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Dear Ones,

The young man officiated at his first wedding recently. I enjoyed getting acquainted with him and encouraged him as best I could. He was as nervous as a groom on his wedding day! He did a fine job. I listened intently as he likened love and marriage to building a fire. He spoke of how one needs to cut and gather wood. He talked of getting a fire started and how it needs to be tended along the way. He concluded the object lesson by saying a well maintained fire can even withstand the wind and the rain.

Of course the "Preacher" spoke of the work that goes into building a relationship. It takes time and effort to bring you all into a marriage. Marriages need tending too. As life's challenges come along, the marriages that are started well and tended well, will endure the storms that come along. Thanks Jacob for some wise words from a young man. May no one "look down on your youth" as you teach and preach the Word!

How true this analogy is for our relationship with Christ. Do you want a growing and thriving spiritual life? You need to give time and effort to building your spiritual fire. Bring all you have to the relationship. Take time to feed your relationship with Christ. Take time to be reading and meditating on the Word. Be busy applying what you are learning to your daily life. You will find safety, security and confidence in your faith. You will endure joyfully. It will only get sweeter as the years go by.

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

## **Youth Minister's Post**

In the November/December 2013 Children's Ministry Magazine there is an article about effective feedback. Feedback is a vital part for helping volunteers grow. Feedback is not so much about calling out people as it is about calling them up to an improvement. The feedback that we have adds value to our relationships. It spurs growth in the volunteers' ministry skills. The feedback helps them become more self motivated and empowered. The positive affirmation in feedback communicates that value the volunteers. How you deliver feedback is very critical. When your feedback is thoughtful and clear, it'll be a positive experience for the volunteers and give them specific goals to work toward.

Try using these principles: *Meets One on One, Stay Consistent, Be Intentional, Focus on Relationship, Time it Right, and Stay Positive.* It is important to make sure that the feedback is done privately, ongoing, done effectively in the midst of all of this. Most of all as you give feedback to your volunteers, deliver it with humility. Lead by example and remain teachable. Ask for their insights on how you can improve, too. Giving and receiving feedback from your team will make the ministry stronger.

**In Christ,** Josiah Holloway



## Prayer Requests

Bob Carney	Helen Clough
Willadean Crist	Randy Elder
Donna Houghton	Richard Kennett
Linda Koser	Mark Mattingly
Donna Meeks	Dora McClintock
Sam Berkowitz	Hazel Sumption
Vicky Commisky	Carol Newcomb

### Hospitalized

Ruth Speer—SCH  
Ardale Arnold—SCH  
Debbie Seamster—Boone  
Max Kapfer—University of Missouri

### FCC Members at SCCC & R.C.F.

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

### FCC Members at Schuyler County N.H.

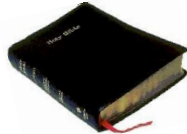
Marietta Garrison Bernice Shanes

### Military

David Miller

## November's Book of Month

2 Corinthians  
&  
Jude



## STATISTICS

### October 27, 2013

Sunday School..49 Worship..107  
General Fund.....\$4,727.66  
Carpet Fund.....\$100.00

### BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs .....\$3,235.00  
Budget needs.....\$133,387.05  
Gifts.....\$107,573.11

## 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 Seamster .....Office Assistant

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**November 1st starts NO SHAVE  
NOVEMBER!**



### November 2nd ~

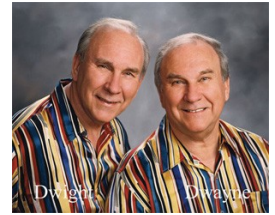
Don't forget to set your clocks back this  
Saturday night!



**November 3rd ~** Deer Habitat meeting  
at 6:30p.m.

### November 10th ~

Good Twins Concert at 7 p.m.  
More information to come.



### November 17th ~

Annual Congregational Meeting

### November 24th ~

Scotland County Ministerial Alliance  
Thanksgiving Service @ 7pm, SCR-1



Leland Cantril is having a birthday on November 10th. He will  
turning **96** years old. We are asking for cards to be sent to  
him at:

Leland Cantril  
3014 E State Road  
Vincennes, IN 47591

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Cast all your anxiety on Him  
because He cares for you.  
1 Peter 5:7

## Reminder November 3, 2013

West Greeter.....Missy Smith  
West Usher.....David Smith  
East Greeter.....Barbara Smith  
Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril  
SCCC Pianist.....Leah Terrill  
Nursery.....Sandra Blake & Connor Harrison  
November Bus Driver.....Mary Morgan  
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