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Dear Ones,

The house had been there for years. It was setting on land desired by a developer. Permissions had been granted for its demolition. It was about half destroyed before the work was halted. The structure was spared when it came to light that the building was a historic landmark. It is believed that the James Bell Tavern, constructed in 1780, was the birthplace of the United States Bill of Rights.

The Apostle Peter speaks of a building whose construction started over 2,000 years ago. He likened the Lord's church to a "spiritual house" made up of "living stones." (1 Peter 2:4, 5) When we come to Christ, we become "living stones." We become part of this amazing "spiritual house" where significant spiritual activity takes place. What happens in this spiritual house influences the world for time and eternity.

I look at the picture of the James Bell Tavern. Then I think about the "spiritual house" of which Peter writes. There may be those, who in the name of progress, want to remove the "spiritual house today." There may be those who never give thought to the significance of what influence the "spiritual house" has had on every culture throughout history.

I am sure the "spiritual house" is still setting on a firm foundation. Jesus is the Bedrock on which this building is being built (Mt. 16:13-18) I am confident the foundation laid by the Apostles and Prophets is as strong as ever and I find assurance in the building's cornerstone (Ep. 2:20). I am as certain as ever that the Lord is placing "living stones" in this "spiritual house" daily. Jesus promised that his Church would prevail.

I imagine this "spiritual house" from a different angle sometimes. I picture a beautiful structure with stones missing here and there. Some have been missing for years. Some have been missing for weeks. I look again and am please when one of those missing stones is back in its place! I do hope you are not one of those missing stones at FCC Memphis or at a congregation in your neighborhood. I wonder if we might not be taking time to go looking for some of those "missing stones" in these days ahead of our Homecoming service. What do you think?

Lord Bless,

Preacher Jack

**F.C.C. MEMPHIS
HOMECOMING CELEBRATION
Sept. 30—Oct. 2, 2016**

Youth Minister's Post

I would like to share some thoughts from Psalm 23 this week. In describing the Lord as a shepherd, David wrote out of his own experience because he had spent his early years caring for sheep. Sheep are completely dependent on the shepherd for provision, guidance, and protection. The New Testament calls Jesus the good shepherd (John 10:11), the great Shepherd (Hebrews 13:20), and the Chief Shepherd (1 Peter 5:4). As the Lord is the good shepherd, so we are his sheep. We should not be frightened, passive animals, but obedient followers, wise enough to follow one who will lead us in the right places and in the right ways.

When we allow God our shepherd to guide us, we have contentment. When we choose to sin, however, we go our own way and cannot blame God for the environment we create for ourselves. Our shepherd knows the "green pastures" and "quiet waters" that will restore us.

Death casts a frightening shadow over us because we are entirely helpless in its presence. We can struggle with enemies such as pain, suffering, disease, and injury, but 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 safely to the other side. The God of life, our shepherd. Life is uncertain and we should follow this shepherd who offers us eternal comfort.

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Mary Ann Blessing Keith Chance
Donna Wheeler Carter Collett
John Wheeler Kim Armstrong
Charlie Boyer Helen Cone
Terry Fincher Helen Sloan
Kim Anderson Donna Strait
Ramah Douglas Ron Alexander
Bill Moffet Lydia Hunt
Jeannie Drummond

Hospital:
Bob Carney

Shut-In:
Laura Carney
Dixie Drummond
Roberta Small
Roberta Beckert
Georganna Lister

**FCC Members at:
SCCC & R.C.F**

Jeri Baker Velva Freburg

**Schuyler County
Nursing Home:**

Marietta Garrison

*Sympathies to Bill McRobert
family at this time.
(Sheri & Joel Kapfer)*



**February
Book of Month
Acts**

STATISTICS

January 31, 2016

Sunday School...57
Worship...95
General Fund.....\$2,785.50

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs \$3,242.00
Budget needs.....\$16,210.00
Gifts.....\$15,667.25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prayer Group for Church
Anniversary Celebration
Every Friday @ 12:20 pm**

15 minutes (or more if needed) in Fireplace room.

**MCI—Downing Christian Church
Every Tuesday evening**

February 02—March 29 @ 7pm-9pm

Bus leaves at 6:30pm. If you are needing a ride
please call the church office.

LADIES!! Let's have lunch together at:

*Bonaparte Retreat Restaurant
Addie May Fudge and Antiques*

**Saturday, February 6, 11:30—Lunch,
10:30—Bus Leaves, RSVP—February 4**

Sign up in foyer contact church office or
Stephanie (216-2469)

Scotland County Ministerial Alliance Meeting

February 15th at 6:00 pm

Memphis United Methodist Church

CCCB/Mid-Winter Cookout

February 21, 2016

More details to come!

2016 I-MO Camp Dates:

June 5-10 ~ Junior High I ~
Completed 7th-8th grades

June 12-17 ~ Senior High ~
Completed 9th-12th grades

June 19-24 ~ Junior I ~
Completed 5th-6th grades

June 25 ~ Day Camp ~
Completed 1st-2nd grades

June 26-30 ~ PeeWee ~
Completed 3rd-4th grades

July 10-15 ~ Junior High II ~
Completed 7th-8th grades

July 17-22 ~ Junior II ~
Completed 5th-6th grades

August 5-7 ~ Family Camp ~
Your Entire Family

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 07, 2016

West Greeter.....Holly Harris
West Usher.....Chris Harris
East Greeter.....Sheila Berkowitz
Sunday School at SCCC.....
SCCC Pianist.....Alisa/Elsie Kigar
Nursery.....Julie Clapp & Sylvia Darland
February Bus Driver.....Leon Wheeler
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