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Dear Ones,

I never asked the gentleman's name. He was setting toward the back of the sanctuary that looked much more like a school gymnasium. The lights were dimmed, I suppose, to make the announcement screen on the stage shine brighter. Musicians using drums and electric guitars were taking their place as I was going back out to the huge foyer to get my cup of coffee before "church would officially begin.

As I headed to the foyer, I went to this lone saint setting in his seat, not a pew, but a chair. We visited a moment and I commented, "They sure don't do church like they used to, do they?" His reply was that they were not doing church there even like they had done six months ago! We talked a few more minutes and he made a most gracious statement. I do not remember his words verbatim, but his message was clear. He may have appreciated a different style, a different setting, a different venue, but he was not there for his preferences. He was there to worship the Lord.

I stood when they said stand, I sat when they said sit. I watched the words on the screen as the music played. I listened to the Preacher as he shared stories and scripture. I didn't know the author of romantic books or the movies the Preacher used to connect with the crowd. I watched worshippers as they worshipped. I didn't really know anyone but my family in church with me. I wasn't familiar with the songs. I may have felt like that old saint. Still, I came away from church knowing I had been among God's people, hearing God's Word and worshipping the Lord and all the more blessed because I had been among the saints! You know, it was much like being at FCC Memphis on a Sunday morning. What a joy to be among the Saints of the Lord!

Lord Bless,
Preacher Jack

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

Youth Minister's Post

Stephen was an effective administrator and messenger before becoming a martyr. Stephen was named among the managers of food distribution in the early church. Long before violent persecution broke out against Christians, there was already social ostracism. Jews who accepted Jesus as the Messiah were usually cut off from their families. As a result, the believers depended on each other for support. Stephen was chosen for his integrity, wisdom and sensitivity to God.

Stephen, besides being a good administrator, was also a powerful speaker. When confronted in the temple by various antagonistic groups, Stephen's logic in responding was convincing. This is clear in the defense he made before the Council. He presented a summary of the Jews' own history and made powerful applications that stung his listeners. During his defense Stephen must have known he was speaking his own death sentence. Members of the Council couldn't stand to have their evil motives exposed. They stoned him to death while he prayed for their forgiveness. His final words were similar to Jesus' final words on the cross.

Stephen's life is a continual challenge for all Christians. He was the first to die for the faith, his sacrifice should make us think....**Are we really willing to live for Christ?**

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
Ramah Douglas

Hospital

FCC MEMBERS at:

SCCC & R.C.F

Jeri Baker Louise Frederick
Velva Freburg Harriet Poole

Schuyler County N.H.

Marietta Garrison

Matthew 5:42

"Give to him that asketh thee,
and from him that would
borrow of thee turn
not thou away."

October
Book of Month



John
I John
II John
III John

STATISTICS

October 4, 2015

Sunday School...54

Worship...75

General Fund.....\$3,488.57

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs \$3,242.00

Budget needs.....\$132,922.00

Gifts.....\$119,656.52

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

Church Leaders:

Show-Me Restoration Destination 2015

October 16-17, 2015

@ Callaway Christian Church

Fulton, Missouri

Individual: \$30

Family : \$50

Student: \$10

MISC NEWS:

Fellows Night Out!!

October 15, 2016

Calling all guys!

We will be going to Ozark Steak House.

More details to come!

Joy Group ~October 20th ~ leaving the Baptist Church @ 10am for a scenic drive thru and lunch at Thousand Hill Park in Kirksville, MO

Annual Coat Drive
October 5th thru 23rd

*donations of gently used and new coats

Collection boxes will be at the

Scotland County Elementary and the

Scotland County Nutrition Center

Any questions contact Mary Baldwin-

Clothes Closet Director

at 660-988-6148

Youth Corner:

Youth Group Outing

October 22, 2015

More details to come!!! Keep an eye out!

Mission News:

Church Homecoming Celebration!

October 2, 2016

If you have any information for former FCC members/relatives please email the church office so we can be sure they get the information about the celebration.

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Reminder October 11, 2015

West Greeter.....Sheri Kapfer
West Usher.....Joel Kapfer
East Greeter.....Marcia Dial
Sunday School at SCCC.....Truth Seekers
SCCC Pianist.....Jana Muntz
Nursery.....Kim Smith & Brooke Smith
October Bus Driver.....Marie Alexander
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