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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 favor with men."

Can you imagine what it was like to have a boy like Jesus in the neighborhood? Luke tells us Jesus left Jerusalem to go back to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph. He was obedient, or was in subjection to them. He was a young man anyone would appreciate as a neighbor.

As an adult, Jesus must have raised eyebrows! You see, he befriended people shunned by religious, holier than others, kind of people. Jesus was accused of being "a friend of sinners." In some way, Jesus was able to reach out to folks in a way that made them feel valued, significant and worth the attention of the Son of God. Yet, he never compromised what was right. How often did he tell those friends to forsake their sin... to go and sin no more.

I would suggest that Jesus wants us to increase or grow in favor with men too. I would suggest that Jesus Character drew men to him. He had integrity. He was real or genuine with people. His conduct around men was beneficial to their well being. He was also a conduit of mercy and grace.

Might we learn from Jesus' example? People want to see "the real deal." They want us to "practice what we preach." People want to be treated as if they matter. Love people and use things, not the other way around. Extend mercy and grace at every opportunity. Forgive. Invite others to grow like Jesus.

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

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### ***Youth Preacher's Post***

The story of the Samaritan woman illustrates that each of us have equal access to the "Living Water of Jesus." If we had the chance to sit down with Jesus, would we take it? It might be too intimidating. Jesus is the Son of God. Perfect in thought, word, and action. The only human to ever live without sin and our salvation rests with him. Could I even speak, knowing who it was sitting across the table from me?

Jesus asked this woman for a drink from the well. Then he offered her living water. At first she did not understand, but as they spoke her eyes were opened. The people of Samaria were waiting for the Savior of the Jews. The Savior there were looking for was Jesus. He was the "Spring of Living Water" welling up to eternal life. The message was too wonderful not to believe. The status of the Samaritan woman had no place in their society, but there was a place for her with Jesus. Jesus knew who she was and the life that she was living. His love broke through those barriers. The "Living Water" is available to all, even a sinful Samaritan woman. She was so overwhelmed by Jesus' love, acceptance, and truth that she couldn't keep it to herself. She had to run back to the village and share the news with everyone. These were the people who had judged and excluded her. The Samaritan woman did not care because the message was too good not to share. The "Living Water" is available to you today, even if you feel unworthy or unimportant.

"O sinner, won't you come today to Calvary, A fountain there is flowing deep and wide. The Savior now invites you to the water free, Where thirsting spirits can be satisfied. Drinking at the spring of LIVING WATER, Happy now am I, My soul they satisfy. Drinking at the springs of LIVING WATER, O wonderful and bountiful supply." (Spring of Living Water Hymn 244 "Hymns of Faith)

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 29, 2016**

Sunday School...46  
 Worship...91  
 General Fund.....\$1,482.00

**BUDGET (To Date)**

Weekly Needs.....\$3,242.00  
 Budget needs.....\$16,210.00  
 Gifts.....\$8,123.75

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Men's Leadership Study**

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

Women's Bible Study  
 Sundays,  
 NOW thru Feb 26th  
 1-2pm church basement



**CCCB Day/Mid-Winter Cookout**

*February 12th  
 Memphis First Christian Church*

Central Christian College of the Bible will be sending representatives to lead our services. Following the service we will have our annual cookout. Please bring your appetite and a side dish.



**Young @ Heart/Joy Group**

*February 14th @ 12:00pm  
 Soup Luncheon/Games  
 @ Baptist Church  
 Soups & drink provided  
 Please bring finger foods or sides.*

**BABY BOTTLES**

Pick your baby bottle up to help out the Memphis Area Pregnancy Care Center in either foyer. Your spare change can make a big difference in our community.



**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.*

**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 February 5, 2017**

West Greeter.....Louise Harris  
 West Usher.....Chipper Harris  
 East Greeter.....Edna Gundy  
 Sunday School at SCCC.....Ronnie Miller  
 SCCC Pianist.....Alisa & Elsie Kigar  
 Nursery.....Elaine Forrester & Elsie Kigar  
 February Bus Driver.....Leon Wheeler  
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