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Dear Ones,

*"And Jesus kept increasing in **wisdom** and stature, and in favor with God and men."* Luke 2:52 (NASB)

"Jesus kept increasing in wisdom" ... We were reminded this past Sunday that Jesus was recognized for His wisdom not only in those early years. As he spoke in the synagogues, those in attendance were amazed by His teaching and asked, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to Him?" (See Mark 6:1-3)

We are challenged early in this new year to "Grow like Jesus." We want to continue to grow or increase in wisdom as Jesus did. We want it to be a lifelong process. Perhaps a trait of a wise person could be his or her desire to keep learning and understanding.

The Book of books says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." (Psalm 111:10, Proverbs 1:7; 9:10) The Apostle Paul reminded Timothy, the sacred writings ...are able to make you wise for salvation in Jesus Christ. The brother of Jesus tells us prayer is crucial to gaining wisdom. "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God..." (James 1:5). Jesus told a story about a wise and a foolish builder. His point was clear. The wise man is the one who hears His word and does it! (Matthew 7:26).

I like what the Bible says about a Scribe named Ezra. ***"For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD, and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel."*** Ezra 7:10 Might it be our ambition to grow in Wisdom like Jesus. Might we set our hearts to Ponder God's Word, Practice or do what it says and then Preach it to others. Let's help others grow wise to salvation in Jesus Christ.!

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

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Youth Preacher's Post

How many of you received cards or newsletters from friends and family over the holidays? Melanie and I received several cards, and newsletters from friends, family members and church family. We were both encouraged and thankful to receive so many cards from our church family. I love the words of Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NASB), "Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you are also doing." I appreciate having church family that builds one another up in Christ.

The apostle Paul writes these words to the church at Philippi. Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. (Philippians 2:1-4 NASB)

Many people even Christians live only to make a good impression on others or to please themselves. Selfishness and self conceit bring discord. Paul therefore stressed spiritual unity, asking the Philippians to live one another and to be in one spirit and purpose. When we work together, caring for the problems of others as if they were our problems, we demonstrate Christ's example of putting others first, and we experience unity. Don't be concerned about making a good impression or meeting your own needs that you strain relationships in God's family.

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Please Pray For...

John Wheeler
Jim Kratzer
Ron Alexander
Sam Berkowitz
Stephanie Sumption
Georgia Couch
Wayne Durham

Shut-In:

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

**Church Family
Residing At:**

Scotland Co. C C & R.C.F.

Donna Meeks
Bette Herbert
Donna Wheeler

Schuyler County N.H.

Marietta Garrison



**January
Book of Month**

Matthew

STATISTICS

January 08, 2016

Sunday School...43
Worship...82
General Fund.....\$1,970.25

BUDGET (To Date)

Weekly Needs.....\$3,242.00
Budget needs.....\$6,484.00
Gifts.....(1/1 & 1/8).....\$5,004.75

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

Fellow's Night Out

January 12th @ 6pm

Keith's Café

All men and young men are welcome to come and enjoy the wonderful food and fellowship.



Men's Leadership Study

Men's Leadership Study
Sundays,
Jan 15th thru Feb 26th
1pm @ the church building

SNOW DAYS

January 21st for Jr. and Sr. High Students
The cost is \$20 and we will be leaving the church at 7am and be returning around 9pm.

Help Wanted:

There are a variety of opportunities to use your talents at *FCC Memphis*. We need people to minister in the church and the community. Please contact the church office for details...660-465-7751

I Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

We are updating our Evangel E-mail list. If you would like to receive the Evangel through e-mail please e-mail the church at fccm@nemr.net and we will add you to the list. Thanks!

Let's Stay Connected!!
Are you a member of our facebook group?
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/254548849131/>
Sign up there or contact the church office!

Offering envelopes on the back table.
Please write your name and the number of your box together on the sign up sheet.

Reminder January 15, 2017

West Greeter.....Linda Wheeler
West Usher.....Leon Wheeler
East Greeter.....Rose Briggs
Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril
SCCC Pianist.....Maurine Robinson
Nursery.....Alisa & Elsie Kigar
January Bus Driver.....Paul Campbell

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