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Dear Ones,

"Family" is a word on my mind this morning. I am thinking about an upcoming family excursion later this summer. I was reminded yesterday about families coming together at church. One family gathered at church to honor the birthday of one of their own. Another family was together one last time after a family funeral.

Jesus taught us to think of His Church as "family." God is "Our Father." We are brothers and sisters in Christ. I cannot help but think Sunday by Sunday, that we are encouraged to come together as God's family. Just as we celebrate the joys of life as family, we can do so as the family of God. Just as we share the sorrows of life as family, we can do so as God's family.

A group of us met after Church this past Sunday to continue the preparations for our "Homecoming Celebration." Excitement is building for this special weekend when we will have opportunity to have our own "reunion." of sorts. We do hope every member of the F.C.C. Memphis church family will plan to attend our reunion. We look forward to many friends joining our celebration. We anticipate seeing friends and former church family from years ago joining us too.

In the coming weeks, you will begin to hear more of the details about Homecoming weekend. For now, please note these details. There will be a Friday evening program followed by a "linger longer." Saturday evening's festivities will begin with a cook-out and program. We have two former preachers who will speak on Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour and worship time. Lunch will be served after services. A mid afternoon service will conclude our weekend celebration.

I would like to hear from you regarding the homecoming celebration! Are you already planning to be there? Help me start compiling a list of those who already know they will be in attendance. Your intention to attend and efforts to invite others will help us in our desire to encourage others to attend.

Lord Bless,
Preacher Jack

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

Youth Minister's Post

Let's take a look at the parable of the Prodigal Son this week. So what is a parable? A parable is a story, usually from every day life, used to illustrate a specific point of teaching. You can find the parable/story of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-32.

The younger son, like many who are rebellious and immature, wanted to be free to live as he pleased, and he had to hit bottom before he came to his senses. It often takes great sorrow and tragedy to cause people to look to the only one who can help them. Are you trying to live your life your own way, selfishly pushing aside any responsibility or commitment that gets in your way? Stop and look before you hit rock bottom. You will save yourself and your family much grief.

It was hard for the older brother to accept his younger brother when he returned, and it is just as difficult to accept "younger brothers" today. People who repent after leading notoriously sinful lives are often held in suspicion and churches are sometimes unwilling to admit them to membership. Instead, we should rejoice like the angels in heaven when an unbeliever repents and turns to God. Like the father, accept repentant sinners wholeheartedly and give them the support and encouragement that they need to grow in Christ. In the story of the Prodigal Son, the father's response is contrasted with the older brother's. The father forgave because he was filled with love. The son refused to forgive because he was bitter about the injustice of it all. Fight through the resentment and forgive someone that has hurt you.

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Mary Ann Blessing, Kim Armstrong,
 Donna Wheeler, Donna Strait,
 Ron Alexander, John Wheeler,
 Jim Kratzer, Glen Miller, Twila Fulk,
 Charlie Boyer, Ramah Douglas,
 Bill Moffett, Sheila Owings,
 Glen Terrill, Marjorie Hageman

Hospital:

Shut-In:

Dixie Drummond
 Roberta Small
 Roberta Beckert
 Georganna Lister
 Jean "Effie" Allen
 Viola Heiner

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

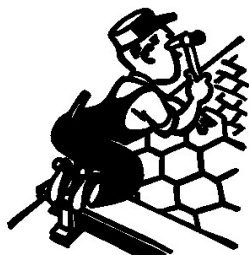
Donna Meeks

**Schuyler County
 Nursing Home:**

Marietta Garrison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Group for Church Anniversary Celebration
Every Friday @ 12:20 pm in Fireplace room.
 Memphis First Christian Church



We are replacing our roof here at the church. Our goal is to raise **\$20,000**. Donations to the "roof fund" would be greatly appreciated. Thanks

**Campers for June 5th-10th
 Jr. High Week I**



*Sylvia Darland
 Bobby Darcy,
 Brooke Smith*



June 14th
 ~Pizza Ranch~
 (Ottumwa, Iowa)
 Joy Group/Young @ Heart
 Meet in the Baptist parking lot at 10 a.m.

**JUNE
 Book of Month**



I & II Thessalonians
 I & II Timothy
 Titus
 Philemon

**June 19th
 All Church Dinner**

Come stay after the service for some wonderful food and fellowship.



STATISTICS

May 29, 2016

Sunday School...57
 Worship...100
 General Fund.....\$2,972.92

BUDGET (To Date)

Weekly Needs\$3,242.00
 Budget needs.....\$71,082.00
 Gifts.....\$70,081.94

June 06, 2016

Sunday School...60
 Worship...120
 General Fund.....\$2,193.75

BUDGET (To Date)

Budget needs.....\$74,324.00
 Gifts.....\$72,275.69

Memphis First Christian Church has the opportunity to host the Birthday Party at the **Scotland County Care Center, Tuesday, June 28th @ 2pm.**

Servers and volunteers are needed to provide cupcakes for the event. If you can help in this way please call **Angela @ 660-216-0412 or 660-465-2714**



2016 I-MO Camp Dates:

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| June 5-10 ~ Junior High I
Completed 7th-8th grades | June 26-30 ~ PeeWee
Completed 3rd-4th grades |
| June 12-17 ~ Senior High
Completed 9th-12th grades | July 10-15 ~ Junior High II
Completed 7th-8th grades |
| June 19-24 ~ Junior I
Completed 5th-6th grades | July 17-22 ~ Junior II
Completed 5th-6th grades |
| June 25 ~ Day Camp
Completed 1st-2nd grades | August 5-7 ~ Family Camp
Your Entire Family |

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 June 12, 2016

West Greeter.....Mary Lou Harper
 West Usher.....Dick Harper
 East Greeter.....Marjorie Durham
 Sunday School at SCCC.....Truth Seekers
 SCCC Pianist.....Jana Muntz
 Nursery.....Elaine Forrester & Emily Terrill
 June Bus Driver.....Randy Harrison
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