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Dear Ones,

Am I writing my last piece for 2016, or my first piece for 2017? We are combining two weeks of newsletters into one with this issue. I suppose since it will be published before the end of the year, technically it is still volume 53. Now, to remember to change the volume number with the next newsletter.

I think there is a cliché this time of year that says, "Out with the old, in with the new." That may be true of an old year. In some ways that is true of the Christian life. When we become Christians, we are directed to forsake our old life. In fact, the Bible speaks about being "crucified with Christ." We pass through the waters of baptism where we are buried with Jesus to also rise with him in "newness of life."

The Apostle Peter likened us to "babes" in Christ as we begin our journey of faith. He directs us to look to the Word of God as the "pure milk" we need to grow in our relationship with Christ. The writer of Hebrews points out that this same Word of God is "meat" for the mature. The Apostle Paul told the Ephesian Christians that Leaders are given to congregations to help believers grow into mature Christians.

Starting on Sunday, January 1, I intend to preach a four message series, "Growing Like Jesus." It is my hope that we might be challenged by how Jesus grew. Luke 2:52 says **"And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."** (NASB77) I would challenge you to commit yourself to starting the year with your FCC Memphis church family. We will spend four Sundays considering how Jesus grew and how we can keep growing and maturing in our faith.

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

Youth Preacher's Post

Do you have children that are looking for ways to be involved in church? I am happy to say that in 2017 we have some fun things planned for your children. I would like to take some time this week and share those events with you.

I would like to tell you about our last event of 2016 first. We will be having our annual Lock-In for Jr. High and Sr. High students on December 30. The event will be held from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am at the Memphis First Baptist Church.

We have four Youth Sunday's planned for 2017. The CCCB Day & Mid-Winter Cookout will take place on February 12 or 19. We hope to have the official date soon. We will have our Camp Kick-off & Senior Recognition on May 7. The NYR crew will have their Annual NYR Presentation on July 30. Our last Youth Sunday of the year will be held on October 15. The last event is we have planned is the Annual Children's Christmas Program on December 10. If you don't want to miss out make sure you write these dates down. We will have more details when the time comes.

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Please Pray For...

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

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

*Sympathies to Alice Cowell
family at this time.*



**December
Book of Month**

Revelations

STATISTICS

December 25, 2016

Sunday School...26
Worship...85
General Fund.....\$10,923.00

BUDGET (To Date)

Weekly Needs.....\$3,242.00
Budget needs.....\$168,066.00
Gifts.....\$167,577.53

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

Offering envelopes on the back table.
Please write your name and the number of your box
together on the sign up sheet.

The Church Office Schedule:



We are updating our Evangel E-mail list. If you would like
to receive the Evangel through e-mail please e-mail the
church at fccm@nemr.net and we will add you to the list.
Thanks!

Let's Stay Connected!!

Are you a member of our facebook group?
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/254548849131/>
Sign up there or contact the church office!

Fellow's Night Out

January 12th @ 6pm

Keith's Café

All men and young men are welcome to come
and enjoy the wonderful food and fellowship.



Men's Leadership Study

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

Help Wanted:

There are a variety of opportunities to use your talents at
FCC Memphis. We need people to minister in
the church and the community.
Please contact the church office for details...660-465-7751

I Peter 4:10

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to
serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its vari-
ous forms.*

Reminder January 01, 2017

West Greeter.....Alisa Kigar
West Usher.....Jim Kigar
East Greeter.....Sheila Berkowitz
Sunday School at SCCC.....Ronnie Miller
SCCC Pianist.....Alisa & Elsie Kigar
Nursery.....Terry & Brooke Campbell
January Bus Driver.....Paul Campbell

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