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Dear Ones,

I read an article by Bob Russell on Sunday afternoon from his blog at bobrussell.org. He writes very thought provoking articles. A recent article is about an Apologetics Conference to be held in Ohio this coming Summer. He did give details about the event, but couched them in his warning that our young people are being drawn from their Christian faith because they are not well grounded in reasons they can have confidence in what they believe.

As I read that article, my heart went out to our youth guy and others who have the sobering responsibility to assist parents in the spiritual development of their children. They have only a few short years to influence and instruct our children in the Lord. Within those years, they compete with schools, extra-curricular activities, summer traveling teams, vacations and other activities for the time necessary to help build a faith foundation for your children to build on. I will do my best to encourage Josiah and others to stay at the task. It is of eternal importance.

My heart also goes out to parents we are trying to raise their children to have a biblical view toward life and to embrace those values that will serve them through time and eternity. Godly parents know the pressures to have their children involved in activities hours before school begins and for hours after. Our teens have homework to do and part time jobs too. Sunday may be the only "free time" they have all week. Our young people, at best, have minimal time to be engaged in spiritual development.

"Apologetics" is an academic word we use in church to describe a systematic study of why we believe what we believe about our faith in God and His Word. The Apostle Peter used that word apology when he told Christians to always be prepared to make a defense (apology) for the hope within us. (See 1 Peter 3:15). To be better equipped to make that defense, to bolster the faith of parents and others who are devoted to helping our young people build their faith foundation, we are offering a study entitled "The Truth Project." Those who will engage this study will be strengthened in their faith. They will be better able to share their faith with others. The study will be at Church on Sunday evenings beginning on March 6th at 7 p.m..

Lord Bless,

Preacher Jack

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

Youth Minister's Post

But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR GOD'S OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellences of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were NOT A PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY" (1 Peter 2:9-10).

Christians sometimes speak of "the priesthood of all believers." In Old Testament times, people did not approach God directly. A priest acted as a mediator between God and sinful human beings. That pattern changed with Christ's victory on the cross. Now we can come directly into God's presence without fear (Hebrews 4:16). We are given the responsibility of bringing others to Him also (2 Corinthians 5:18-21). When we are united with Christ as members of His body, we join in His priestly work of reconciling God and man.

People often base their self-concept on their accomplishments. Our relationship with Christ is far more important than our jobs, wealth, or knowledge. We have been chosen by God as His very own and we have been called to represent Him to others. Remember that your value comes from being one of God's children, not from what you can achieve.

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 Moffett	Lydia Hunt
Jeannie Drummond	Viola Heiner
Stanley Myers	Rick Hunt
Donna Meeks	Karen King

Hospital:

Rick Fischer

Shut-In:

Laura Carney
Dixie Drummond
Roberta Small
Roberta Beckert
Georganna Lister

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

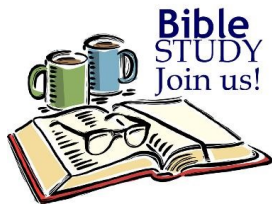
Jeri Baker Velva Freburg
 Bob Carney

**Schuyler County
Nursing Home:**

Marietta Garrison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prayer Group for Church
Anniversary Celebration**
Every Friday @ 12:20 pm
15 minutes (or more if needed)
in Fireplace room.



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

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.

**CCCB DAY &
Mid-Winter Cookout**
February 21, 2016

The CCCB crew will be leading the JR./
SR. High School Sunday School class,
leading the worship hour and Youth
Group from 1-3 at *The Place*.

**CHURCH
COOKOUT**



The cookout will follow the services.
Meat, buns, and drinks will be provided.
Please bring a side dish and enjoy the
fellowship.

February 22nd

TASK session is also SKATE NIGHT.
Supper will be provided for those attend-
ing.

**Bus will leave at 5:30 pm and return at
8:00pm**

Cost is \$2 per person

Bring a friend, family member
or neighbor and enjoy the good time.



"THE TRUTH PROJECT"

Come be reintroduced to the Truth
Claims of God...Learn of God's design
for living out the Christian World View
in daily life.



Series begins on **March 6th @ 7pm**
Memphis First Christian Church

**an in-depth Christian
worldview experience**

**February
Book of Month
Acts**



STATISTICS

February 14, 2016

Sunday School...50
Worship...68
General Fund.....\$3,589.50

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs \$3,242.00
Budget needs.....\$19,452.00
Gifts.....\$22,179.82

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 21, 2016

West Greeter.....Alisa Kigar
West Usher.....Jim Kigar
East Greeter.....Edna Gundy
Sunday School at SCCC.....
SCCC Pianist.....Maurine Robinson
Nursery.....Marie Alexander & Jacob Kapfer
February Bus Driver.....Leon Wheeler

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