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P r e a c h e r ' s P o s t

Dear Ones,

I read the words again the other day. I've heard them before. The book I was reading warned us about having a critical spirit. We were having the discussion in "Preacher's Class" about the same topic. We all got a chuckle when one of our class members shared an acronym. ... C.A.V.E. (Citizens Against Virtually Everything). Those words catching my attention suggested that it takes many positive comments to offset even one negative comment we hear.

I want to think about my words a bit more. It is so easy to find fault. In just a few words we can deflate or discourage another. The Bible gives us some good direction for our words. We should speak "the truth in love." (Eph. 4:15) Our speech should be "gracious, seasoned with salt." (Col. 4:6).

Might we be proactive with our words. I am thinking we can focus more on encouraging others with words of thanks or words of praise. Could we set some daily goals? Could we propose that in each conversation we have with another to say something uplifting. Can we catch ourselves when we are about to make a negative or critical comment and think about whether it is necessary?

When I think of our FCC Memphis church family, I am so thankful for all the folks who encourage with their words and by their example. Oh, and one more thing... I am thankful for all the effort our young people are putting into our worship services. We are so blessed.

Lord Bless,

Preacher Jack

Youth Minister's Post

Throughout our lives we are involved in relationships with family, friends, and spouses. How would you define your relationship with each of those people? I would hope that you have a close relationship with all of those people. Maybe for some of us we have been involved in some rough relationships throughout the years with some of those people mentioned above. All of us will go through relationships at some point within our life, to be honest. There is one relationship that you are forgetting about Josiah. Oh really, what relationship is that? You are forgetting about our relationship with Jesus. Guess what you are right about that. Our relationship with Jesus is the most important one that we will ever have! Jesus will never leave our side like friends or family may do when the relationship becomes rocky. He is always going to be right there with us even when we make mistakes. So that brings us to this question. What does **D.T.R.** mean? It stands for **Define The Relationship**. You have to know how to make an accurate measurement of your relationship with Jesus. Most people mistakenly identify themselves as followers of Christ by using Cultural Comparisons. They will look at the commitment level of those around them and feel that their relationship with Jesus is solid. Whatever you do, do not measure your relationship with Jesus with those around you. So how would you **DEFINE THE RELATIONSHIP** you have with Jesus?

In Christ, Josiah Holloway



Prayer Requests

Mary Ann Blessing	Bob Carney
Willadean Crist	Ramah Douglas
Randy Elder	Donna Houghton
Richard Kennett	Linda Koser
Dora McClintock	Sam Berkowitz
Debbie Seamster	Judy Thibault
Joe Miller	Teresa Fisher
Dean Smoot	Donna Wheeler

Hospitalized

Ardale Arnold—SCH
 Max Kapfer—Rehab
 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.

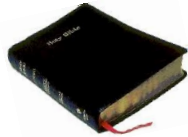
Marietta Garrison	Bernice Shanes
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Military

David Miller

November's Book of Month

2 Corinthians
 &
 Jude



STATISTICS

November 10, 2013

Sunday School..66
 Worship..95

General Fund.....\$5,087.00
 Carpet Fund.....\$150.00

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs\$3,235.00
 Budget needs.....\$148,810.00
 Gifts.....\$139,579.21

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 24th ~

Scotland County Ministerial Alliance
 Thanksgiving Service @ 7pm, SCR-1
 Elementary gym



Children's
Christmas Program

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.

TASK NEWS

The children in TASK are learning this life lesson...giving is about showing gratitude for what Jesus did for us! The TASK children have committed to collecting school supplies for the children of Living Water Christian School in Gonaives, Haiti. They are filling shoeboxes with various school supplies. Would you consider filling a box too? Boxes need to be brought in by December 8.



Family Night for TASK - Tuesday, December 3

Supper will be served from 5:10 to 5:30. Activities will follow. This will be the last TASK meeting for 2013. We will resume on January 7 after the holidays.

Mark Mattingly received his heart a couple weeks ago. 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

Thank-you to all of our church family for supporting David with packages of love from home. He is truly grateful! For all who may be sending notes and packages in the future, he has a new address (any packages en-route will be forwarded).

Miller, David J. Sgt.
 1438th En Co MRBC
 APO AE 09355

Reminder November 24, 2013

West Greeter.....	Michella Hull
West Usher.....	Ken Hull
East Greeter.....	Kathy Becraft
Sunday School at SCCC.....	Mike Cantril
SCCC Pianist.....	Sandra Blake
Nursery.....	Kim Smith & Brooke Smith
November Bus Driver.....	Mary Morgan

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