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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 stature" ... Shepherds saw a newborn Savior. The Maji saw a toddler King of the Jews. Teachers at the temple saw a 12 year old boy. Luke says Jesus grew physically. The next time we read of Jesus, he us a matured man.

As a "grown up," I would suggest Jesus was a man's man. The son of a carpenter, or as some suggest, a stonemason, we could imagine Jesus to be quite strong. We read that he chased crooks out of the courtyard of the Temple. He was not intimidated by religious leaders or Roman rulers. He withstood abuse that would make other men wither.

I suggested Sunday morning that as Jesus grew in stature physically, we should be growing in stature spiritually. The word "stature" in Luke 2:52 is the same word Paul uses in Ephesians 4:13 in reference to our growing in Christ.

Read through Luke 4:11-16 when you have opportunity. Note verse 12. Jesus gave leaders to the Church to help God's people be prepared or equipped for "work of service." I believe we are to be ever increasing in spiritual service. In verse 14, Paul shares an image of children tossed back and forth by the wind, pointing us to "doctrine" or "teaching." I believe Paul is encouraging us to grow in our knowledge and understanding of sound doctrine. Doing so, we will have spiritual stability. As we grow in spiritual service and in spiritual stability, we increase in spiritual stature.

We are challenged early in this new year to "Grow like Jesus." We want to continue to grow or increase in stature as Jesus did. We want it to be a lifelong process. Stay on task brothers and sisters!

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

Youth Preacher's Post

The word heritage came to mind while I was watching the Kansas City Chiefs and Pittsburgh Steelers football game last night. Over the years I have read articles of people wanting college and professional teams to get rid of their "Native American" mascots. The following teams have "Native American" mascots; Kansas City Chiefs, Washington Redskins, Atlanta Braves, Cleveland Indians, Chicago Blackhawks, San Diego State Aztecs, Florida State Seminoles Utah Utes, and the Illinois Fighting Illini. I appreciate that these teams chose mascots that represent the heritage of the United States.

Did you know that the Bible is apart of our heritage? The Bible is an important part of the Christian heritage. In Psalm 135:11-13 (NASB) David says, "**Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan; and He gave their land as a HERITAGE, a HERITAGE of Israel His people. Your name, O Lord, is everything, Your remembrance, O Lord, throughout all generations.**" The land of Canaan was a gift from God to the Israelites.

I appreciate the folks that carry on the Christian heritage. The Bible has been passed down from generation to generation and I'd like to see that continued. Let's tell other people about what our heritage means to us. The Bible plays a large role in what we do as Christians. Our heritage needs to be remember like the heritage of the Native Americans. I would like to challenge you to stand strong for your Christian heritage and not let other people bring you down.

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Please Pray For...

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

Shut-In:

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

Hospital:

Charles Hammock—SCMH

**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 15, 2016

Sunday School...54
Worship...84
General Fund.....\$2,815.75

BUDGET (To Date)

Weekly Needs.....\$3,242.00
Budget needs.....\$9,726.00
Gifts.....\$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



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.

T.A.S.K. RESUMES!!!

Together After School Kids
JANUARY 23, 2017

Same Place, Same Time

Invite Friends

Wear T-shirt for a treat

Inform school of transportation chance

Skate Night

January 23, 2017

We will leave the church @ 5:15pm and return @ 8pm.
Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy some fun times.
The cost is \$2 per person.

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 vari-
ous forms.*

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 22, 2017

West Greeter.....Beth Terrill
West Usher.....Dr. Steve Terrill
East Greeter.....Benjie Briggs
Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril
SCCC Pianist.....Sandra Blake
Nursery.....Kim & Brooke Smith
January Bus Driver.....Paul Campbell

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