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

Dear Ones,

"We would like to see Jesus." That was the request of some folks from Greece after Jesus made his last trip to Jerusalem. We used that request to remind us to keep our focus on Christ during the Christmas season. Of course, we want to remember that Jesus is the "reason for the season." Yes, we want to "Keep Christ in Christmas." Here it is now, just days before the month ends and the new year begins.. Christmas is over. Decorations will be coming down. Our attentions are now on resolutions for 2015.

Could I suggest that we not "Keep Christ in Christmas" this coming year? Could I suggest we unwrap our "incredible gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15). Some people would prefer that Jesus be kept in swaddling cloths. Leaving him in a manger (feeding trough) is safe. It is only when the Prince becomes the King that the world has to deal with Him.

What is it about a nativity scene on a courthouse lawn that can raise such a ruckus? Why is it that some see that as a threat. The Bible says the demons believe in God and shudder (James 2:19). They know the power of God. Could it be that many who oppose the Christ of Christmas apparently have an awareness that a mighty power resides in Jesus! Otherwise, why such an outrage about a simple display?

Let's show our friends, our neighbors and our community that Jesus is not only the "reason for the season." He is the reason for every day! Let's show the world around us the power of Christ in our lives all year long. May His love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control be seen in us and shared with others.

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

## **Youth Minister's Post**

**Greetings,** I commandeered Josiah's spot this week so I could send a few messages your way! First, how can I express my gratefulness to those who gave to the ***Beans and Rice for Kids*** project? TASK's mission project was to collect a day's worth of meals. (About \$250) Their final total was over \$300! We extended the challenge to the congregation... It was so neat and exciting to watch the jar fill up each Sunday. Sometimes it would be all change. Sometimes paper bills would show up. Did you know the kiddos were keeping watch over that jar?!? They would come running, letting me know what was just put in. It was exciting watching their excitement!!! I renamed the jar several times: money jar to joy jar, then to blessings jar. To get to the point, \$1,371.48 was collected to send to the Living Water Christian Mission school in Haiti to help with their lunch program. Thanks every one! What blessings you are!!!

Secondly, I am announcing the starting date for TASK's second semester. We will regroup on January 26, the forth Monday of January. This is also Skate Night. A meal following TASK will be available for those wishing to skate that night. See you in four weeks!!!!

-- **Miss Stephanie**

**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 & Sheila Owings  
Dorothy Franklin  
Willadean Crist

**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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**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)*

**NO YOUTH GROUP—SUNDAY, JANURARY 4th**

**Fellow's Night Out!**

**January 8th @ 6pm @ Keith's Café**

Calling out for all men and boys to come and share wonderful food and good times!

**January 10—1pm-4pm**

We will be having a  
**"Drive-In Movie"** Kindergarten thru Sixth grade. We are going to provide the boxes and materials for the children to make their "own cars".



Popcorn and drinks will be provided also. Please let me or the church office know if your child/children are able to attend so that I have enough boxes.

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**January  
Book of Month**

**Matthew**

**STATISTICS**

**December 28, 2014**

Sunday School...50  
Worship...115  
General Fund.....\$2,563.00  
Carpet.....\$90.00

**BUDGET (To date)**

Weekly Needs ..... \$3,237.00  
Budget needs.....\$171,561.00  
Gifts.....\$163,339.80



**January 18th — All Church Dinner**

Right after the morning service please stay for wonderful food and fellowship.



**Thank you** for the poinsettias in honor of: Hollis Meeks, Lucas Campbell, Larry Winkleman and Andy Clapp.

**Offering envelopes will be set out, Sunday, January 4th. If you are needing offering envelopes please contact the church office.**

**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

**Reminder January 4, 2015**

West Greeter..... Allison Campbell  
West Usher.....Lance Campbell  
East Greeter.....Helen Clough  
Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril  
SCCC Pianist.....Leah Terrill  
Nursery.....Elaine Forrester & Sheila Berkowitz  
December Bus Driver.....Paul Campbell  
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