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Dear Ones,

Driving home from Ohio on Monday gave me plenty of time to think about what I wanted to write about in this week's evangel! Let me talk about driving! Approximately 600 miles provided me much to consider.

Detours and road construction seem to be the norm as the highways are being maintained or expanded. Flashing lights were a bane for those who were caught speeding, but a blessing for those who needed roadside assistance. On a long drive, rest areas and restaurants are a welcome sight. As the sun was setting ahead of me, the sky just glowed and the clouds filtered the light to provide a wonderful display.

I was determined to be back in Memphis Monday night, but it required that I keep my foot to the pedal and my hand on the wheel. It is like our Christian life in some ways. We are all on our way "home." There are detours and distractions, Sometimes we miss a turn (as I did in Indianapolis :) ). We need to rest and refresh spiritually daily. We need to remember to see the wonderful sights along the way too!

One last thought... I had to pull over when I missed my turn to use my handy phone gps. (I am amazed at these new fangled phones.) It got me back on track quickly. When we get lost or distracted along our spiritual journey, we just look to Jesus. He knows the way!

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

## Youth Minister's Post

How often do we truly think about what it cost to follow Christ? David Meece gives us that answer in his song, "He never said it would be easy, He never promised a free ride, there's a costly fee if you want to be on His side, the Father knows the cost, His only Son was the cost." "You have to count the cost if your going to be a believer, you have to know that the price is the one you can afford, You have to count the cost if your going to be a believer, you got to go all the way if you really love the Lord." Jesus gives us the answer in Matthew 16:24-28. The main focus of this particular passage of scripture is in verse 24 which says, "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.'" As believers we should challenge ourselves to take up our cross daily and follow Christ. His disciples understood the cost of being of follower so why shouldn't we. Here are some ways that take up our cross on a daily basis and follow Christ. We can spend time with Christ through prayer and reading our INSTRUCTION MANUAL; THE BIBLE! Like the lyrics say above, "God never promised a free ride and there is a costly fee for being on his side."

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

**Prayer Requests:**

Mary Ann Blessing	Mary Atkinson
Bob Carney	Matt Shearer
Linda Koser	Donna Wheeler
Dixie Drummond	John Dodge
John Wheeler	Ron Alexander
Gina Kittle	Donna Houghton
Judy Gambler	Evelyn Nye
Margaret Elder	

**Hospitalized**

Alyssa Marshall-Des Moines  
(granddaughter Don & Kathy Dice)  
Chipper Harris-Kirksville

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

Jeri Baker	Cleo Davis
Audrey Drummond	Velva Freburg
Louise Frederick	Vetrice Goins
Gene Parsons	Harriett Poole

**FCC Members at  
Schuyler County N.H.**

Marietta Garrison

**July  
Book of Month**



Luke

**STATISTICS**

**June 13, 2014**

Sunday School...47  
Worship...90

General Fund.....\$3,744.79  
Carpet.....\$120.00  
New Building.....\$100.00

**BUDGET (To date)**

Weekly Needs .....\$3,237.00  
Budget needs.....\$100,347.00  
Gifts.....\$91,451.28

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Fellow's Night Out,  
Family Cook-Out  
Wednesday, July 16th  
@ 6:30pm @ Jim & Alisa Kigar's**



**Christian Skate Night**

**WHEN:** Monday July 28  
**WHERE:** CARE Roller Rena  
**TIME:** 6:00-8:00 P.M.  
**Cost:** \$2

**August 1 @ 6:30pm Burlington Bee's Game**

This is an event for the whole family. We would love to have you come and join us. The bus will **leave the church parking lot at 5:15 pm** and return back late that night. Please sign up if you are wanting to go. I will have sign up sheets in both the east and west foyers.



**I-MO Family Camp August 1-3**

Come when you can. Stay as long as you can. Stay in the dorms, bring your tent, or your campers, or just commute.  
**Friday:** registration 5:30pm Supper at 6:00  
Evening service at 7:30pm  
**Saturday** breakfast 8:30 Morning Chapel 9:45  
Supper at 5:30 Evening service at 7  
**Sunday** breakfast 8:30 Sunday School 9:30  
Worship at 10:30 noon meal to follow



*Extending deep and heartfelt sympathy  
to you and your family.*

*Sympathy and prayers to Richard  
Briggs family at this time.*

**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 Seamster .....Office Assistant

**Reminder July 13, 2014**

West Greeter.....Sheri Kapfer  
West Usher.....Joel Kapfer  
East Greeter.....Maurine Robinson  
Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril  
SCCC Pianist.....Sandra Blake  
Nursery.....Lynn Fincher & Jacob Kapfer  
July Bus Driver.....Tom Owings

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