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Dear Ones,

"Make the best use of your time." Those words from Ephesians 5 are easy to understand, but I must admit, I don't always use my time wisely or efficiently. I could wake earlier. I could plan better. I could filter my activities asking the question, "Is this the best way I could be using my time.?"

One lesson I learned in my sermon study for last week was that it is not the best use of my time to dwell on the past. Some people seem to live there! We can hold on to the way things "used to be." We long for the "good old days." We may hold on to hurts from the past. We may continue to beat ourselves up over mistakes we've made or actions we did not take. Such focus on the past can rob us of making the best use of our time today.

Another lesson I learned is that we can focus on the future to the detriment of living well in the present. "One of these days,..." "When my ship comes in,..." It can be short term. "I can't wait till the week-end." It can be longer term. "Maybe next year." Such focus on the future can also rob us of making the best use of our time today.

I had a great week-end, had a wonderful time in church with our FCC Memphis family Sunday. I looked at the weather forecast for the days ahead and am thinking about outdoor projects to be done on another day. But, I am reminded that today is Monday. The sun is shining. All seems to be in order. I am going to take some guidance from the Psalm that says, "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." I hope you will do the same!

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

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

All of this rain makes me think of the words to this children's nursery rhythm..."*It's raining, It's pouring, The old man is snoring, He went to bed and he bumped his head, And couldn't get up in the morning.*" There is a story in the Bible that talks about it raining for 40 days and 40 nights! Wow, can you imagine it raining for this many days and nights straight? It has only rained 2 days and 2 nights here. I don't think that I could take 38 more days and nights like this to be honest. We know that God asked Noah to build an ark to house his family and two of every kind of animal because God was going to flood the entire earth. God followed through and flooded the entire earth to get rid of all the corruption. At the end of the story we find a promise/covenant made between God and Noah. Does anybody remember what that promise/covenant was? The promise/covenant that God gave us was the RAINBOW! The rainbow is a beautiful reminder to us that God will never flood the entire earth again. Every time that you see a rainbow think about the promise/covenant that God made with Noah....God hasn't broken that promise either!

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

**Prayer Requests:**

Donna Wheeler  
John Dodge  
Donna Houghton  
Donna Meeks  
Sam Berkowitz  
Mary Ann Blessing  
Dixie Drummond  
John Wheeler  
Gina Kittle  
Charles & Nancy Harris

**Hospitalized**

Chipper Harris—SCMH  
Florine Forrester—SCMH  
Helen Clough—Kirksville

**FCC Members**

**at**

**SCCC & R.C.F.**

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

**FCC Members**

**at**

**Schuyler County N.H.**

Marietta Garrison

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Callaway Christian Church**

**Fulton, Missouri**

**October 17-18**

More info contact:

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look online at **cmceonline.org**

**"FALL ENCOUNTER"**

**Saturday, November 1 & 2**

*Victor Knowles ~ Peace on Earth Ministries*



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**Saturday:** "NYR Potato Bar Fundraiser"

**1st session: 7pm**—"What is Right with The Church"

**Sunday, November 2**

**2nd session: 9:20am**—"Introducing P.O.E.M"

**3rd session: 10:30am**—"Ask Not, What Can My Church  
Do for Me?" Ask, "What Can I Do For My Church?"

All Church Dinner following the 3rd session

**4th Session: 2pm**—"The Mission"



**October  
Book of Month**

John  
1-3 John

**STATISTICS**

**October 5, 2014**

Sunday School...65  
Worship...104  
General Fund.....\$4,232.75  
Carpet.....\$100.00

**BUDGET (To date)**

Weekly Needs ..... \$3,237.00  
Budget needs.....\$132,717.00  
Gifts.....\$118,977.99

The Music and Worship Committee is requesting to gather military photos of you and your family members for a special Veteran's Day salute to be shared on November 9th. Please only one photo per military member. Photos of church members who have served as well as their family members are ALL welcome for this salute. Included with the photo should be the soldiers name, time of service and/or the conflict they served and, if necessary, their relationship to you. Scanned copies of photos, with identifying information, can be emailed to **rosedib@nemr.net**. Hard copies may be left with Angela at Rose Do it Best Hardware and will be returned as soon as soon as they have been scanned. Please send or drop off any and all photos for this project by **Saturday, October 25th**.

*Angela Westhoff*

**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

**Reminder October 5, 2014**

West Greeter..... Allison Campbell  
West Usher.....Lance Campbell  
East Greeter.....Helen Clough  
Sunday School at SCCC.....Truth Seekers  
SCCC Pianist.....Jana Muntz  
Nursery.....Mary Morgan & Carson Harrison  
October Bus Driver.....Marie Alexander  
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