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Dear Ones,

Here we are! Only one week until Christmas. Within hours of my writing (typing) and forwarding to the Secretary, you will be reading this last "Preacher's Post." Some of you may be reading this just days before Christmas. Some of you may well be reading this well over a week from now!

In all the excitement of being with our FCC Memphis family this crisp Sunday morning, I failed to remind folk about the annual Christmas Eve Service. We will gather at 6:30 p.m. on the 24th for a time of worship and celebration of the birth of Christ. I am sure a blessing awaits all who will be in attendance.

Every several years, Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. Of course that is the case this year. What does that mean to our Sunday worship? Will visitors give special effort to be in Church on that morning. Will Christmas morning traditions make it difficult to get to Church? Will families be on the road to get to Christmas dinner?

We have not made any significant changes for this coming Sunday. Bible classes will gather at 9:20 am. The worship time remains the same, 10:30 a.m. I can tell you one thing about our Christmas Day Worship. We will have a unique experience and it will not include a sermon. As I said in a previous paragraph, "I am sure a blessing awaits all who will be in attendance!"

Recently, I read a statement fitting for a preacher Or a parishioner. It reminded us to be sure not to miss the King of Kings as we center our attentions on the babe in the manger. Merry Christmas to one and all!

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

Youth Preacher's Post

Luke tells Jesus' story from the perspective of a Gentile, a physician, and the first historian of the early church. Though not an eyewitness of Jesus' ministry, Luke nevertheless was concerned that eyewitness accounts be preserved accurately and that the foundations of Christian belief be transmitted intact to the next generation. In Luke's Gospel are many of Jesus' parables. In addition, more than any other Gospel, it gives specific instances of Jesus' concern for women.

There was a lot of interest in Jesus and many people had written firsthand accounts about him. Luke may have used these accounts and all other available resources as material for an accurate and complete account of Jesus' life, teachings and ministry.

As a medical doctor, Luke knew the importance of being thorough. He used his skills in observation and analysis to thoroughly investigate the stories about Jesus. His diagnosis? The gospel of Jesus Christ is true. You can read Luke's account of Jesus' life with confidence that it was written by a clear thinker and a thoughtful researcher. We have to remember that the gospels were founded on historical truth. Let's make sure that we dig into God's and be observant to what it says.

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Please Pray For...

John Wheeler
Jim Kratzer
Ron Alexander
Sam Berkowitz
Stephanie Sumption
Georgia Couch
Dana Kapp

Shut-In:

Dixie Drummond
Roberta Small
Roberta Beckert
Jean "Effie" Allen
Viola Heiner
Georganna Lister

**Church Family
Residing At:**

Scotland Co. C C & R.C.F.

Donna Meeks
Bette Herbert
Donna Wheeler

Schuyler County N.H.

Marietta Garrison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Annual Lock-In
First Baptist Church
Memphis, MO
December 30th
10pm-7am



**December
Book of Month**

Revelations

STATISTICS

December 18, 2016

Sunday School...52
Worship....78
General Fund.....\$13,473.00

BUDGET (To Date)

Weekly Needs.....\$3,242.00
Budget needs.....\$164,824.00
Gifts.....\$166,127.53

The Church Office Schedule:



Will Be
Closed:



The Evangel will be compiled and put out later next
week for the Christmas Season.



Men's Leadership Study

Men's Leadership Study
Sundays, Jan 15th thru
Feb 26th
1pm @ the church building

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 December 25, 2016

West Greeter.....Tonya Harrison
West Usher.....Randy Harrison
East Greeter.....Maxine Brown
Sunday School at SCCC.....Ronnie Miller
SCCC Pianist.....Sandra Blake
Nursery.....Elaine Forrester
December Bus Driver.....Lee Parish

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