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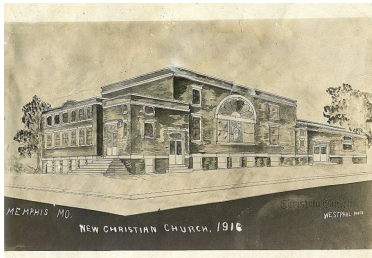
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Dear Ones,

It has been several months since we announced the plans to have a homecoming service in the Fall of 2016. Since those days, much work has been put into the preparations. I also recall sharing with you about how we can be preparing individually for the event. We can be guided by these three actions: recall, reflect and reach out. Let's give a bit of time and attention to those things this week.

**Recall** is all about remembering folks who used to be part of the church family. Some have moved from the area. We want those folks to know about the homecoming service. Would you purpose to be in contact with those you know. We want to send out "Save the Date" postcards soon. Some will be sent through the church office. We will also call on our current church family to help by addressing cards to our non resident church family and friends.

**Reflect** is all about looking inward. It is about you and me giving attention to our spiritual health. What may we be doing to deepen our relationship with the Lord and strengthening our ties to the church family in the days and weeks prior to the homecoming service. We will certainly be looking to our past and celebrating the good things God has done over the years at FCC Memphis. We hope to close the celebration looking to the next hundred years. It makes sense to me that we do so on a firm spiritual foundation.

**Reach Out** is all about connecting now with our neighbors and friends. We need not wait until September to be inviting and encouraging church family and community neighbors to be a part of the FCC Memphis family. I have no doubt you have people around you who would be pleased to have an invite to a church family function, a Bible class or to attend worship services with you. Many people say they have not attended church because they have never been invited. Let's test that proposition. How about making a list of names and praying over that list. (Come join others on Fridays at 12:20 p.m. at the church for a time of prayer for the homecoming service.) Let's pray together that through the preparations and service that God be glorified and that the church be blessed.

Lord Bless,

*Preacher Jack*

**F.C.C. MEMPHIS HOMECOMING CELEBRATION  
Sept. 30—Oct. 2, 2016**

***Youth Minister's Post***

**"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma" (Ephesians 5:1-2).** Just as children imitate their parents, we should imitate Christ. His great love for us led Him to sacrifice Himself so that we might live. Our love for others should be of the same kind. A love that goes beyond affection to self-sacrificing service. **"For you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light" (Ephesians 5:8).** As children of Light, your actions should reflect your faith. You should live above reproach morally so that you will reflect God's goodness to others. Jesus stressed this truth in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:15-16).

**"For this reason it says, 'Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you'" (Ephesians 5:14).** This is not a direct quote from Scripture, but was probably taken from a hymn well known to the Ephesians. The hymn seems to have been based on Isaiah 26:19; 51:17; 52:1; 60:1; and Malachi 4:2. Paul was appealing to the Ephesians to wake up and realize the dangerous condition into which some of them had been slipping. God needs people who will take stand for what is right. Christians must lovingly speak out for what is true and right. In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

**Prayer Requests:**

Mary Ann Blessing	Terry Fincher
Donna Wheeler	Bob Carney
John Wheeler	Kim Anderson
Bill Moffet	Gwen Laudwig
Bill McRobert	Ramah Douglas
Charlie Boyer	Jeannie Drummond
Keith Chance	Kim Armstrong

**Hospital:**  
Bob Carney

**Shut-In:**  
Laura Carney  
Dixie Drummond  
Roberta Small  
Roberta Beckert  
Georganna Lister

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

Jeri Baker     Velda Freburg

**Schuyler County Nursing Home:**

Marietta Garrison

*Isiah 26:3*  
"Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace,  
*whose mind is stayed on thee:*  
because he trusteth in thee."



**January  
Book of Month**

Matthew

**STATISTICS**

**January 17, 2016**

Sunday School...61
Worship...86
General Fund.....\$2,102.25

**BUDGET (To date)**

Weekly Needs .....	\$3,242.00
Budget needs.....	\$9,726.00
Gifts.....	\$10,121.75

**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**

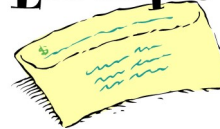
Jack Sumption.....	Preacher
Josiah Holloway.....	Youth Minister
Kelly Cochran.....	Secretary

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MISC NEWS:**

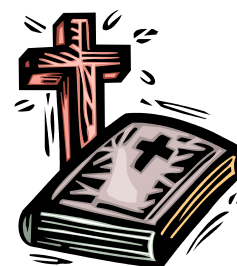
**Offering Envelopes**  
If you would like offering envelopes,  
they are in the back of the  
church auditorium.

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**Prayer Group for Church  
Anniversary Celebration**  
**January 22nd @ 12:20 pm**  
15 minutes (or more if  
needed) weekly  
on Fridays, in Fireplace room.  
Please join us.

**MCI—Downing Christian Church**  
Missouri Christian Institute  
***Every Tuesday evening***  
**February—March @ 7pm-9pm**  
Registration forms are available in the  
church office.



**Scotland County Ministerial Alliance Meeting**  
**February 15th at 6:00 pm**  
***Memphis United Methodist church***  
Annual review of our ministries.  
Everyone is invited, (church family is encouraged to  
become involved in these ministries).

**Youth Corner:**

**SNOW DAY 2016 ~ 7TH-12TH GRADE**

- ✓ Central Christian College of the Bible
  - ✓ January 22-23, 2016
  - ✓ \$20 for event, food, housing, etc.
- More information in the coming weeks.  
Any questions please contact:  
Josiah Holloway @ 660-465-7751

**Skate Night!**  
**January 25, 2016**  
The bus will be leaving at 5:30pm  
and return at 8:00pm.  
The cost is \$2 per person.  
The whole family is welcome  
to skate have some fun  
and lots laughs.



**Reminder January 24, 2016**

West Greeter.....	Tonya Harrison
West Usher.....	Randy Harrison
East Greeter.....	Marjorie Durham
Sunday School at SCCC.....	Ronnie Miller
SCCC Pianist.....	Sandra Blake
Nursery.....	Lynn Fincher & Carson Harrison
January Bus Driver.....	Paul Campbell

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