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Dear Ones,

How important is it for you and me to come together as a church family on Sundays? In more recent years, I've noticed a shift in some people's thinking about the gathering of the Lord's people on the first day of the week. I recall one gentleman writing an article not long ago explaining that he had grown beyond feeling any need to assemble with the church family so long as he kept loose ties with Christian friends throughout the week.

I think on Acts 2:42-47 especially as I begin answering my own question. Those first Christians continually devoted themselves to spiritual life as a body. I think of Paul writing to folks in Corinth encouraging them to gather their offerings on Sundays as they are gathered. (1 Corinthians 16:1, 2). Luke, writing of the Church's beginning and the spread of the Gospel in the book of Acts gives us a glimpse of believers in the habit of being together on the first day of the week. (acts 20:7). From those earliest days to recent days, the Lord's people have observed the practice, the habit, the tradition of coming together on the first day of the week.

I believe Hebrews 10:24, 25 exhorts us, yea, even provokes us (KJV) to give priority to the practice of assembling together regularly. It is in this divine setting that we may fulfill the opportunity to "encourage one another." I will give more time and attention in the coming weeks to draw attention to the blessings and benefits that come from being among the Lord's people on the Lord's Day.

I close with a story about Jennie, an elderly saint whose eyes were dim and ears were dull. I asked her about being in Church every Sunday as she could barely see or hear. Her response was short, simple and sweet. " I just want folks to know whose side I am on!"

Lord Bless,
Preacher Jack

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

Youth Minister's Post

One of the greatest challenges facing leaders is to replace themselves, training others to become leaders. Many outstanding accomplishments have been started by someone with great ability, whose life or career ended, before the vision became reality. The fulfillment of that dream then became the responsibility of that person's successor. Death is the ultimate deadline for leadership. One of the best test of our leadership is our willingness and ability to train another for our position.

Moses made an excellent decision when he chose Joshua as his assistant. That choice was later confirmed by God himself when he instructed Moses to commission Joshua as his successor (Numbers 27:15-23). Joshua had played a key role in the exodus from Egypt. Introduced as the field general of Israel's army, he was the only person allowed to accompany Moses partway up the mountain when Moses received the law. Joshua and Caleb were the only two among the 12 spies to bring back an encouraging report after being sent into the promised land the first time. Other references show him to have been Moses' constant shadow. His basic training was living with Moses, experiencing firsthand what it meant to lead God's people. This was modeling at its best!

Who is your Moses? Who is your Joshua? You are part of the chain of God's ongoing work in the world. You are modeling yourself after others and others are patterning their lives after you. Do those who are watching you see God reflected in every area of your life?

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Mary Ann Blessing
 Donna Wheeler
 Bill Moffett
 Charlie Boyer
 John Wheeler
 Jim Kratzer
 Kim Armstrong
 Karen King
 Glen Miller
 Ron Alexander
 Sandra Kraus
 Sterling Forrester
 Donna Strait
 Marjorie Hageman
 Georgia Couch
 Ida White
 Bert Bibby

Hospital:

Shut-In:

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

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

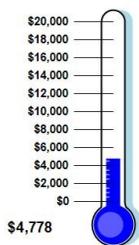
Donna Meeks

**Schuyler County
 Nursing Home:**

Marietta Garrison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thermometer Chart



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
YTD: \$4,778.00

Back to School Supply Fair 2016

If your family is in need of some assistance please plan to pre-register your student (s) on **Thursday, July 21 from 5-7pm outside the SCR-1 Elementary School.**



You can also pick up registration form from the church or call

**Marie Ebeling @ 660-465-2445
 or 660-342-0917
 by Thursday, July 28.**

All supplies will be packaged up by family and ready to be picked up on

**Saturday, August 06
 @ Ignite Ministries Back To School Bash
 on the Memphis Square.**

July 21– 29 NYR Camp

Please keep the youth and sponsors in your prayers as they travel for NYR.



July Book of Month

Luke

STATISTICS

July 10, 2016

Sunday School...61
 Worship....86

General Fund.....\$2,988.25
 Roof Fund.....\$35.00
 New Building.....\$100.00

BUDGET (To Date)

Weekly Needs.....\$3,242.00
 Budget needs.....\$93,776.00
 Gifts.....\$89,596.01

August 5-7 ~ Family Camp/Your Entire Family

Friday: Registration begins at 5:30pm
 (No set fee, free will offering)

Supper @ 6:00pm

Evening Service—7:30pm Billy Wallace
 Preacher @ Lancaster, MO will be our speaker for the Friday & Saturday evening services.

Saturday: Breakfast @ 8:30am

Morning chapel @ 9:45am

Supper @ 5:30pm

Evening Service @ 7:00pm

Sunday: Breakfast @ 9:30am

Sunday School @ 9:30am

(Classes for different age groups)

Worship @ 10:30am

Following the service please stay for the noon meal.

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 July 24, 2016

West Greeter.....Debbie Kigar
 West Usher.....Chuck Kigar
 East Greeter.....Maurine Robinson
 Sunday School at SCCC.....Ronnie Miller
 SCCC Pianist.....Sandra Blake
 Nursery.....Lynn Fincher & Carson Harrison
 July Bus Driver.....Tom Owings

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