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Dear Ones,

What did you take away from This past Sunday's sermon? I know, not everyone receiving the newsletter is close enough to attend FCC Memphis regularly. That is why I generally use my space in the "Evangel" to reiterate some of the Sunday message. It provides some of us a review. For others, I hope it gives you a thought to ponder for the moment, or even the week.



One would think everyone would love Jesus! But, there are those who do not. Isn't it a bit surprising that religious people attending the synagogue became angry at Jesus' preaching? (See Luke 4:28, 29) There was no respect from the religious leaders for this rabbi from Nazareth either. They were filled with fury over the activities of Jesus and the fact that he would eat and drink with tax gatherers and sinners. (See Luke 6:6-11)

I am glad Jesus would reach out to the fishermen and the tax gatherer. His invitation was simply, "Come, follow me." Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John and Levi (Matthew) left their livelihoods behind in response to Jesus' invitation. Do you ever wonder what they gained in doing so?

I believe Jesus provided them a place to belong. He accepted them, invited them to share life with Him. That speaks volumes to us when we really don't want to fit into the world's mold. I believe Jesus gave them a purpose to pursue. They had jobs, but as followers of Jesus, they would be making an eternal impact on people.

Jesus give us a similar invitation! I wish I had room to write more about how he turns our mess into a message! Peter wrote an encouraging message we can read. We are God's people. We have a place to belong! He said we were in darkness, but are now in His marvelous light. He invited us into life with Him. Now we have a message to share ... We can proclaim the excellencies of the one who gives us an identity as His people and a purpose that makes an eternal difference in all our lives! Read 1 Peter 2:9, 10 this week.

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

Youth Preacher's Post

"When evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed ; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill. This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: 'He Himself took our infirmities and carried away our diseases'" (Matthew 8:16-17 NASB).

Jesus' miraculous healings did more than just heal broken bodies, they restored community. The once shunned leper could now walk freely among the people and worship at the temple. The formerly blind and lame didn't have to beg for a living anymore. Those freed from demons had peace in their hearts and their neighbors no longer feared them.

Jesus' healing also extends to the heart, restoring the connection between us and God. As He lifted the paralyzed man to his feet, Jesus forgave his sins in the same breath (Mark 2:5). The Messiah opened the eyes of the blind, both the physically and spiritually blind, to see themselves and Him in a clear light.

We all need restoration and reconnection with our communities and with God. Our Savior knows what you and your loved ones are going through, physically and spiritually. He's heard your prayers. The One who can raise the dead to life again can strengthen your heart to trust in Him to redeem and bring blessing from even the worst situations. There is nothing we can suffer where He won't draw near to comfort us.

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Please Pray For...

John Wheeler	Stephanie Sumption
Jim Kratzer	Wayne Durham
Ron Alexander	Mike York
Sam Berkowitz	Cordie Kigar
Thatcher Miller	Keith Chance
David Smith	Bernice Ford
Dynamite Owings	Sheila Owings
John Schenk	Dennis Patton
Joann Rood	Steve Snodgrass

Shut-In:

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

Hospital:

Charles Hammock—SCMH
 Jim Campbell—Rusk Rehab
 Dixie Parish—Kirksville
 Betty Morrison—St. Louis

Church Family

Residing At:

Scotland Co. C C & R.C.F.

Donna Meeks
 Bette Herbert
 Donna Wheeler
 Georgia Couch

Schuyler County N.H.

Marietta Garrison

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCI (Missouri Christian Institute)

Stiles Christian Church
 28286 Peach Avenue
 Bloomfield, IA

Every Tuesday evening
 February 07—March 28
 @ 7pm-9pm

Bus leaves at 6:15pm. If you are needing a ride please call the church office.



Men's Banquet/Fellow's Night Out **March 16, 2017**

Central Christian College of the Bible
 Moberly, MO

We will be leaving the church at 4:30pm.
 If you would like to go please call the church and let us know you will be going.



March Book of Month

Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians,
 Colossians



NYR Spaghetti Dinner
March 19, 2017
Memphis First Christian Church
 Following the service the kids attending NYR will be serving spaghetti as a fundraiser.
 Come stay and enjoy this wonderful time.

STATISTICS

March 05, 2016

Sunday School...67
 Worship...108
 General Fund.....\$5,742.25

BUDGET (To Date)

Weekly Needs.....\$3,242.00
 Budget needs.....\$32,420.00
 Gifts.....\$35,897.35

Memphis First Christian Church Youth Room

"OPEN HOUSE"

March 19, 2017
 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

"Upstairs" of The Place
 Join us for food and games



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 March 12, 2017

West Greeter.....Linda Wheeler
 West Usher.....Leon Wheeler
 East Greeter.....Helen Clough
 Sunday School at SCCC.....Truth Seekers
 SCCC Pianist.....Jana Muntz
 Nursery.....Elaine Forrester & Emily Terrill
 March Bus Driver.....Lee Parish

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