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Dear Ones,

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." I have several books in my library about this subject. Three books stand out in my mind. The Master Plan of Evangelism, Disciples Are Made—Not Born, and Lifestyle Evangelism. These books are worn and the pages are yellowed with age, but the information in them is timeless. There are principles I keep in

mind and try to practice to this day because I've read these books. What do I learn from my Bible and these books about Evangelism and Discipleship?

"Evangelism" is a church word. I can't say that I hear it in any other settings. Though it is a church word, I am not sure we hear it in church very often these days. Years ago, a preacher at this church started publishing a newsletter. To this day, we print the "Evangel." That word is a reference to "good news." We read it in the Christmas story. An Angel announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds, "I bring you good news." The story of Jesus is "good news." He is our Savior. That is good news! We are called to share that "good news" with others. When folks accept that good news, they want Jesus to be their Savior.

"Evangelism" is the calling of an "Evangelist." The Bible says an Evangelist is a role of certain leaders in a church (Acts 21:8; Ephesians 4:11). The Apostle Paul told the preacher, Timothy, to "do the work of an evangelist" (2 Timothy 4:5). In Church circles, we identify certain preachers as evangelists. We tend to think of that one who comes to the church and preaches for several nights. He focuses his preaching on sharing the "good news" about Jesus in hopes of having people respond by coming to faith in Jesus and being baptized. For now let me suggest that Evangelism is not limited to an evangelist coming to the local church for a yearly revival. Let's paraphrase a phrase from a few weeks ago, "Evangelism is not only for a few, it is for you too."

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

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

Youth Minister's Post

No person, apart from Jesus himself, shaped the history of Christianity like the apostle Paul. Even before Paul was a believer, his actions were significant. Paul's personal encounter with Jesus changed his life. He never lost his fierce intensity, but from then on it was channeled for the gospel. Paul was very religious. His trained, under Gamaliel, one of the finest teachers around. His intentions and efforts were sincere.

Until Paul's conversion, little had been done about carrying the gospel to non-Jews. Philip had preached in Samaria and to an Ethiopian man. Cornelius, a Gentile, was converted under Peter. When Barnabas was sent from Jerusalem to check on this situation, he went to Tarsus to find Paul, bring him to Antioch, and together they worked among the believers there. They were then sent on a missionary journey, the first of three Paul would take, that would carry the Gospel across the Roman Empire.

The thorny issue of whether Gentile believers had to obey Jewish laws before they could become Christians caused many problems in the early church. Paul worked hard to convince the Jews that Gentiles were acceptable to God, but he spent even more time convincing the Gentiles that they were acceptable to God. The lives that Paul touched were changed and challenged by meeting Christ through him.

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Mary Ann Blessing Terry Fincher
Donna Wheeler Bob Carney
John Wheeler Kim Anderson
Dixie Drummond Gwen Laudwig
Helen Hammack Ramah Douglas
Charles Hammack Patricia Zavodnick
Delma Mallett Dale Weilbrenner

Hospital:

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

Jeri Baker Louise Frederick
 Velve Freburg

Schuyler County Nursing Home:

Marietta Garrison

Our thoughts and prayers go
out to *James Dale Baker's Family,*
Clarence "Jr." Phillips's Family, and
Louise Frederick's Family
at this time.

I Peter 5:7

*Cast all your anxiety on Him
because he cares for you.*



**December
Book of Month**

Revelation

STATISTICS

November 29, 2015

Sunday School...60
Worship...106
General Fund.....\$2,620.25

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs \$3,242.00
Budget needs.....\$158,858.00
Gifts.....\$144,386.69

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISC NEWS:

December 7th
TASK Family Fun Night
Supper & Program
5:15-6:30pm

Please rsvp so we know how
many will be join us. If you have
not yet please contact
Stephanie @ 660-216-2469



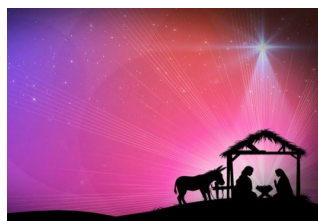
December 8th @ 12pm
~Christmas Lunch~

Joy Group/Young @ Heart
"Dad's Shed" 528 N. Adams St.
Soup & Drinks provided
Please bring a finger food/
sandwiches/desserts
Call church office if you need a ride.

December 13th
**Children's Christmas Program/
All Church Dinner**



Youth Corner:



Children's Christmas Program

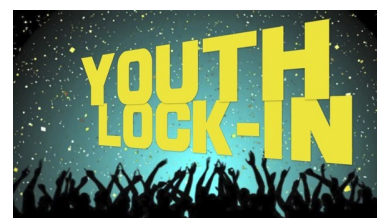
We will practice the program on
December 6 during our scheduled
Super Church time.

Dress rehearsal will be December
12th @ 10am.

**PLEASE, make sure your kids
are here every Sunday!**

Youth Lock-In

December 31-January 1
More details to come in the
upcoming weeks.



Reminder December 6, 2015

West Greeter..... Julie Clapp
West Usher.....Fred Clapp
East Greeter.....Edna Gundy
Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril
SCCC Pianist.....Alisa/Elsie Kigar
Nursery.....Mary Morgan & Carson Harrison
December Bus Driver.....Lee Parish
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