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P r e a c h e r ' s P o s t

Dear Ones,

Did you get one or several in the mail yet? I may have received one in late December! I am referring to the annual seed catalogues filled with pictures of healthy, thriving, fruit or vegetable bearing plants. Receiving such publications give me hope that Spring will come. This morning I found a "project" to consider in preparation for the soon to come gardening season. I saw the neatest plan for building an inexpensive greenhouse. There is something about putting those little seeds in the ground and watching them grow. Actually, I am looking forward to seeing all the food produced by a handful of seeds.

I remember Jesus talking about gardening. He talked of a man who scattered his seed over a field. I remember the Apostle Paul writing of planting and watering seeds. We need to be cultivating the garden of our heart that we might be fruitful in spiritual life. We need to be sowing the seed of the Gospel among our friends and neighbors.

I am excited about what I am seeing in and around FCC Memphis these days: Young people filling a church bus for a youth outing, a nearly packed room for our "Acts Overview," a growing list of folks signing up for the Missouri Christian Institute, twelve people planning to attend the "Tulsa Workshop," A group of men organizing a trip to a leadership conference in February. Such activities and events both plant the Gospel seed and provide nourishment and cultivation of growing spiritual hearts! A renewed enthusiasm is building at FCC Memphis. For that I am encouraged and grateful. I love the Lord's Church. I love the Lord's people.

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

Youth Minister's Post

Who would hang out with a bunch of teenage students for an entire day? I can tell you that any Youth Minister would jump at that opportunity. On Saturday, I got to spend the whole day with a ton of energetic teenagers, other Youth Ministers and college student helpers. The event we attended was *Snow Day* at Central Christian College of the Bible. It was refreshing to see so many kids in one place having a blast and learning about Christ. The students were building long lasting relationships by hanging out with teenagers from other youth groups. They may not have realized they were building long lasting relationships, but in all honesty they were. The Youth Ministers had chances to hang out, talk about their ministries, and relax. It is a blessing to be able to take students to events like Snow Day. Central Christian College of the Bible has events for teenagers throughout the year. It October they have *In-Focus* for Senior High students, Snow Day for Junior High and Senior High students in January, and *Crazy Days* in April for Junior High students. These events may be crazy, but they are full of learning about Christ. I am excited to say that on **April 25-26, 2014** CCCB will host Crazy Days. If you have any kids in Junior High **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU PUT THIS EVENT ON YOUR CALENDAR.** More details will be coming in the future and I am looking forward to spending more time with your kids!

In Christ, Josiah Holloway

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



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

Hospitalized

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

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| Jeri Baker | Cleo Davis |
| Audrey Drummond | Velva Freburg |
| Louise Frederick | Vetrice Goins |
| Gene Parsons | Harriett Poole |
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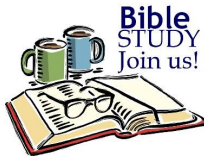
**FCC Members at
Schuyler County N.H.**

Marietta Garrison Bernice Shanes

Military

David Miller

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Every Sunday afternoon there will be a Bible study at the church "Overview of Acts" The time will be 1:00pm, come and join us!

**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.



Super Bowl Party in the works for the Youth Group on **Feb 2nd**...More details to come



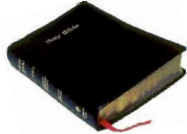
MCI—Downing Christian Church

Missouri Christian Institute

Every Tuesday evening February—March @ 7pm

Registration forms are in both foyers.

**January Book
of Month**



Matthew

STATISTICS

January 19, 2013

Sunday School..54
Worship..112

General Fund.....\$2,638.10
Carpet Fund.....\$90.00

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs\$3,237.00
Budget needs.....\$12,948.00
Gifts.....\$8,798.09

Bible Teaser

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu, kept people looking so hard for facts, and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books are not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of the 17, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are the names of 17 books of the Bible in these sentences. (One preacher found 16 books in 20 minutes. It took him three weeks to find the seventeenth one.)

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

Reminder January 26, 2013

West Greeter.....Lynn Fincher
West Usher.....Terry Fincher
East Greeter.....Angela Newman
Sunday School at SCCC.....Ronnie Miller
SCCC Pianist.....Sandra Blake
Nursery.....Holly & Olivia Harris
January Bus Driver.....Paul Campbell

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