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Dear Ones,

Why were some of the first settlers arriving in this land we now call the United States called "pilgrims?" Did you know William Bradford, one of the founders of the Plymouth Colony and one of the signers of the Mayflower Compact, was inspired by the Bible to do so. These first settlers were like the people of God, strangers, sojourners, aliens and pilgrims.

Speaking of the Mayflower Compact. Did you know this document has been called "The birth certificate of America"? Did you know this contract laid out the purpose the Pilgrims came to this new Land? "Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and advancement of the Christian Faith." These believers were driven by their Christian Faith to leave England and become missionaries to the new world! We sure don't hear much about these historical truths today.

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." (John Adams) Did you know the Vice President to George Washington and the second President of our Nation, understood the significance of moral conviction founded in faith as essential for the United States Constitution to be of any benefit? Many of our founding Fathers were spiritually minded men who embraced faith in Jesus Christ. I wonder what prompted Thomas Jefferson to say, *"I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that his justice cannot sleep forever."*? I wonder what he would say if he were to witness the moral condition of the United States today?

Starting on June 5th. "Preacher's Class" will begin a series of lessons on the influence of Biblical faith on the founders and on the founding of the United States of America. We invite anyone and everyone to join us in our review the great spiritual heritage of the Country and the renewal of our commitment to being "salt and light" in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Lord Bless,

Preacher Jack

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

Youth Minister's Post

Some people can't stay out of trouble. When conflict breaks out, they always manage to be nearby. Reaction is their favorite action. This was Moses. He seemed drawn to what needed to be righted. Throughout his life, he was at his finest and his worst responding to the conflicts around him. Even the burning bush experience was an illustration of his character. After spotting the fire and seeing that the bush did not burn, he had to investigate. Whether jumping into a fight to defend a Hebrew slave or trying to referee a struggle between two kinsmen, when Moses saw conflict, he reacted.

Over the years, however, an amazing thing happened to Moses' character. He didn't stop reacting, but rather he learned to react correctly. Each day of leading two million people in the wilderness was more than enough of a challenge for Moses' reacting ability. Much of the time he had served as a buffer between God and the people.

Leadership often involves reaction. If we want to react with instincts consistent with God's will, we must develop habits of obedience to God. In Moses we see an outstanding personality shaped by God, but we must not misunderstand what God did. He did not change who or what Moses was. He did not give Moses new abilities and strengths. Instead, he took Moses' characteristics and molded them until they were suited to his purposes. The next time you talk with God, don't ask "What should I change into?" Instead ask "How should I use my own abilities and strengths to do your will?"

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,
 Glen Terrill

Hospital:

Jim Sharp-Barnes Hospital

Shut-In:

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

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

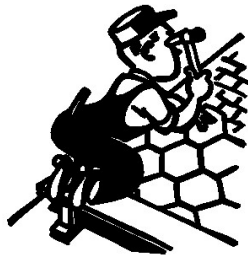
Donna Meeks
 Bob Carney

**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



We are replacing our roof here at the church. Our goal is to raise \$20,000. Donations to the "roof fund" would be greatly appreciated. Thanks

Monday, May 30th
Memorial Day Service
 Memphis Square
 @ 10am



The church office will be closed **Monday, May 30th** for Memorial Day. There will be no Evangel printed this week.

June 04, 2016
NYR CAR WASH FUNDRAISER
 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
 Free will donation



(Rain date: June 11, 2016)

Memphis First Christian Church has the opportunity to host the Birthday Party at the **Scotland County Care Center, Tuesday, June 28th @ 2pm.** Servers and volunteers are needed to provide cupcakes for the event. If you can help in this way please call **Angela @ 660-216-0412 or 660-465-2714**



May Book of Month

Romans

STATISTICS

May 22, 2016

Sunday School...45
 Worship...60
 General Fund.....\$2,060.00

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs \$3,242.00
 Budget needs.....\$67,840.00
 Gifts.....\$67,109.02

2016 I-MO Camp Dates:

June 5-10 ~ Junior High I Completed 7th-8th grades	June 26-30 ~ PeeWee Completed 3rd-4th grades
June 12-17 ~ Senior High Completed 9th-12th grades	July 10-15 ~ Junior High II Completed 7th-8th grades
June 19-24 ~ Junior I Completed 5th-6th grades	July 17-22 ~ Junior II Completed 5th-6th grades
June 25 ~ Day Camp Completed 1st-2nd 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 29, 2016

West Greeter.....Terry McDougall
 West Usher.....Mike Aylward
 East Greeter.....Maxine Brown
 Sunday School at SCCC.....Ronnie Miller
 SCCC Pianist.....Jana Muntz
 Nursery.....Holly Harris & Brooke Campbell
 May Bus Driver.....Joel Kapfer
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