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Dear Ones,

I certainly appreciated having the first weeks of this new year to share messages about "Church Membership Matters" with our FCC Memphis family. Church membership does matter. It is not at all about having a name on a roll book. It is not confined to a pew on Sunday morning. It is about being a functioning, participating part of the body of Christ. It is about being connected. It is about being part of a church community where you can worship the Lord with His people, where you can work together to share the love of Christ with others. It is so much more.

We spoke of "matters of Church membership." There are matters, or concerns to be addressed in any family. That is true of the Church as well. My attitudes about these "matters" will certainly affect my actions as a Church member. Do I have the attitude of a servant of Christ? If so, I will see opportunities to meet needs as a blessing. I am here to serve. Do I go to Church to be served? If so, I evaluate the services, activities, or the decisions made by the Eldership by my preferences.

How does one measure spiritual growth or maturity? Some look to attendance records for Sunday School and worship services. I believe as one matures in faith, the study of God's Word and being among God's people in worship becomes very important. I believe another measurement is one's attitude about being a "servant of Christ." One who is maturing in faith is one that does not look to the local church as a consumer. A maturing believer is one who connects with the local body of believers to be a contributor. Perhaps a paraphrase of a well known statement by President John F. Kennedy will clarify what I am saying. "Ask not what your church can do for you, Ask what you can do for your Church."

Lord Bless,

Preacher Jack

Youth Minister's Post

As I sit here thinking about what to write, one word comes to mind, death. Death is a hard and painful word for us to swallow. It seems to be harder to swallow when we lose a loved one. Well, I would like to share **Psalms 23 (NASB)** with you: "*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of **DEATH**, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life. And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*" Death casts a frightening shadow over us because we are entirely helpless in its presence. We can struggle with other enemies: pain, suffering, disease, and injury. Strength and courage cannot overcome death. It has the final word. Only one person can walk with us through death's dark valley and bring us safe to the other side, the God of life, OUR SAVIOR.

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Mary Ann Blessing
Donna Wheeler
Donna Meeks
Gina Kittle
John Wheeler
Dixie Drummond
Donna Houghton
Levonne Ketchum
Russell James
Bob Carney
George & Sheila Owings
Willideane Crist
Rose Miller
Shirley Green
Gable Jarvis
Susan Rynearson
Rick Hunt
Dan Hite

Hospital

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



M.C.I — MISSOURI CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE

At the Stiles Christian Church

Every Tuesday evening

February 3 — March 31 @ 7pm

Register at Church or call the office.
(Transportation will be provided)



MISSION SUNDAY

—February 15th —

Mission Sunday & Mid-Winter Cookout

Central Christian College of the Bible will be leading the services. Dr. Micheal Curtice will be talking to the **Adult Sunday School Classes.**

Michael Butrum and a group of students from CCCB will be talking to the

Jr. High & Sr. High Sunday School Classes at **"The Place."**

CCCB's traveling worship team

"All The Earth" will be leading our morning service.

Dr. Micheal Curtice will be bringing the message.

Following the service we will be grilling...

Please stay enjoy the fellowship.

Meats and beverages provided, please bring a side dish if you wish.



February 16th @ 6pm

Scotland County Ministerial Alliance Meeting

Hosted by Memphis First Christian Church

Light supper at 6pm, meeting to follow

BIBLE READING CHALLENGE!

On **Sunday, February 22nd & March 1st**, everyone attending Memphis First Christian Church will be encouraged to join in our annual congregational Bible reading Challenge.

Will you join us in this challenge? You can register at church or by calling the church office.

Christian Skate Night

WHEN: Monday February 23

WHERE: CARE Roller Rana

TIME: 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Cost: \$2



February Book of Month

Acts

STATISTICS

February 8, 2015

Sunday School...66

Worship...120

General Fund.....\$5,169.50

Elevator.....\$40.00

Capet.....\$60.00

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs \$3,242.00

Budget needs.....\$19,452.00

Gifts.....\$22,714.30

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 February 15, 2015

West Greeter..... Alisa Kigar

West Usher.....Jim Kigar

East Greeter.....Rose Briggs

Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril

SCCC Pianist.....Maurine Robinson

Nursery.....Elaine Forrester & Sheila Berkowitz

February Bus Driver.....Leon Wheeler

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