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Dear Ones,

Blessing is the word on my mind today as I write to you church family and friends. It is an appropriate word to consider the Thanksgiving season. Several Bible verses come to mind as I put my thoughts in print. A couple of hymns and choruses are playing in the back of my mind as I type. Might you take a moment to think of a scripture or song that makes you pause to consider the Lord's blessings today.

Many of the Lord's blessings are evident, easily recognized. We have many common blessings in Christ. In fact, the Bible says every spiritual blessing to be had can be found in Jesus Christ! In another place, the Bible says we "bless the Lord" because of all his benefits. I appreciate the reminder in our Sunday services of God's blessing when we stand and sing "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow..."

I awoke this morning thinking about "unexpected blessings." Attending the benefit concert for the Show Me Youth Home was so encouraging. Having brother Good spend the night in my home was a real treat. I would have missed those blessings had I not attended the concert or invited our brother into my home. Don't miss opportunities to be among the Lord's people!

Of course we can all mention such blessings as family and friends. We have the blessing of Church family too. From the view of several ministries and a few decades of preaching ministry, I can see so much blessing from the friendships forged over the years with so many. I am so blessed by you church Family!

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

Youth Minister's Post

Kyle Idleman is the teaching pastor at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky, the fifth largest church in America. He is the author of the book *Not A Fan ?(What Does It Mean To really Follow Jesus?)* The book is broken down into 3 different parts; Part 1: Fan or Follower? An Honest Diagnosis; Part 2: An Invitation to Follow; Part 3: Following Jesus—Wherever, Whenever, Whatever. I was first introduced to the book when I attended Rocky Fork Fellowship about a year ago while attending college. How many times do we honestly think about being a follower of Christ instead of a fan? Some people may not realize it, but there is, a big difference between being a fan and a follower. A follower is someone who is actually willing to sacrifice themselves in order to follow Christ. A fan is someone who knows the stats of their favorite sports hero or someone who watches a movie featuring a certain actor/actress. Are you treating Jesus the same as the other people you admire? The truth is that following Jesus requires sacrifice. He tells us that we must take up our cross daily in order to follow Him. Christ carried the very cross that He died on, His very own shoulders. He sacrificed His life for us even though we did not deserve it. We should do the same for Christ. We must take up our cross upon our shoulders and follow Him. As followers we should be willing to sacrifice everything that we have for HIM!

In Christ, Josiah Holloway



Prayer Requests

Mary Ann Blessing	Bob Carney
Helen Clough	Willadean Crist
Randy Elder	Donna Houghton
Richard Kennett	Linda Koser
Donna Meeks	Dora McClintock
Sam Berkowitz	Debbie Seamster

Hospitalized

Ardale Arnold—SCH
 Max Kapfer—University of Missouri
 Mark Mattingly—U of I Heart
 & Vascular
 Clinton Hale—St. Louis

FCC Members at SCCC & R.C.F.

Jeri Baker	Cleo Davis
Audrey Drummond	Velva Freburg
Louise Frederick	Vetrice Goins
Gene Parsons	Harriett Poole
Ruth Speer	

FCC Members at Schuyler County N.H.

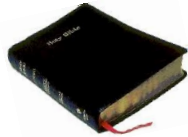
Marietta Garrison	Bernice Shanes
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Military

David Miller

November's Book of Month

2 Corinthians
&
Jude



STATISTICS

November 10, 2013

Sunday School.. 61
 Worship..122

General Fund.....	\$4,631.50
Carpet Fund.....	\$40.00
New Building.....	\$100.00

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs	\$3,235.00
Budget needs.....	\$145,575.00
Gifts.....	\$134,492.21

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
Debbie Seamster	Office Assistant

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**November 1st starts
NO SHAVE NOVEMBER!**



**November 17th ~
Annual Congregational Meeting**

November 17 ~
Youth Group will be at Josiah and Melanie's house this Sunday.
5-6:30 p.m.



November 24th ~
Scotland County Ministerial Alliance
Thanksgiving Service @ 7pm, SCR-1
Elementary gym



December 8th ~
Children's Christmas Program &
Annual Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner
There is a sign up sheet in the East foyer
for helping out or bringing in food.



Please keep Dale Heaton in your prayers this Friday as he is having knee surgery.

 Mark Mattingly received his heart this past week. If you would like to send him well wishes here is his address:

Mark Mattingly, SNICU, 5JPP
 UIHC
 200 Hawkins Drive
 Iowa City, IA 52242

 "Not by work of the righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regenerations and renewing of the Holy Ghost"
 Titus 3:5

Reminder November 17, 2013

West Greeter.....	Bert Bibby
West Usher.....	Leroy Bibby
East Greeter.....	Linda Koser
Sunday School at SCCC.....	Ronnie Miller
SCCC Pianist.....	Maurine Robinson
Nursery.....	Elaine Forrester & Carson Harrison
November Bus Driver.....	Mary Morgan

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