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Dear Ones,

"Let's go fishing!" I am sure ready for the weather to warm up and the fish to start biting. I spoke Sunday about Jesus calling his first disciples. He said *"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."* Jesus invited his first disciple to go fishing with him. He would teach them how to fish for men.

Over the years, I've read articles about how fishing for men can be compared to what we know about fishing for fish. There are lessons we can glean. It helps us to know where to find the fish. Let's get out in the community and find them. What makes the fish bite? I have different lures for different circumstances. We want to pay attention to what interests our "fish". Do they like sports? Are they into crafts, cars or cooking? Can those interests be used to bring Jesus into the conversation? There are other parallels we could consider. You think about it and feel free to text, email or call me with your thoughts.

I read a line that said, "preachers are no longer fishers of men, but keepers of aquariums." Ouch! It is a reminder to me that I need to be leading the way in this enterprise of fishing for men. But I am reminded that all of us should be fishers of men. One last thought. We can read all about fishing. We can watch videos and go to seminars. We can have the latest tackle and equipment. We can have a fishing boat. We will never catch fish until we go fishing! "Let's go fishing!"

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

## Youth Minister's Post

Have you ever thought about the life of the apostle Peter? It always seemed like he was the middle of everything. In John 18:10 we read, "Simon Peter then, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear." Peter was just trying to protect Jesus. A short time later we find Peter denying Jesus...."Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, 'You are not also one of His disciples, are you?' He denied it, and said, 'I am not.' One of the slaves of the high priests, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off, said 'Did I not see you in the garden with Him?' Peter denied it again, and immediately a rooster crowed." Peter said that he wasn't going to deny the Lord but he did. Even though Peter had done these things he understood who Jesus was...Let's look at Peter's Confession of Christ! In Matthew 16:15-19 says, "He said to them, **'But who do you say that I am?'** Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus said to him, **'Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.'**" Peter truly understood who Jesus was and he was willing to step up to the plate for Jesus. Are you willing to be like Peter and confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God? Jack or I would be willing to answer any questions that you have.

**In Christ,** Josiah Holloway

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

We are here to pray for you!



Mary Ann Blessing	Dora McClintock
Bob Carney	Debbie Seamster
Willadean Crist	Dean Smoot
Randy Elder	Sheila Owings
Donna Houghton	Donna Wheeler
Linda Koser	Viola Heiner
Randy Elder	Judy Gamber
Dixie Drummond	Margaret Elder
Ardele Arnold	Joanne Fergeson
Georgia Couch	Leon Wheeler
Bud & Dee Trill	Vicky Clark
Carol Dryden	Elisa Thibault
	Terry Rush

**Hospitalized**

Max Kapfer  
John Wheeler  
Alyssa Marshall-Des Moines  
(granddaughter Don & Kathy Dice)  
Donna Meeks

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

Jeri Baker	Cleo Davis
Audrey Drummond	Velva Freburg
Louise Frederick	Vetrice Goins
Gene Parsons	Harriett Poole
Jean "Effie" Allen	

**FCC Members at  
Schuyler County N.H.**

Marietta Garrison Bernice Shanes

**Military**  
David Miller

**March Book of Month**

Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians,  
Colosians



**STATISTICS**

**March 2, 2014**

Sunday School..56  
Worship..79

General Fund.....\$3,064.71  
Carpet.....\$100.00

**BUDGET (To date)**

Weekly Needs .....\$3,237.00  
Budget needs.....\$32,370.00  
Gifts.....\$31,962.73

**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  
Debbie Seamster .....Office Assistant

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**March 9th**, we will be taking up a special offering for CCCB in Moberly. They have recently acquired a new gym floor and we would like to help them out. If you are wanting to make a donation and won't be at church, feel free to send it to 320 S. Main St. Memphis, MO 63555 CCCB special offering.



**March 9th** Easter Sunday planning meeting @2pm



**March 16th** is Fellowship Meal Day following the church service...Everyone is welcome to join!



For **9th-12th graders** for NYR camp, on **March 23rd** there will be an informational meeting. If you are interested please attend these meetings so we can see how many are wanting to go.

What: WINTER JAM CHRISTIAN CONCERT  
When: Friday, March 28th  
Where: Des Moines, Iowa  
Cost: \$10 per person  
We will leave Memphis around 3:30pm.  
Concert starts @ 7pm. All ages welcomed!!  
Closer to the date more info will be available and sign up sheets will be out...





**Daylight Savings Time Begins March 9**

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour.



Would like to thank Andera Hunt and Family for the help in putting together Ministerial Alliance supper.

**Reminder March 9, 2014**

West Greeter.....Bert Bibby  
West Usher.....Leroy Bibby  
East Greeter.....Sheila Berkowitz  
Sunday School at SCCC.....Truth Seekers  
SCCC Pianist.....Jana Muntz  
Nursery.....Raella Wiggins & Conner Wiggins  
March Bus Driver.....Lee Parrish

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