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Dear Ones,

I saw "The Martian" movie this past weekend. It is about an American astronaut stranded on Mars. He is challenged to travel in a battery powered vehicle to a destination further than his batteries will take him. He has to stop to recharge regularly. Doesn't that reveal a truth about our spiritual life?

In many ways, we are on a planet hostile to our new life in Christ. We are traveling to a destination too. Along the way, we need to stop and charge our spiritual batteries. The Psalmist says, "be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10). We need those times in our day and our week to step away from all that drains our spiritual batteries and renew our energy. The Bible school answer says read your Bible, say your prayers and don't miss church on Sunday. Sometimes I feel like I am just going through the motions and the meter on my batteries lies on the line that says zero. Don't give up. Along the way a verse will enlighten you, a prayer will make an impact, a church service will inspire you.

I look over recent days and see how God has encouraged and energized my spirit. Along the way I stopped to listen and watch. I heard of those who decided to apply a sermon on revenge biblically. They were blessed. I spoke to one who was blessed rather than cursed. What a thrill! I attended a "musical" Friday evening. The story of Esther was played out in a very creative fashion. I saw children and adults intrigued by the message. On Sunday morning, I found myself surrounded by more than 20 others in a Sunday school class ready to talk Bible and life. Later, as we gathered for worship, we saw how God is working through Sunday School teachers, Task leaders, parents, our youth Minister and others. I am encouraged and energized by these things. How about you?

As I reread my thoughts I conclude that being among God's people is a vital link to spiritual energy (Hebrews 10:24, 25).

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

Youth Minister's Post

In Matthew 28:16-20 we find the Great Commission given by Jesus. I want to zero in on verses 18-20. God gave Jesus authority over heaven and earth. On the basis of that authority, Jesus told his disciples to make more disciples as they preached, baptized, and taught. With this same authority, Jesus still commands us to tell others the Good News and make them disciples for the kingdom.

Jesus' words affirm the reality of the Trinity. Some people accuse theologians of making up the concept of the Trinity and reading it into Scripture. As we see here, the concept comes directly from Jesus himself. The disciples were to baptize people because baptism unites a believer with Jesus Christ in his or her death to sin and resurrection of new life. Baptism symbolizes submission to Christ, a willingness to live God's way, and identification with God's covenant people.

How is Jesus with us? Jesus was with the disciples physically until he ascended into heaven, and then spiritually through the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4). The Holy Spirit would be Jesus' presence that would never leave them (John 14:26). Jesus continues to be with us today through the Spirit.

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Mary Ann Blessing
Donna Wheeler
John Wheeler
Dixie Drummond
Helen Hammack
Charles Hammack
Willideane Crist
Dalene Bergman
Terry Fincher
Bob Carney
Kim Anderson
Joe Miller
Gwen Ludwig
Ramah Douglas

Hospital

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Marietta Garrison

Psalm 118:1

*Oh give thanks unto the Lord;
for HE is good: because his mercy
endureth forever.*

**November
Book of Month**



II Corinthians

STATISTICS

November 1, 2015

Sunday School...66

Worship...96

General Fund.....\$3,023.75

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs \$3,242.00

Budget needs.....\$145,890.00

Gifts.....\$132,208.73

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISC NEWS:

Financial Planning Ministry ~ November 4th ~

Appointments all day at FCC Memphis

To make appointments, please call

Phil Marley @ 660-833-5911 or online

www.fpm.org enter code: **fcc101815**

Celebrate Thanksgiving

~ November 10th ~

12:00pm

Joy Group invites Young at Heart to celebrate Thanksgiving with a carry in meal at the Baptist Church.

Meat, potatoes, and Dressing will be provided.

Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Needing a ride please call FCC @ 660-465-7751

Annual Congregational Meeting

~ November 15th ~

Immediately after the morning service we will be holding our annual meeting.

Wedding Shower ~ Martha Parish ~

November 15th @ 3pm

@ First Christian Church

Volunteers are needed for home delivered meals during the month of November.

If you can fill this need, please contact

Angela @ 660-216-0412

Youth Corner:

Children's Christmas Program

We will practice the program on Nov 8, 15, 22, 29 & Dec 6 during our scheduled Super Church time.

Dress rehearsal Dec 12 @ 10am.

Any questions contact Josiah Holloway.

Mission News:

Area Revivals

November 1-4th ~ Stiles Christian Church

7pm nightly with Don Hill

November 13-14th ~ Eldon Christian Church

7pm nightly with Gateway Singers

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 November 8, 2015

West Greeter.....Patricia Miller

West Usher.....Warren Miller

East Greeter.....Edna Gundy

Sunday School at SCCC.....Truth Seekers

SCCC Pianist.....Jana Muntz

Nursery.....Julie Clapp & Sylvia Darland

November Bus Driver.....Mary Morgan

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