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Dear Ones,

I don't know how your week is shaping up, but I can certainly say mine will be busy. I open my computer calendar and see events and appointments every day this week. I have a delete button that can remove an activity faster than I can enter it. As I prepare myself for the next several days, I must choose how I will approach my responsibilities and obligations.

I am making it my ambition for this week to see opportunities rather than obligations. I want to approach my responsibilities as refreshing. At least two evenings this week are designated as meetings. I will look forward to both because I will be getting together with others from FCC Memphis who are giving their time for the good of the Lord's Church. I will enjoy a supper with several men and boys at the annual Men's banquet at Central Christian College of the Bible. There are not too many Tuesday evening left for the Missouri Christian Institute. It has been a joy to teach and learn among folks wanting to grow as spiritual leaders. A week from tonight, I will meet a young man who is just starting a Southern Gospel Music Ministry. Spending an evening with Benjamin Morelock and friends from area congregations celebrating the ministry of I-MO Christian Service Camp will bless all in attendance.

There are a lot of "I's" in that previous paragraph. It would be great if those would transform into "we's!" You have the invitation to join in wherever your interests, abilities and opportunities allow. Take a moment to look through Sunday's church bulletin or the announcements on the backside of today's Evangel. I know we cannot all attend or participate in everything placed on the church calendar. I know we can feel pulled in too many directions. I also know our attitudes have much bearing on our choices to engage in or refrain from so many beneficial church activities

The clock is telling me the time is near for our Sunday evening study, "The Truth Project." There are 12 lessons in this study. It is academically and spiritually challenging. We are just getting started. We are not so far into the study that you cannot join us. Some of us shared in this study several years ago. It is interesting how the topics were so relevant to the issues of those days. As we go through the study this time, the lessons speak to the news of the day. We would love to have you join us for these Sunday evening sessions.

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

**F.C.C. MEMPHIS
HOMECOMING CELEBRATION
Sept. 30—Oct. 2, 2016**

Youth Minister's Post

I couldn't help but think of Peter's denial of Jesus this week with Easter or Resurrection Sunday coming up. You can read this account in Matthew 26:69-75. Check it out.

There were three stage to Peter's denial. First he acted confused and tried to divert attention from himself by changing the subject. Second, using an oath he denied that he knew Jesus. Third, he began to curse and swear. Believers who deny Christ often begin doing so subtly by pretending not to know him. When opportunities to discuss religious issues come up, they walk away or pretend they don't know the answers. With only a little more pressure, they can be induced to deny flatly their relationship with Christ. If you find yourself subtly diverting conversation so you don't have to talk about Christ, watch out. You may be on the road to disowning him.

The fact Peter denied that he knew Jesus, using an oath and calling down curses, does not mean he used foul language. This was the kind of swearing that a person does in a court of law. Peter was swearing that he did not know Jesus and was invoking a curse on himself if his words were untrue. In effect he was saying, "May God strike me dead if I am lying."

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Mary Ann Blessing	Kim Armstrong
Donna Wheeler	Helen Cone
John Wheeler	Helen Sloan
Charlie Boyer	Donna Strait
Kim Anderson	Ron Alexander
Ramah Douglas	Lydia Hunt
Bill Moffett	Karen King
Jeannie Drummond	Jim Kratzer
Stanley Myers	Glen Miller

Hospital:

Shut-In:

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

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

Jeri Baker	Velva Freburg
Donna Meeks	Bob Carney

**Schuyler County
Nursing Home:**

Marietta Garrison



**March
Book of Month**

Galatians, Ephesians,
Philippians, Colossians

STATISTICS

March 13, 2016

Sunday School...54
 Worship...88
 General Fund.....\$4,051.00

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs \$3,242.00
 Budget needs.....\$32,420.00
 Gifts.....\$37,238.34

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

We are asking if you have any updates for the Prayer list please contact the church office at 660-465-7751 or email us at fccm@nemr.net



an in-depth Christian
worldview experience

"THE TRUTH PROJECT"

Come be reintroduced to the Truth Claims of God...Learn of God's design for living out the Christian World View in daily life.

Sunday night @ 7pm
Memphis First Christian Church

March 17, 2016

Men's Day Banquet/Fellow's Night Out
@ CCCB in Moberly, MO Bus will leave at 4:30pm
ALL MEN & BOYS WELCOME!

March 20, 2016 @ 7pm

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Benjamin Morelock Benefit Concert

Southern Gospel soloist who shares his life changing testimony through music. Don't miss this young man's Southern Gospel music ministry!

(An offering will be received for the 2016 I-MO Camp Projects)

March 20, 2016

Memphis First Christian Church

Children wanting to join the Palm March on Palm Sunday need to be in basement by 10:25 a.m..

March 27, 2016

Memphis First Christian Church

*Sunrise Celebration @ 6:30am
Breakfast immediately to follow
Easter worship service @ 8am
Bible Classes @ 9:20am*

Won't you please join us in celebrating this wonderful day of the Lord's resurrection!

**Prayer Group for Church
Anniversary Celebration
Every Friday @ 12:20 pm**

15 minutes (or more if needed)
in Fireplace room.



**Prayer
Team**

Reminder March 20, 2016

West Greeter.....	Angela Westhoff
West Usher.....	Scott Westhoff
East Greeter.....	Maxine Brown
Sunday School at SCCC.....	
SCCC Pianist.....	Maurine Robinson
Nursery.....	Alisa & Elsie Kigar
March Bus Driver.....	Lee Parish

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