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Dear Ones,

The preacher addressed the congregation where I attended services Sunday morning. Apparently he had been away the prior Sunday. Though he appreciated the time off, he expressed his pleasure at being back among his church family. I could certainly relate to his sentiment. Lord willing, I will be back in Memphis near the middle of the week and will be pleased to be back among church family in the coming days.

Several thoughts from the Preacher's message resonated with me and I share them with you.

1. The more we read and understand our Bibles, the more we will understand what is happening in the world around us. A Theologian of an earlier time said something to the effect that we should have a Bible in one hand and newspaper in the other. The Bible provides insight and answers for life issues.
2. The Bible says what it says and means what it means. As lovingly as he could say it, the preacher spoke of a moral issue creating strife between Christians and those who are not. Actually the issue is creating a sharp divide among believers within the particular religious organization with which the congregation is affiliated. It was refreshing to be reminded that the Word of God is the absolute authority for those who follow Jesus Christ. We can be sensitive to people, but we must be faithful to the Word.

One other note as I sign off for this week... In the coming weeks, with the help of our Elders and Deacons, we want to compile a list of names of people we would like to contact about our Fall Homecoming Celebration. Would you take some time in the days ahead to think about folks who used to regularly attend FCC Memphis. Pray for them. Tell them about our Homecoming Celebration dates. Pass their names to the church office that we may connect with them too.

Lord Bless,

Preacher Jack

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

Youth Minister's Post

The devil who tempted Adam and Eve in the garden, also tempted Jesus in the dessert. Satan is a real being, a created but rebellious fallen angel, and not a symbol or an idea. He constantly fights against God and those whose follow and obey God. Jesus was a prime target for the devil's temptations. Satan had succeeded with Adam and Eve, and he hoped to succeed with Jesus as well.

Knowing and obeying God's Word is an effective weapon against temptation. Jesus used scripture to counter Satan's attacks and so should we. In order for us to use effectively, we must have faith in God's promises, because Satan knows scripture and is adept at twisting it to suit his purpose. Obeying the scriptures is more important than simply having a verse to quote, so read them daily and apply them to your life.

Why was it necessary for Jesus to be tempted? First temptation is part of the human experience. For Jesus to be fully human, for him to understand us completely, he had to face temptation (Hebrews 4:15). Second, Jesus had to undo Adam's work. Adam, though created perfect, gave in to temptation and passed sin on the whole human race. Jesus by contrast, resisted Satan. His victory offers salvation to all of Adam's descendants (Romans 5:12-19).

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Mary Ann Blessing, Kim Armstrong,
Donna Wheeler, Donna Strait,
Ron Alexander, John Wheeler,
Karen King, Jim Kratzer,
Glen Miller, Janie Upton, Twila Fulk,
Charlie Boyer, Ramah Douglas,
Bill Moffett, Sheila Owings

Hospital:

Bob Carney-SCMH

Shut-In:

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

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

Donna Meeks

**Schuyler County
Nursing Home:**

Marietta Garrison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Group for Church Anniversary Celebration
Every Friday @ 12:20 pm in Fireplace room.
Memphis First Christian Church



Class of 2016 Baccalaureate
Wednesday, May 11, 2016

At 7pm
Scotland County R-1 High School
There will be a reception to follow.



NO YOUTH GROUP!
May 15, 2016

No youth group as this is graduation day!
See you next Sunday!

CAMP CLEAN UP!!
May 21, 2016

I-MO Camp Clean Up
We will be leaving the church
parking lot at 8:30am. We will go to
Bloomfield for lunch following the clean up.



May 28, 2016 @ 3:00pm
Bridal Shower

For Hilary Harris

First Christian Church, Memphis, MO

She is registered at Bed Bath &
Beyond, Bergner's and Wal-Mart.
If there is a recipe you would like to share
with Hilary please bring it to the shower.



**May
Book of Month**

Romans



STATISTICS

May 08, 2016

Sunday School...80
Worship...105
General Fund.....\$4,821.00

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs\$3,242.00
Budget needs.....\$61,356.00
Gifts.....\$62,251.94

2016 I-MO Camp Dates:

June 5-10 ~ Junior High I
Completed 7th-8th grades

June 12-17 ~ Senior High
Completed 9th-12th grades

June 19-24 ~ Junior I
Completed 5th-6th grades

June 25 ~ Day Camp
Completed 1st-2nd grades

June 26-30 ~ PeeWee
Completed 3rd-4th grades

July 10-15 ~ Junior High II
Completed 7th-8th grades

July 17-22 ~ Junior II
Completed 5th-6th grades

August 5-7 ~ Family Camp
Your Entire Family

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 May 15, 2016

West Greeter.....Benjie Briggs
West Usher.....Tom Owings
East Greeter.....Edna Gundy
Sunday School at SCCC.....Ronnie Miller
SCCC Pianist.....Maurine Robinson
Nursery.....Elaine Forrester & Emily Terrill
May Bus Driver.....Joel Kapfer
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