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Dear Ones,

I had to look up several words this week. They were brought to my attention in the midst of the tensions of the recent political climate. I learned the definition of misogyny. It is a strong dislike or hatred for those of the female gender. I didn't have to look up the word, racist. There are other words out there to categorize and divide American citizens.

I looked up some verses from my Bible this week too. Among those verses, I turned to these words written by the Apostle Paul. **"...for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."** Galatians 3:26-28 (ESV)

We are sons (and daughters) of God! I always like to point to how that happens according to Paul... Faith is the foundation. Faith in Jesus as the Christ leads is to be baptized into Him. It is like we are "clothing ourselves with Christ." (Read this passage in several translations.) As a result of this amazing event, everything changes for the better!

We do not look at people as being in different groups or categories. We don't look to be divided because of race, or gender, or ethnicity. We are united with Jesus in our baptism (See Romans 6:4-6). United with Jesus, we are united with one another. In fact, we are brothers and sisters in Christ.

Let that thought sink in friends. We are sons (and daughters) of God. People in our Country are hurting for many reasons. One of those reasons is the sense of alienation and angst over racial identity, ethnic identity, economic identity. The devil, the accuser of the brethren, wants to divide. He wants to destroy. We are called to be family, to be one in Christ, to show the world a different way to live. Let's show one another among church family and in our community what it is to live by faith, to live in hope and in all things practice love for all.

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

Youth Preacher's Post

Why do we always skip the month of November? What is it about October and December that gets people so excited? Its that the time of the year when people tear down Halloween decor and shop Christmas trees and lights. There's a holiday that very few people get excited about....Thanksgiving.

It has been said that some people don't like Thanksgiving because of the music. There are some Christian hymns of thanks for this harvest season, but those are rarely used today in "modern churches." Some people feels that songs help hype up the holiday. We can always give "thanks" to God every time sing praises.

Perhaps Thanksgiving is not a grand holiday in today's society because it only deals with giving. If you think about it people receive gifts on Halloween and Christmas as opposed to Thanksgiving. We are no longer thankful for what we already have and want more all the time. We need to know that it is important for us to be thankful. It doesn't have to be limited to one federal holiday. Gratitude is more important in our lives. The Christmas season can wait, even if there is much to be grateful for in it. Let us take a period to be thankful for what we have. While there are many reasons why we should not care for this specific holiday, in life, there is a season for everything, be it joy, fear, or thankfulness. We must remember that in November we also celebrate Veteran's Day. Let us be thankful for the men and women that have fought and are still fighting for our country. I would like to encourage everyone to wait and celebrate Christmas after a season of THANKSGIVING. Remember that is better to give than receive.

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Please Pray For...

John Wheeler
Jim Kratzer
Ron Alexander
Sam Berkowitz
Marjorie Durham
Joe Welsh
Stephanie Sumption
Mary Morgan
Orin Sanders
Dalene Bergman

Shut-In:

Dixie Drummond
Roberta Small
Roberta Beckert
Jean "Effie" Allen
Viola Heiner
Georganna Lister

Church Family

Residing At:

Scotland Co. C C & R.C.F.

Donna Meeks
Georgia Couch
Bette Herbert
Donna Wheeler

Schuyler County N.H.

Marietta Garrison

Sympathies to these families:

*Cunningham/Durham Family
Stott Family*



November Book of Month

II Corinthians

STATISTICS

November 13, 2016

Sunday School...54
Worship....76

General Fund.....\$2,616.00
New Building.....\$100.00
Missions.....\$25.00
Roof.....\$40.00

BUDGET (To Date)

Weekly Needs.....\$3,242.00
Budget needs.....\$148,890.00
Gifts.....\$139,269.13

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



(Annual Meeting, November 20th)

Nominees for 2017 Church Officers

Elder *** Joe Miller, Warren Miller

Deacons *** Mike Cantril, Paul Campbell

Trustee *** Leroy Bibby

Financial Secretary * Roger Gosney

Assistant Financial Secretary * Snookie Gosney

Treasurer * Warren Miller

⇒ * Denotes 1 year term

⇒ *** Denotes 3 year term



Sunday, November 20th

- Homecoming follow-up meeting @ 2pm
- Music Committee meeting @ 3pm



Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 11th

Reminder November 20, 2016

West Greeter.....Kathy Miller
West Usher.....Joe Miller
East Greeter.....Helen Clough
Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril
SCCC Pianist.....Maurine Robinson
Nursery.....Holly Harris & Brooke Campbell
November Bus Driver.....Mary Morgan

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