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Dear Ones,

How important is it for you and me to come together as a church family on the Lord's Day? That was the question I posed last week. The question is prompted by my observation that there seems to be a kickback, even among Christ followers, challenging the significance of one's need for gathering regularly with the Saints on Sunday. It is fairly common to see posts on social media downplaying or even critical of any suggestion that believers give priority to the assembly.

I believe one could show from scriptures and from the writings of the early Church, that God's people are exhorted to gather on the first day of the week. I believe we have ample instruction and example for using that time together to praise the Lord in song, to pray, to ponder the Word of God, to participate in the Lord's Supper, to collect offerings for the Lord's work and more. Sadly, some approach the good habit of assembling with the Saints as a duty rather than a delight. It is so difficult to see the weekly worship of the Church as the Lord intends when we feel it is an obligation rather than an opportunity.

Let me suggest to you that we shift our focus from duty to delight, from obligation to opportunity. Might you help me in the coming days to consider the blessings and benefits that are ours because we honor the admonition of Hebrews 10:25. ***Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*** Talk with me about the positive motivations and reasons that encourage you to be faithful in assembling with the Saints from Sunday to Sunday. You can contact me in multiple ways. Text, email, Personal messages on Facebook, a handwritten note when you see me on Sunday morning... so many ways to share your thoughts. I look forward to hearing from you. I look forward to seeing you Sunday morning.

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

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

Homecoming Announcement:

A message from: Angela Westhoff

(Homecoming Planning Team)

Friends...the time is getting nearer for the big MFCC homecoming celebration. Attention to final details and plans are falling into place. At this time we are asking you, friends, former members, family of former members, to submit pictures of you and/or your loved ones attending activities at Memphis First Christian Church. If you have wedding photos, VBS photos, Sunday school class photos, I-MO camp photos, ANY photos of yourself, family, or friends that relate to Memphis First Christian Church please scan and submit them on the Memphis First Christian Church Homecoming facebook page. OR...bring to Rose Hardware on the west side of the Memphis square for Angela to scan. OR...send via email to rosedib@nemr.net. OR...email to Sheila Berkowitz at sberko@truman.edu. Most or all photos will be used in a variety of publications and media presentations related to and during the homecoming celebration.

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
Donna Strait
Marjorie Hageman
Georgia Couch
Ida White
Bert Bibby
Chuck Webb

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



**July
Book of Month**

Luke

STATISTICS

July 24, 2016

Sunday School...52
Worship....75

General Fund.....\$1,928.00
Roof Fund.....\$46.50

BUDGET (To Date)

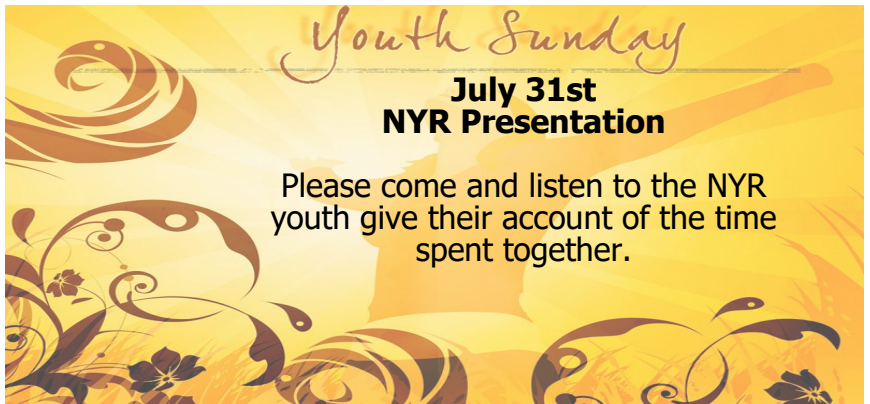
Weekly Needs.....\$3,242.00
Budget needs.....\$97,018.00
Gifts.....\$91,524.01

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: \$4,824.50



Splish, Splash Back to School Bash

Tuesday, August 2nd

9:30am-1:00pm

Grades K thru 6th

Bus leaves for I-MO Camp @ 9:30am

Bus arrives back to FCC @ 1:00pm

Picnic lunch will be provided

Bring swim gear, towels, friends, signed permission slips

(life jackets if you do not swim!)

Contact info: Stephanie 660-216-2469

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 31, 2016

West Greeter.....Beth Terrill
West Usher.....Dr. Steve Terrill
East Greeter.....Maxine Brown
Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril
SCCC Pianist.....Jana Muntz
Nursery.....Cathy Campbell & Sylvia Darland
July Bus Driver.....Tom Owings
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