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Dear Ones,

Someone sent me a note recently. He had been talking with a friend about the Bible. It seems the friend had doubts about Bible, or maybe it was a denial. I appreciated the note sender asking me to share my thoughts with him about my faith in the Word of God. I did not send a detailed reply back to him. I told him answer his inquiry in a Sunday morning sermon. Sunday's message was a declaration, "I Can Trust The Bible."

The Apostle Peter may have sensed similar attitudes toward the preaching of the Gospel in those days after the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Peter, Paul, the other Apostles, Philip, Timothy, Titus and other Evangelists preached an amazing message. They declared that Jesus was the Son of God. They preached His sacrificial death. They preached forgiveness and salvation. They preached that Jesus would come back one day to take us to our Heavenly home.

Peter declared about these unbelievable claims. He wrote, "we did not follow cleverly devised tales." ... "we were eyewitnesses of His Majesty." The Apostle John explained of Jesus, "we have heard, we have seen, we have handled." Remember Thomas after the resurrection of Jesus? He would not believe until he saw with his own eyes and touched with his own hands.

Peter tells us in his second letter about people in Noah's day. Noah said some pretty wild things about a coming flood. He was so convinced about what he was preaching that he built an ark to escape coming judgment. He trusted the Word of God and it saved him and his family. People in our day are no different. They, too, may mock or deny the Bible. Peter reminds us to be prepared because the "day of the Lord" will come. May we never doubt that!

I so appreciate my note sending friend. He uses opportunities to talk of spiritual things with his friends. He also knows to seek out answers when necessary. Let's make opportunities to speak of Bible things with those around us. Do you have questions about the Bible, the Christian life, or matters of faith? Don't hesitate to ask. I'll be glad to share my resources with you.

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

Youth Preacher's Post

"Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart" (Hebrews 12:1-3 NASB).

Notice the example Christ has set before you in verse 2. He endured the pain and shame of the cross with His eye set on the joy that was to come. He authored and perfected faith when He had such confidence in His Father to resurrect and glorify Him that He was willing to die for sinful people. Thanks to His unshakeable faith, you now can have faith that there is immense joy set before in eternity.

So fix your eyes on Jesus. Don't let anything around you catch your eye and distract you from Him. Fixing His eyes on the joy set before Him was what enabled Christ to endure the indescribable pain and rejection He experience on the cross. In the same way, by keeping a sharp focus on Christ, you too can endure anything. When we face hardship and discouragement, it is easy to lose sight of the big picture. We are not alone. Many have already made it made through life, enduring far more difficult circumstances that we have experienced. Suffering is training ground for Christian maturity. It develops our patience and makes our final victory sweet.

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Please Pray For...

John Wheeler
 Jim Kratzer
 Ron Alexander
 Sam Berkowitz
 Stephanie Sumption
 Wayne Durham
 Donna Sanders
 Hazel Bradley

Shut-In:

Dixie Drummond
 Roberta Small
 Roberta Beckert
 Jean "Effie" Allen
 Viola Heiner
 Georganna Lister

Hospital:

Charles Hammock—SCMH

**Church Family
 Residing At:**

Scotland Co. C C & R.C.F.

Donna Meeks
 Bette Herbert
 Donna Wheeler
 Georgia Couch

Schuyler County N.H.

Marietta Garrison



**February
 Book of Month**

Acts

STATISTICS

February 5, 2016

Sunday School...68
 Worship...92
 General Fund.....\$6,311.00

BUDGET (To Date)

Weekly Needs.....\$3,242.00
 Budget needs.....\$19,452.00
 Gifts.....\$14,434.75

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Men's Leadership Study

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

Women's Bible Study
 Sundays, NOW thru Feb 26th
 1-2pm church basement



MCI (Missouri Christian Institute)

*Stiles Christian Church
 28286 Peach Avenue
 Bloomfield, IA*

Every Tuesday evening
 February 07—March 28
 @ 7pm-9pm

Bus leaves at 6:15pm. If you are needing a ride please call the church office.



CCCB Day/Mid-Winter Cookout

*February 12th
 Memphis First Christian Church*

Central Christian College of the Bible will be sending representatives to lead our services. Following the service we will have our annual cookout. Please bring your appetite and a side dish.



Young @ Heart/Joy Group

*February 14th @ 12:00pm
 Soup Luncheon/Games
 @ Baptist Church
 Soups & drink provided
 Please bring finger foods or sides.*

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 various forms.*

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 12, 2017

West Greeter.....Lynn Fincher
 West Usher.....Terry Fincher
 East Greeter.....Dorothy Harvey
 Sunday School at SCCC.....Truth Seekers
 SCCC Pianist.....Jana Muntz
 Nursery.....Julie Clapp & Sylvia Darland
 February Bus Driver.....Leon Wheeler
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