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Dear ones,

I don't want to rush the time, but some events take time, planning and much prayer to execute. I am talking about the F.C.C. Memphis Homecoming Service set for the Fall of 2016. I am pleased to know the planning team is meeting regularly to make sure all will be ready for this extra special weekend in the life of the congregation. A weekend full of memories to share and reunion with former preachers and church family will fill the time. I am confident our folks in charge of the event will be well prepared.

The best planned gathering, revival or even homecoming service needs your participation and mine to be as encouraging, exciting, refreshing and reviving as it can be. At the time the Homecoming service was announced, I began writing about how the church family can be involved in the preparations. My thoughts hang on these three actions, recall, reflect and reach out. Our desire is that the entire church family become enthused about what the Lord will do as we honor Him in our efforts.

I've been drawn to Romans 12:9-21 as I reflect on my own spiritual condition as a way to prepare for the Homecoming service. I read the list of very practical things I should be doing and realize I have much to work on in the coming months. I have this text printed out and placed on my desk. I read over it daily. I hope to have it memorized in the coming days. I want to be characterized by those words. I believe that is a good challenge for all of us.

Lord Bless,
Preacher Jack

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

Youth Minister's Post

The stories of several people in the Bible are woven together so closely that they are almost inseparable. We know more about their relationships than we know about them as individuals, and in an age that worships individualism, their stories become helpful models of good relationships. Naomi and Ruth are beautiful examples of the blending of lives. Their cultures, family backgrounds, and ages were very different. As mother in law and daughter in law, they probably had as many opportunities for tension as for tenderness. And yet they were bound to each other.

They shared deep sorrow, great affection for each other, and an overriding commitment to the God of Israel. Yet as much as they depended on each other, they also gave each other freedom in their commitment to one another. Naomi was willing to let Ruth return to her family. Ruth was willing to leave her homeland to go to Israel. Naomi even helped arrange Ruth's marriage to Boaz although it would change their relationship.

God was at the center of their intimate communication. Ruth came to know the God of Israel through Naomi. The older woman allowed Ruth to see, hear, and feel all the joy and anguish of her relationship with God.

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

Vicky Cummiskey-PA

FCC MEMBERS at:

SCCC & R.C.F

Jeri Baker Louise Frederick
Velva Freburg Harriet Poole

Schuyler County N.H.

Marietta Garrison

Ezekiel 38:23

I will show my greatness and my holiness,
and I will make myself known in the sight
of many nations. Then they will know
that I am the Lord.

October
Book of Month



John
I John
II John
III John

STATISTICS

October 11, 2015

Sunday School...57

Worship...92

General Fund.....\$3,624.40

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs \$3,242.00

Budget needs.....\$136,164.00

Gifts.....\$123,280.92

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISC NEWS:

Fellows Night Out ~ October 15 ~

Calling all guys!
We will be going to Ozark Steak House.
Leaving @ 5:30pm

**~ All Church Dinner/Financial Planning ~
October 18th**

Join us for some wonderful food and fellowship and a
brief seminar on *Estate Planning*.

Joy Group & Young at Heart ~ October 20th ~

leaving the Baptist Church @ 10am for a scenic drive
thru and lunch at 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

TIGER PACKS

Program Needs:
Peanut Butter & crackers
Monetary donations

Youth Corner:

Youth Group Outing ~October 22 ~

Pizza Ranch in Ottumwa
Leaving at 5:30pm, Return around 10pm
Cost \$15

Mission News:

October 30th ~ Tommy & John Thomas Oaks ~

Presenting "Star Queen" from the Book of Esther
6:30pm church auditorium FCC

**Church Homecoming Celebration!
October 2,2016**

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

Reminder October 18, 2015

West Greeter.....Alisa Kigar
West Usher.....Jim Kigar
East Greeter.....Rose Briggs
Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril
SCCC Pianist.....Maurine Robinson
Nursery.....Patricia & Katie Miller
October Bus Driver.....Marie Alexander
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