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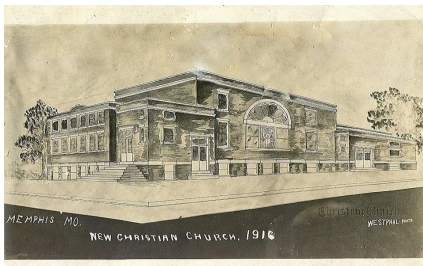
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Dear Ones,

J. Vernon McGee, a preacher from years ago, told the story of a man who had a drinking problem before he was converted. He gave his life to preaching the Gospel and serving a local congregation. During a stressful time in his ministry, he had a brief relapse and became drunk. After sobering up, he called his church leaders together to confess his sin and resign.

Rather than accept the Preacher's resignation, those men gathered around him and prayed over him. They lovingly and patiently worked with him to carry the burdens that led him to the bottle. He was eventually restored to his role with the church. Those leaders extended grace and mercy to the man. They did exactly what the Apostle Paul encouraged in Galatians 6:1-2.

I can imagine from years of observation that reactions would be very mixed. Some would cast him out. Others might think him unfit to serve the Lord and the Lord's church. Every one of us are tempted. Every one of us can be "caught in a sin." When we extend grace and mercy, when we step in and help bring about restoration, when we help folk bear their burdens, we are fulfilling "the law of Christ."

McGee went on with his story to tell the reaction of the community. Because that church embraced the sinner, people noticed. People came to that church because they wanted to be treated that way. Liberal churches will embrace sinners, but they will also embrace the sin. Legalistic churches will embrace a sinner only after he overcomes his sin. Loving Churches will embrace sinners, but love them so much that they will extend grace and mercy as they help him overcome his sin. Let's be sure to do our part to create and maintain such a loving environment here!

Lord Bless,

*Preacher Jack*

**F.C.C. MEMPHIS HOMECOMING CELEBRATION  
Sept. 30—Oct. 2, 2016**

## ***Youth Minister's Post***

As a youngster, Joseph was overconfident. His natural self-assurance, increased being Jacob's favorite son and by knowing God's designs on his life. This became unbearable to his ten older brothers, who eventually conspired against him. Joseph's self assurance, molded by pain and combined with a personal knowledge of God, allowed him to survive and prosper where most would have failed. He added quiet wisdom to his confidence and won the hearts of everyone he met; Potiphar, the warden, other prisoners, the king, and after many years, his ten brothers.

Perhaps you can identify with one or more of these hardships Joseph experienced. He was betrayed and deserted by his family, exposed to sexual temptation, and punished for doing the right thing. He endured a long imprisonment and was forgotten by those he helped. As you read his story, note what Joseph did in each case. His positive response transformed each setback into a step forward. He didn't spend much time asking "Why?" His approach was "What shall I do now?" those who met Joseph were aware that wherever he went and whatever he did, God was with him. When you're facing a setback, the beginning of a Joseph like attitude is to acknowledge that God is with you. There is nothing like his presence to shed new light on a dark situation.

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 Laudwig  
Ramah Douglas

**Hospital:**

**FCC Members at:  
SCCC & R.C.F**

Jeri Baker Louise Frederick  
Velva Freburg

**Schuyler County Nursing Home:**

Marietta Garrison

**Phil 4:6**

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”*



**November Book of Month**

II Corinthians

**STATISTICS**

**November 8, 2015**

Sunday School...64  
Worship...94  
General Fund.....\$3,609.71

**BUDGET (To date)**

Weekly Needs ..... \$3,242.00  
Budget needs.....\$149,132.00  
Gifts.....\$135,818.44

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MISC NEWS:**

**Area Revival**

~November 13-14th~  
Eldon Christian Church  
7pm nightly with Gateway Singers

**Mission Speaker**

~ **November 15th** ~

Salonique Adolphe will be here speaking during Sunday School and morning service. Following the service, the missions' team will hold its last fundraiser for the trip to Haiti. There will be soups, salads, and desserts.

**Wedding Shower ~Martha Parish~**

November 15th @ 3pm  
@ First Christian Church

**Annual Congregational Meeting**

~November 22nd~ (NOTE THE CORRECT DATE)  
Immediately after the morning service we will be holding our annual meeting.

**Community Thanksgiving Service**

~ **November 22nd** ~ @ 7pm  
Will be held at SCR-1 Elementary Gym.

**Skate Night ~ November 23rd ~ @6pm**

Bus will leave the church at 5:30pm.  
Cost is \$2

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 November 15, 22, 29 & December 6 during our scheduled Super Church time. Dress rehearsal will be December 12th @ 10am. Any questions contact Josiah Holloway at 660-465-7751 or 660-341-8706

**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 15, 2015**

West Greeter..... Linda Wheeler  
West Usher.....Leon Wheeler  
East Greeter.....Maxine Brown  
Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril  
SCCC Pianist.....Maurine Robinson  
Nursery.....Elaine Forrester & Elsie Kigar  
November Bus Driver.....Mary Morgan  
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