

**First Christian Church  
(un-denominational)  
320 South Main Street  
Memphis, MO 63555**

(660) 465-7751 fccm@nemr.net  
Jack's Home (660) 465-2388  
Jack's cell (660) 216-0242  
Jack's E-mail jsump@nemr.net  
Josiah's cell (660) 341-8706  
Josiah's e-mail jh964@cccb.edu

Non-Profit Org  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Memphis MO 63555  
Permit No. 8  
"RS"

Address Service  
Requested

# First Christian Church - Memphis, Missouri **EVANGEL**

VOLUME L NOVEMBER 25, 2013 # 43

[www.fccmemphis.org](http://www.fccmemphis.org)

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

Dear Ones,

Thanksgiving day is almost here! I've been home from the Community Thanksgiving service for just over an hour. I think our annual celebration just gets better and better! We are blessed with a great spirit of unity among the churches across Scotland County. We are also blessed by the way other groups and organizations in the County come to share in this yearly tradition.

I was reminded again how blessed I am to be part of a caring and sharing congregation here in Memphis. It pleases me and provides great encouragement to have so many of our church family involved in special community services! Some were at the school early to decorate. One came and set up the sound system. Another brought a "Thanksgiving tree" I was able to use as a prop for my devotional thoughts. At the service, we had those who assisted with music and with the food offering. Did I mention the way the church family encourages their preacher?

On another note, I was able to place \$140 and change in the offering this evening from the "No Shave November" canisters. It looks like I will be keeping my beard through the end of the year. Your donations for "shave" or "no shave" will go a long way toward filling sacks of good food items for the "Tiger Pack" ministry. Many churches through the Scotland County Ministerial Alliance sponsor this ministry that sends groceries home every week end with nearly a hundred students.

I close with the wish for you to have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Lord Bless,  
*Preacher Jack*

## Youth Minister's Post

So what is DISCIPLINE? According to Webster's Dictionary here is the definition of DISCIPLINE—"Training to act in accordance with rules; activity, exercise, or a regimen that develops or improves a skill." Any athlete knows they must do certain things to become strong. They must eat foods that build up their body physically; they must exercise in ways that produce strength, flexibility, and endurance; and they must get sufficient rest for the renewal of their muscles. There is a DISCIPLINE required of those who desire to become good athletes. The higher level of performance the athlete seeks, the greater the DISCIPLINE required to reach it. So how can we DISCIPLINE ourselves as Christians? We can find the answers in our blueprint the Bible. The Bible gives us instructions on how to live our life as Christians. As Christians we have to return to the Bible often during our development of our spiritual lives and our spiritual growth. Jack reminded us yesterday during his sermon on how important prayer is for us. Prayer can be hard for us as Christians because we tend to pray at meals and only in times of need. In all honesty we need to DISCIPLINE ourselves to pray all the time during the good and the bad. Don't forget to DISCIPLINE yourself and read your Bible daily as well. It is our instruction manual for while we are here on earth. Let's all work on DISCIPLINING ourselves Spiritually as we go about our every day lives.

**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
Max Kapfer	Jean "Effie" Allen

### Hospitalized

### 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
-------------------	----------------

### Military

David Miller
--------------

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Friday, November 29th ~ Decorating the Church**

At 10 A.M. we will be decorating the church for Christmas. Please come and help make the church beautiful, the more the merrier

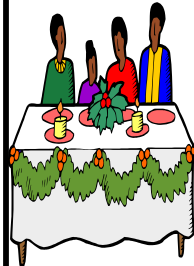


### **Saturday, December 7th ~**

There will be a practice at 4pm for the Children's Christmas Program. Please try and be there as this will be the final rehearsal.

### **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.



### **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.



### **December's Book of Month**

Revelations



### **STATISTICS**

**November 24, 2013**

Sunday School..61

Worship..110

General Fund.....\$2,731.25

Carpet Fund.....\$120.00

### **BUDGET (To date)**

Weekly Needs .....\$3,235.00

Budget needs.....\$152,045.00

Gifts.....\$142,310.46

All Nominees for 2014 Church Officers received favorable support from the congregation. Thank you for your input.



Wishing you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving

### **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

### **Reminder December 1, 2013**

West Greeter.....Jessica Campbell

West Usher.....Lane Campbell

East Greeter.....Marcia Dial

Sunday School at SCCC.....Ronnie Miller

SCCC Pianist.....Leah Terrill

Nursery.....Julie Clapp & Jacob Kapfer

November Bus Driver.....Lee Parrish

(660) 945-3921 or (660) 341-5178