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Dear Ones,

The 18 year old Cleveland, Ohio boy was identified as the shooter. It was five days after the killing of a store clerk that Ricky Jackson and two of his friends were arrested. Thanks to the eye witness testimony of a 12 year old boy, the case was quickly investigated and brought to an end. Jackson and two others were put on trial and found guilty of the crime. That was 1975.

Recently that eye witness, Edward Vernon, went to the authorities with a burden he had carried for 39 years. He explained that his testimony was a lie. Ricky Jackson was not involved in the robbery and murder of the store clerk. Ricky Jackson has been exonerated and released from prison. He now holds the record of having served the longest prison term for a wrongful conviction in the entire United States of America.

What brought Edward Vernon to unload that burden? How does Ricky Jackson feel about Edward Vernon today? Apparently Vernon had gone to his preacher for counsel. Vernon was freed from that burden when he went to the authorities and confessed his lie. Ricky Jackson and Edward Vernon were bought together at a church in Cleveland. In a very intense, emotional moment, Jackson embraced Vernon and let him know he was forgiven. The news article I read about this ended with this sentence, "Two men imprisoned by a lie, set free by truth.

We were reminded Sunday that God calls for all believers to be a unifying influence in the body. One of the huge ways we can do that is by seeking forgiveness when we've wronged another and being ever ready to grant forgiveness when we've been wronged. The truth will always set us free, that is, when we live by it.

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

Youth Minister's Post

What do you believe about Jesus? This was the key question to our new lesson series we started last night called "Life On Mission." The students were challenged to think about how Jesus changed or could change their lives. We also watched a video that went along with the lesson. In this video we saw three different people dealing with very different issues. They all connected with Jesus and it changed their lives. Their relationship with Jesus began changing the lives of others around them. A heart aligned with the world and culture says that you come first, but in God's Kingdom, the first shall be last. A heart aligned with the world says you should step over others to exalt yourself, but in God's Kingdom, those who humble themselves will be exalted. Culture says that you are the most important person in the world, but God is most important in his Kingdom, and you are called to view others as more important than yourself. So let's do our best to show others what we believe about Jesus.

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Mary Ann Blessing
Donna Wheeler
Donna Meeks
John Dodge
Gina Kittle
John Wheeler
Dixie Drummond
Donna Houghton
Debbie Seamster
Holly Harris
Chipper Harris
Barbara Smith
Russell James
Louis Wilson
Bob Carney
George & Sheila Owings
Dorothy Franklin
Willideane Crist
Robert Lipper
Rose Miller
Shirley Green

Hospital

Evelyn Nye—Mayo Clinic
Virginia Barton—Kirksville
Gable Jarvis—Columbia

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

Jeri Baker Audrey Drummond
Velva Freburg Louise Frederick
Vetrice Goins Gene Parsons
Harriett Poole Jean Allen

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



**January
Book of Month**

Matthew

STATISTICS

January 11, 2015

Sunday School...59
Worship...90
General Fund.....\$2,332.55
Carpet.....\$60.00
New Building.....\$100.00

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs \$3,242.00
Budget needs.....\$6,484.00
Gifts.....\$3,805.30

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Snow Day
Saturday, January 17, 2015
JR & SR High Students
Cost \$15**



The bus will leave at **7:15am** sharp and we will return to the church between **9:20-9:30pm**

The **deadline to sign up is Wednesday, January 14th.**

Call the church or Josiah for more information.

January 18th — All Church Dinner

Right after the morning service please stay for wonderful food and fellowship.

Music Committee Meeting **January 18th** @1:30pm in the fireplace room following **All Church Dinner**

January 26th—TASK will start back up

Christian Skate Night

WHEN: Monday January 26th

WHERE: CARE Roller Rena

TIME: 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Cost: \$2

Mid-Winter Cookout

—February 15th —

stay for some wonderful grilled foods and sides

On **Sunday, February 22nd March 1st**, everyone attending Memphis First Christian Church will be encouraged to join in this annual congregational *Bible reading Challenge*. Will you join us in this challenge? You can register at church or by calling the church office.



Our deepest sympathies to Max Kapfer's family at this time.

Reminder January 18, 2015

West Greeter..... Sheila Berkowitz
West Usher.....Roger Gosney
East Greeter.....Rose Briggs
Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril
SCCC Pianist.....Maurine Robinson
Nursery.....Mary Morgan & Jacob Kapfer
January Bus Driver.....Paul Campbell

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