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Dear Ones,

What are you doing to challenge yourself spiritually this year? I haven't really said much about our annual Bible reading challenge. I haven't really said much about Sunday School or worship service attendance lately. It seems these activities are the defaults. If you attend Sunday School, weekly Worship and read your Bible, you are on a good track.

I was encouraged Sunday by several men talking about attending a leadership conference at Lincoln, IL. in February. Several folks asked me questions about the "Tulsa Workshop" coming in March. I was handed a number of registration forms for our local Missouri Christian Institute that begins soon. Attending conferences, seminars and workshops are other avenues to help you grow spiritually too. I hope you will consider such opportunities as they arise.

The speaker at a leadership training session told of a workable spiritual challenge. He suggested that everyone should have a "three Hour" plan in place. It consists of one hour a week in Worship, One hour a week in Study of the Word and One hour a week involved in Christian Service. I really do not see much challenge to this plan, but everyone needs a starting point.

Rarely is there enough room to elaborate on what I introduce in my weekly greeting to you. May I encourage you to give renewed attention to your spiritual growth. I know some folk very disciplined about their physical well being. May we all see the value of spiritual exercise and our growth in Christ. (Take a moment to read 1 Timothy 4:8)

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

Youth Minister's Post

Do you know what the Greek word for baptize is? The word is *baptizó*. *Baptizó* means I dip, submerge, but specifically of ceremonial dipping; I baptize. *Baptizó* implies submersion (IMMERSION) in contrast to sprinkle. In Mark 1:4-5;8 it says, "John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being BAPTIZED by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. I baptize you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." John was "immersing" people in the Jordan River after they had confessed their sins. Later on in chapter 1 John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. "In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was BAPTIZED by John in the Jordan. Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him." Did you catch what verse 10 said, "Immediately coming UP OUT of the WATER." Jesus was submerged under the water because He CAME UP OUT OF THE WATER. Baptism can be a tough subject to understand. If you ever any questions about baptism feel free to talk to Jack or I about it. We would love to help you understand what it means to be baptized and the significance behind it!

In Christ, Josiah Holloway

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Jean "Effie" Allen	Dora McClintock
Mary Ann Blessing	Debbie Seamster
Bob Carney	Dean Smoot
Willadean Crist	Sheila Owings
Randy Elder	Donna Wheeler
Teresa Fisher	Viola Heiner
Donna Houghton	Vicky Clark
Max Kapfer	Matt Frederick
Richard Kennett	Judy Gamber
Linda Koser	Margaret Elder
Mark Kutzner	Brandi Ely
	Thomas Albertson

Hospitalized

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

Jeri Baker	Cleo Davis
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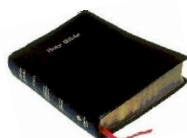
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Schuyler County N.H.**

Marietta Garrison Bernice Shanes

Military

David Miller

**January Book
of Month**



Matthew

STATISTICS

January 5, 2013

Sunday School..62

Worship..113

General Fund.....\$3,677.40

Carpet Fund.....\$130.00

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs \$3,235.00

Budget needs.....\$6,470.00

Gifts.....\$6,159.99

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

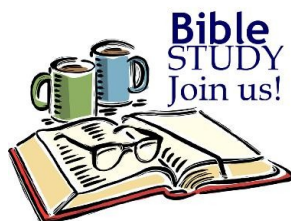
Church Staff

Jack Sumption.....Preacher
 Josiah Holloway.....Youth Minister
 Kelly Cochran.....Secretary
 Debbie SeamsterOffice Assistant

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 18th—All day

SNOW DAY: Jr. and Sr. High school students will be going to CCCB Campus. We will leave around 7:00 a.m. and return around 10 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Any questions contact Josiah Holloway @ cell: 660-341-8706 email: jh964@cccb.edu



Every Sunday afternoon starting **January 19th** there will be a Bible study at the church "Overview of Acts" The time will be 1:00pm

January 19th—Right after church we will be taking photos of individuals and groups that are needed for the Church Directory.



February 2nd—

"BONE CHILLIN' COOKOUT"

Right after church we will be doing our annual cookout. Everyone is welcome to stay for good times and good food.



Deadline to have anything in the Evangel is **9am on Monday mornings. Feel free to email me at ffcm@nemr.net or you can call the office at 660-465-7751.*

Reminder January 19, 2013

West Greeter.....Jessica Campbell
 West Usher.....Lane Campbell
 East Greeter.....Kim Smith
 Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril
 SCCC Pianist.....Maurine Robinson
 Nursery.....Lynn Fincher and Jacob Kapfer
 January Bus Driver.....Paul Campbell
 (328-6329 or 660-341-9979)