the world." Jesus reminds us that we are to be the "Light of the world" (Matthew 5). How about taking some time this week to think about how Jesus gives us light. Might we think of how we may let our light help people see Jesus this Christmas season and into the coming new year. May the light of Christ lead you today and always.

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

Youth Minister's Post

I don't know about the rest of you, but I am excited about some events happening in the next couple of weeks. Tonight, December 22, we have an event for the whole family. The C.A.R.E. Roller Rens is having their monthly Christian Skate Night. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 5:30 pm and return at 8:30 pm. The cost is \$2 per person. Please call the church office if you plan to attend. Let's see if we can fill the church bus. The next event is for the Junior High and Senior High students. I will be hosting the 3rd Annual New Year's Eve Lock-In for all Jr. High and Sr. High students. The event will take place from 10 pm (December 31)—8 am (January 1) at "The Place." We will have food, games, a movie, and a nerf gun war. The students are responsible for providing their own nerf guns if they have them. We will have a few extra for any students that do not have a gun. I ask that you RSVP by December 30 please so I can plan properly. Thanks! Lastly I would like to say Merry Christmas to everyone!

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
 Holly Harris
 Chipper Harris
 Barbara Smith
 Russell James
 Evelyn Nye
 Louis Wilson
 Bob Carney
 George Owings
 Dorothy Franklin

SCMH
 Max Kapfer

**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 21, 2014

Sunday School...62
 Worship...101
 General Fund.....\$4,067.75
 Carpet.....\$140.00

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs \$3,237.00
 Budget needs.....\$168,324.00
 Gifts.....\$160,776.80

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

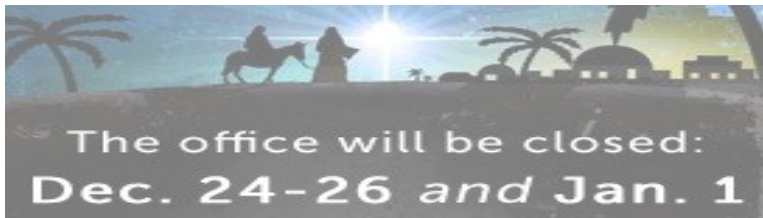


Rice and Beans for Kids If you wish to contribute to this cause it is not to late. Offering will continue until **Sunday, December 28.** The TASK children met their goal with an offering of \$271.85. While shopping and dinning out this week, keep your change and bring it in to place in our "blessings jar".



**New Year's Eve Lock-In Jr/Sr
 High
 December 31 @ "The Place"
 10pm-8am
 Food, Games, Movies, Nerf
 War
 (everyone must provide their own
 Nerf gun)**

Offering envelopes will be set out this *Sunday, December 28th.* If you are needing offering envelopes please contact the church office.



Reminder December 28, 2014

West Greeter..... Kathy Miller
 West Usher.....Joe Miller
 East Greeter.....Donna Cook
 Sunday School at SCCC.....Ronnie Miller
 SCCC Pianist.....Sandra Blake
 Nursery.....Sheri & Jacob Kapfer
 December Bus Driver.....Lee Parish

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