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Dear Ones,

I still have so much to learn about farming! I did not grow up on or around the farm. I am catching on to some basic facts though. You cannot expect a crop if you do not plant. Actually, I would go so far as to say, if you do not plant, you will not harvest. You will reap what you sow. Crops need rain. Too much rain can hinder crops much like too little rain.

I suppose similar thoughts may be true about planting the back yard garden. Some of my garden is planted.. A very little "some." Perhaps it will dry out enough in the next week or so to finish planting. I look forward to the "fruit" of my labor. Big green tomatoes are great for frying. Some will be left to ripen to eat on a slice of bread. Corn and beans are also on my list. I am starting to get hungry.

Is there a point to my rambling this morning. I sure hope so! Jesus told a story or two about farming! He spoke of weeds in the garden and of a coming harvest. Of course, there are many spiritual lessons to be learned. We need to be planting the good seed of the Word of God in our hearts and among our friends and neighbors. We need to be cultivating the soil of our hearts and preparing the spiritual soil of our friends to receive the Word of God. We need to be planting the seed of the Gospel among our neighbors if we expect to see "Fruit" of labors.

Paul said some are planters, some do the watering and ultimately we leave God to provide the increase. That is true in the corn field. That is true in the church! Let's be sure we are doing our part to prepare hearts for the Gospel message. Let's be sure we are using opportunities to cast the seed of the Gospel. Let's be watering in our interactions with our friends. Let's be ready to harvest when the time is right.

Lord Bless,
Preacher Jack



Youth Minister's Post

How could an Old Testament person understand the idea of Christ dying for our sins (our transgressions and iniquities) actually bearing the punishment that we deserved? The sacrifices suggested this idea, but it is one thing to kill a lamb, and something quite different to think of God's chosen servant as that Lamb, but God was pulling aside the curtain of time to let the people of Isaiah's day look ahead to the suffering of the future Messiah and the resulting forgiveness made available to all mankind. **"Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed."** (Isaiah 53:4-5 NIV). The neat thing is that Stephen Curtis Chapman, Brian Littrell, Mac Powell and Mark Hall use these exact same words in their song, *"By His Wounds."* We are healed by Your sacrifice; And the life that You gave; We are healed for You paid the price; By Your grace we are saved; We are saved. **"By grace you have been saved through faith; it is the gift of God."** (Ephesians 2:8 NASB).

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Mary Ann Blessing
 Donna Wheeler
 John Wheeler
 Dixie Drummond
 Donna Houghton
 Cole Anderson
 Helen Hammack
 Charles Hammack

Willideane Crist
 Rose Miller
 Evelyn Nye
 Dalene Bergman
 Terry Fincher
 Jean Allen
 Larry Roberts
 Bob Carney
 Ron Alexander
 Marie Alexander

Hospital

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Schuyler County N.H.

Marietta Garrison

Psalm 46:1

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”



May
 Book of Month
Romans

STATISTICS

May 3, 2015

Sunday School...61
 Worship...110
 General Fund.....\$3,139.15

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs \$3,242.00
 Budget needs.....\$61,598.00
 Gifts.....\$58,681.86

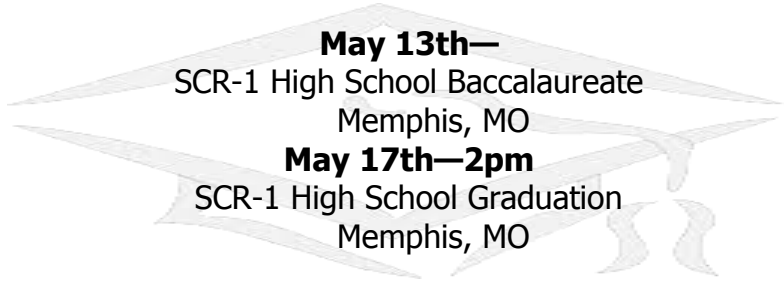
Sunday Services

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



May 13th—
 SCR-1 High School Baccalaureate
 Memphis, MO

May 17th—2pm
 SCR-1 High School Graduation
 Memphis, MO

Graduation Reception

Olivia (Livvy) Harris—May 15th @ 6-9pm
 @ S.C. Fairgrounds Art Hall

Memorial Day Service
May 25th @ 10am
 Courthouse lawn

May 30th ~
Camp Clean Up!
More Details to come!

Women’s Retreat
@ I-MO Christian Service Camp
Friday, June 5 & Saturday, June 6

Pre-Register by May 29th, registration is \$25
 Can be mailed to:
 Rhonda Houf
 2702 Garfield Street
 Unionville, MO 63565

For more information contact:
 Heather Garner @ 660-947-3937

June 6, 2015
8am –2pm
@ First Christian Church
320 S. Main St
Memphis, MO
Free Will Donation



If raining Car Wash will be moved to June 13th.
 Same time and location.



Thank you to all who helped in any way with preparation for the new carpet!

Jerry & Margaret Scurlock
 35th Anniversary Open House
 Saturday May 16, 2015 2-4pm
 Downing Christian Church



Reminder May 10, 2015

West Greeter.....Linda Wheeler
 West Usher.....Leon Wheeler
 East Greeter.....Helen Clough
 Sunday School at SCCC.....Ronnie Miller
 SCCC Pianist.....Maurine Robinson
 Nursery.....Elaine Forrester & Elsie Kigar
 May Bus Driver.....Joel Kapfer
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