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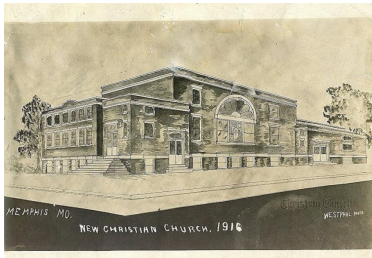
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Dear Ones,

**"Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation — 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good."** 1 Peter 2:2-3 (ESV) These words were part of the text we read with Sunday's sermon. Let's take a moment to consider these words again.

Isn't it amazing how a baby, newly born, has within him a natural desire and ability to take nourishment? They need no instruction. They are born ready, willing and anxious to eat. They seem to be born with a desire or a longing for that life sustaining liquid. It is so easy to grasp Peter's admonition to Christians in this picture he places before us.

I think again of that newborn infant. He is not satisfied with one feeding. He comes right back every few hours for more. He doesn't need his milk altered by any artificial flavoring or mixed with sugar. He takes it straight! In the religious world, some want to water down or add sweetener the Word of God. It is more palatable if it makes suggestions rather than demands. It is easier to swallow if it removes words like sin or judgment.

I am wondering today if our desire for or our aversion to the Word of God determined by our desire to truly know the Lord. Does not Peter at least infer that it will be a natural reaction to desire the Word of God if we have experienced the Lord's goodness? It has been my experience too, that experiencing the Lord's goodness comes as a result of reading His Word and doing what it says.

I appreciate having access to the Bible. I appreciate having a Bible class to attend. I look forward to M.C.I. where folk come together to learn to live God's Word. I am thankful for conferences where God's word is the focus. All these things are good, but they are of no value unless we take advantages of them.

Gotta scoot. I have some Bible reading and some study in front of me this morning.

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

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

## ***Youth Minister's Post***

It is easy to overlook the fact that Jesus chose Judas to be his disciple. We may also forget that while Judas betrayed Jesus, all the disciples abandoned him. When Jesus kept talking about dying, they felt varying degrees of anger, fear, and disappointment. We don't know the exact motivation behind Judas's betrayal. What is clear is that Judas allowed his desires to place him in a position where Satan could manipulate him. Judas accepted payment to set Jesus up for the religious leaders. He identified Jesus for the guards in the dimly lit Garden of Gethsemane.

Whatever his plan, though, at some point Judas realized he didn't like the way things were turning out. He tried to undo the evil he had done by returning the money to the priests, but it was too late. The wheels of God's sovereign plan had been set into motion. Human feelings toward Judas have always been mixed. Some have fervently hated him for his betrayal. Others have pitied him for not realizing what he was doing. While there are many feelings about Judas, there are some facts to consider as well. He, by his own choice, betrayed God's Son into the hands of soldiers (Luke 22:48). He was a thief (John 12:6). Jesus knew that Judas's life of evil would not change (John 6:70). Judas's betrayal was a part of God's sovereign plan (Psalm 41:9; Zechariah 11:12-13; Matthew 20:18; 26:20-25; & Acts 1:16,20). Will we accept Jesus' free gift or like Judas, betray him?

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
Stanley Myers	

**Hospital:**  
Bob Carney

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

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

Jeri Baker     Velva Freburg

**Schuyler County Nursing Home:**

Marietta Garrison

*Sympathies to Jane Brookeshire family at this time.  
(Close friend of Bob & Laura Carney)*

*Sympathies to L.P. "Pete" Mayfield family at this time.*

*Sympathies to Paul Hale family at this time.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MISC NEWS:**



**Prayer Group for Church Anniversary Celebration  
Every Friday @ 12:20 pm**

15 minutes (or more if needed) 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.



**LADIES!!**

Let's have lunch together at Bonaparte Retreat Restaurant also visit Addie May Fudge and Antiques  
**Saturday, February 6**  
**11:30—Lunch**  
**10:30—Bus Leaves**  
RSVP—February 4  
Sign up in foyer  
Contact church office or Stephanie (216-2469)



**January Book of Month**

Matthew

**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).



**STATISTICS**

**January 24, 2016**

Sunday School...67  
Worship...104  
General Fund.....\$2,760.00

**BUDGET (To date)**

Weekly Needs ..... \$3,242.00  
Budget needs.....\$12,968.00  
Gifts.....\$12,881.75



**Mid-Winter Cookout  
February 21, 2016**  
More details to come!

**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

**Reminder January 31, 2016**

West Greeter.....Kathy Miller  
West Usher.....Joe Miller  
East Greeter.....Rose Briggs  
Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril  
SCCC Pianist.....Jana Muntz  
Nursery.....Cathy Campbell & Sylvia Darland  
January Bus Driver.....Paul Campbell  
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