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Dear Ones,

How may I motivate, encourage and inspire you to read your Bible? That was the question I used to guide my study as I prepared last week's message. The good habit of Bible reading and meditation on the Word is beneficial to our spiritual growth and stability! Romans 15:4 says we find instruction, endurance, encouragement and hope in Scripture. The Word of God is valuable or profitable according to 2 Timothy 3:16, for teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness.

Our Elders and your Preacher are given the task, according to scripture to "equip you for work of ministry. For the building up of the body of Christ." (Ephesians 4:11, 12) One of the ways we can help "equip" you is encouraging you in the discipline of Bible reading. This profitable activity will help you become "complete, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:17)

We will be asking you to join us as we lay out the "BIBLE READER'S CHALLENGE 2014!" beginning Sunday, February 16th. Will you accept the challenge to stretch your Bible reading habit? Studies reveal that of all those who own Bibles, only about 13% are consistent in reading their Bibles on a daily basis. Some rarely read their Bibles if at all.

The Bible is compared to milk for the infant and meat for those who are more mature. It is our food. It is our nourishment. Maybe a goal for Bible reading is that before every meal in the coming year, we will have a serving of the Word of God! Just one of many ways to make Bible reading a part of your daily life.

Lord Bless,

*Preacher Jack*

## **Youth Minister's Post**

Most preschoolers are eager to be friends with anyone who's friendly. Since relating well to preschool kids is a pivotal part of how we show kids Jesus' love each week, it's important to foster friendships in these specific and effective ways. **GET ON KIDS' EYE LEVEL:** Kneel when you talk with young children. Since adults can be intimidating to a preschooler, simply eliminating the physical difference can help. Use a quiet, friendly voice for the same reason. As you reduce your adult sized presence, you build friendships with preschoolers. **CALL KIDS BY NAME:** Preschoolers feel welcome when you call them by name rather than by nicknames such as "kiddo" or "sweetheart." And remember, friendship building goes both ways. Tell your name so kids get to know you. **PLAY WITH KIDS:** Your primary job is to keep playtime safe, but as much as possible, spend time on their level. Talk to kids, play with them, color with them, and find ways to relate to them. **ACT AS A ROLE MODEL:** Preschoolers who've developed a friendship with you may grab your hand and want to sing songs with you or sit beside you during Bible time. If you're not leading at that time, you can show preschoolers your expectations by modeling reverent worship, listening to the Bible with interest, and closing your eyes for prayer time. Preschoolers are watching you as a role model, so show them how to participate and listen well. *Children's Ministry Magazine* (November/December 2013 Issue)

**In Christ,** Josiah Holloway

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

*We are here to pray for you!*



Mary Ann Blessing	Dora McClintock
Bob Carney	Debbie Seamster
Willadean Crist	Dean Smoot
Randy Elder	Sheila Owings
Donna Houghton	Donna Wheeler
Max Kapfer	Viola Heiner
Linda Koser	Vicky Clark
Mark Kutzner	Matt Frederick
Laura Schenk	Judy Gamber
Randy Elder	Margaret Elder
Dixie Drummond	Thomas Albertson

**Hospitalized**

Marjorie Peterson  
Lowell Dean Fincher

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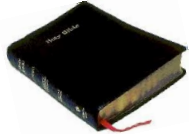
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Louise Frederick	Vetrice Goins
Gene Parsons	Harriett Poole
Jean "Effie" Allen	

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

Marietta Garrison    Bernice Shanes

**Military**

David Miller



**February Book  
of Month**

**Acts**

**STATISTICS**

**February 9, 2014**

Sunday School..85  
Worship..118

General Fund.....\$2,736.00  
Carpet Fund.....\$150.00  
Buddy Pacs.....\$50.00

**BUDGET (To date)**

Weekly Needs .....\$3,237.00  
Budget needs.....\$22,659.00  
Gifts.....\$21,672.12

**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  
Debbie Seamster .....Office Assistant

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**February 16th** after there will be an "interested meeting" for 9th-12th graders for NYR camp. Then on **March 16th** there will be an informational meeting. If you are interested please attend these meetings so we can see how many are wanting to go.

T.A.S.K. will be hosting a  
**NO SCHOOL DAY FIELD TRIP!**

**Tuesday, February 18th  
from 9am-4pm**

Cost: Money for lunch  
at McDonald's  
Bring friends  
Permission is needed to go.  
(If school is in session T.A.S.K  
will resume with regular  
schedule.)



On **February 23rd** we will have a mission speaker.

Deane Valkenaar (Executive Director of Genesis House in Edina) will be speaking during Sunday school and church about his upcoming move to Malakal, South Sudan.

Every Sunday afternoon there will be a Bible study at the church "Overview of Acts"  
The time will be 1:00pm, come and join us!



**MCI—Downing Christian Church**

Missouri Christian Institute

**Every Tuesday evening**

**February—March @ 7pm**

Registration forms are in both foyers.

On Sunday, February 16th, everyone attending Memphis First Christian Church will be encouraged to join in this annual congregational Bible reading Challenge. Will you join us in this challenge? You can register at church or by calling the church office.

**Reminder February 16, 2014**

West Greeter.....Holly Harris  
West Usher.....Chris Harris  
East Greeter.....Kathy Becraft  
Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril  
SCCC Pianist.....Maurine Robinson  
Nursery.....Marie Alexander & Jacob Kapfer  
February Bus Driver.....Leon Wheeler  
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