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Dear Ones,

I've seen or heard the word "justice" often in recent days. A widely publicized trial had people anxious to see if justice would be served. The trial is over. Was the verdict "just?" The question remains in the minds of many.

Have you ever been in a situation to face judgment for something and not want justice? How about that exam you failed? You knew you did not study as you should have. How about that speeding ticket you received? We ask teachers to grade on a curve. We are relieved when the officer gives us a warning instead of a ticket. I would suspect most of us prefer that justice not be served when we are the ones being served. We really prefer something else. We prefer mercy!

I am glad God allows us to choose between justice and mercy for our own lives! The Bible tells us we are all guilty of breaking God's laws. We are deserving of justice. Justice demands spiritual death. The good news is this ... God is merciful. We can choose God's gracious offer of mercy through Jesus Christ and be set free from the penalty of eternal separation from God! Fanny Crosby was right! "Jesus is Merciful, Jesus will save!"

So, how about you? In regard to your salvation and eternal destiny, do you prefer justice or mercy? Do you want to hear more about God's gracious offer in Jesus? Call me! I would love to visit with you!

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

## Youth Minister's Post

Have you ever thought about why we are made in God's image? Well, yesterday in Sunday School we talked about being made in God's image and what that means. My class is currently studying the topic of "Why God Made Me?" The answer to my question can be found in Genesis 1:26-31. In verse 26 God said, "Let Us make men in Our image, according to Our likeness." Wait a second God wanted to make us in His image according to His likeness? Wow, God must have had a pretty special plan in mind if He wanted to make us in his image! I really like what verse 31 says, "God saw all that he had made, and behold and, it was very good. And there was evening and morning, the sixth day." If we want to live up to God's image then we need to become like Christ. There are several ways of becoming like Christ, but I feel that the most important way is to become a SERVANT. Look at the life of Jesus for example. Jesus became a SERVANT at the Passover Meal by washing his disciples filthy feet. He lowered Himself to do one of the lowest jobs of that day to prove a point to disciples. Why can't we do the same in our owns lives? We may have been made in God's image but we need to remember that we were also made in His LIKENESS. So I want you to think about why we were made in God's image this week and do something about it.

**In Christ,** Josiah Holloway



## Prayer Requests

Dalene Bergman	Maxine Brown
Bob Carney	Bob Carpenzano
Randy Elder	Elvis Gundy
Shane Gunnell	Mark Mattingly
Donna Meeks	NYR Group

### Hospitalized

Madeline Ewing— Memphis  
 Donna Houghton—Memphis  
 Becky Peterson — St. Louis  
 LeeAnn Russell— Columbia  
 Willadean Crist— Omaha, NE.

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

Jeri Baker	Muriel Blaine
Helen Cary	Ruby Chance
Lenore Darr	Cleo Davis
Audrey Drummond	
Velva Freburg	Louise Frederick
Vetrice Goins	Alberta McNamar
Gene Parsons	Harriett Poole
Lorraine Rush	

### Schuyler County N.H.

Marietta Garrison	Bernice Shanes
Donna Wheeler	

## JULY BIBLE BOOK LUKE

## STATISTICS

July 15, 2013

Sunday School..53  
 Worship.....120

General Fund ..... \$1,311.44  
 Carpet ..... \$90.00

### **BUDGET (To date)**

Weekly Needs .....\$3,235.00  
 Budget needs.....\$93,815.00  
 Gifts.....\$84,845.72

## Sunday Services

Sunday School.....9:20 AM  
 Worship.....10:30 AM  
 Junior Worship (Ages 3 to 5yrs). .....10:30 AM

### Church Staff

Jack Sumption .....Preacher  
 Josiah Holloway.....Youth Minister  
 Debbie Seamster .....Office Assistant

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **Fellow's Night Out — All Church Cookout**

July 17 @ 6:00 Hosted by Jim & Alisa Kigar. There will be a cookout/potluck supper, swimming and other activities for the whole family. Church bus will provide rides.

**Don't forget** — If you are scheduled on July 19 or 20 for church directory pictures, make sure to be at the church building at your appointed time. If you have not scheduled an appointment, contact Andrea Hunt (660-341-2684)

### NYR News!

**NEEDED: A dorm refrigerator. If you have one to borrow, contact Josiah.** There is also a list of non-perishables needed for the trip. If you would like to donate any items, please have at the church before July 17.

### Men's Breakfast

July 20 @ 7:00 - Church basement

### Mission Emphasis Sunday - July 21

Jerry and Rosanne Briscoe  
 Missionaries in Philippines with Faith Academy



### Third Sunday Dinner

July 21 Following Worship Service



## CHURCH SECRETARY POSITION OPEN

Please send resumes and references to the church office:

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## Reminder July 21, 2013

West Greeter.....Bert Bibby  
 West Usher.....Leroy Bibby  
 East Greeter.....Linda Koser  
 Sunday School at SCCC.....Ronnie Miller  
 SCCC Pianist.....Maurine Robinson  
 Nursery.....Elaine Forrester & Jacob Kapfer  
 July Bus Driver.....Tom Owing

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