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Dear Ones,

I sure do appreciate having the weekly newsletter from FCC Memphis. I am not aware of many congregations these days that do so. I recall in my early years of ministry hearing the woes of preachers who had the duty every Monday to publish the weekly paper. Some of you may recall mimeographed documents of a strange sort of paper made especially for the ink. Stencils and mimeographs Oh my!

Let me get back on task about having this weekly opportunity. I know some folk will "pitch" the paper as soon as it hits the mail box. On the other hand, I know some of you look forward to its weekly contents. There are the weekly stats, the schedule for next week, the announcements. For some, there is the anticipation of the preacher's post or the words from the Youth Minister. I do appreciate your kind comments and the helpful criticisms.

One of the many reasons I appreciate this weekly visit with you is the opportunity to reflect on Sunday's services and the blessings we share together. I had eagerly anticipated our "Fall Encounter" from the early days of planning. I was a bit discouraged when the plans had to be altered for Sunday. By the time I got home today, I was as thrilled and encouraged as I would have been if we could have experienced the event we originally planned. The Mission team had a great and informative presentation about our mission program. The Worship service was so full of energy. The dinner after services was well attended and so good. Thank you FCC Memphis family for being such an encouragement and such a blessing to this Preacher!

Lord Bless,

Preacher Jack

Youth Minister's Post

In 1 Peter 5:1-5, the apostle Peter, is describing several characteristics of good leaders. But writing to the elders, he identified himself as a fellow elder, not a superior. He asked them to "be shepherds of God's flock," exactly what Jesus had told him to do in John 21:15-17. Peter was taking his own advice as he worked along with the other elders in caring for God's faithful people. In verses 2-5 Peter gives some characteristics of good leaders in the church. 1) They realize they are caring for God's flock not their own. 2) They lead out of eagerness to serve, not out of obligation. 3) They are concerned for what they can give, not for what they can get. 4) They lead by example not force. All of us lead others in some way. Whatever our role, our leadership should be in line with these characteristics. I know that his passage of scripture is geared towards elders, but I also feel that these characteristics apply to all leaders within the church. Let's think about what the apostle Peter says as we consider the nominations for church leaders coming up later this month.

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Donna Wheeler
John Dodge
Donna Meeks
Sam Berkowitz
Mary Ann Blessing
Dixie Drummond
John Wheeler
Gina Kittle
Charles & Nancy Harris
Jean Allen

Hospitalized

Chipper Harris—SCMH
Helen Clough—SCMH
Stan Carter—Quincy

FCC Members

**at
SCCC & R.C.F.**

Jeri Baker Audrey Drummond
Velva Freburg Louise Frederick
Vetrice Goins Gene Parsons
Harriett Poole

FCC Members

**at
Schuyler County N.H.**

Marietta Garrison

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Special Service

**Veteran's Day salute ~
November 9th**

The Sunday of **November 16th** is the FCC Memphis **annual affirmation of Church officers**. A few moments will be set aside at the end of the service for the members of the congregation to give a yes or no to those nominated to serve as Elders or Deacons for the next three years.



**November
Book of Month**

II Corinthians



Community Thanksgiving Service
*November 23rd ~ SCR-1 Elementary gym ~
7pm*

STATISTICS

November 2, 2014

Sunday School...48
Worship...112
General Fund.....\$2,621.75
Carpet.....\$90.00

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs \$3,237.00
Budget needs.....\$145,665.00
Gifts.....\$130,311.15



**November 30th ~
Youth Sunday**



*Want to say thank you to every-
one that came out to support the NYR baked potato
bar Saturday night.*

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 SeamsterOffice Assistant

Reminder November 9, 2014

West Greeter..... Angela Westhoff
West Usher.....Scott Westhoff
East Greeter.....Kim Getman
Sunday School at SCCC.....Truth Seekers
SCCC Pianist.....Jana Muntz
Nursery.....Cathy Campbell & Carson Harrison
November Bus Driver.....Mary Morgan
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