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Dear Ones,

I am working my way through Romans 12:9-21, not only for the purpose of writing sermons, but for personal reflection and application. I find plenty of challenge in each and every admonition listed.

The week before my sermon, I give thought to the passage before me. This coming week, I should conclude this series with Romans 12:17-21. I see those words about leaving revenge up to the Lord. I smile as I read about how my positive responses to my enemies can be like heaping "burning coals on his head." I will ponder these verses as I prepare this week. Would you pray for your preacher as he studies?

The week after the previous sermon, I am challenged to give even more attention to the application of the text. Jesus and Paul remind me it is not enough to love my neighbor, but to also love my enemies, to pray for them and to find ways to do good on their behalf. I've been reminded to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep. These actions will go far in helping me to live in harmony with all men.

I am especially drawn to Romans 12:9-21 as we prepare our hearts for Homecoming 2016. I want my spiritual house to be in order. I will reflect on my attitudes and actions and make adjustments as necessary. I was reminded this week that as a follower of Jesus, I have His Spirit within me to help me go through the transformation. May we all keep in mind the words of Galatians 2:20! Go look it up for yourself.

Lord Bless,  
*Preacher Jack*

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

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

Jesus' first words to Simon Peter were, "Follow Me (Mark 1:17). His last words to him were, "You follow Me" (John 21:22). Every step of the way between those two challenges, Peter never failed to follow, even though he often stumbled.

When Jesus entered Peter's life, this plain fisherman became a new person with new goals and new priorities. He did not become a perfect person, however, he never stopped being Simon Peter. We may wonder what Jesus saw in Simon, that made him greet this potential disciple with a new name, Peter the "ROCK." Impulsive Peter didn't act like a rock much of the time, but when Jesus chose his followers, he wasn't looking for models, he was looking for real people. He chose people who could be changed by his love, and then sent them out to communicate his acceptance was available to anyone, even those who often fail.

We may wonder what Jesus sees in us when he calls us to follow him. We know Jesus accepted Peter, and, in spite of his failures, Peter went on to do great things for God. Are you willing to keep following Jesus, even when you fail?

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  
Vicky Cumiskey  
Kim Armstrong

**Hospital**

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**Schuyler County N.H.**

Marietta Garrison

Isaiah 41:10

*"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*

October Book of Month



**John  
I John  
II John  
III John**

**STATISTICS**

**October 18, 2015**

Sunday School...46

Worship...85

General Fund.....\$1,875.00

**BUDGET (To date)**

Weekly Needs .....\$3,242.00

Budget needs.....\$139,406.00

Gifts.....\$125,155.92

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MISC NEWS:**

**Financial Planning Ministry ~ November 4th ~**

Appointments all day at FCC Memphis

To make appointments, please call

Phil Marley @ 660-833-5911 or online

[www.fpm.org](http://www.fpm.org) enter code: **fcc101815**

**Joy Group & Young at Heart ~ October 20th ~**

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

*The family of Florine Forrester wishes to thank our friends at Memphis First Christian Church for every act of kindness shown us at the time of Florine's death. Especially Brother Jack for his comforting words at her service, Ann Luther for the beautiful music, and the ladies for the fine meal. May God bless your hearts for blessing ours.*

**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 25, 2015**

West Greeter.....Kathy Miller

West Usher.....Joe Miller

East Greeter.....Maurine Robinson

Sunday School at SCCC.....Ronnie Miller

SCCC Pianist.....Sandra Blake

Nursery.....Elaine Forrester & Emily Terrill

October Bus Driver.....Marie Alexander

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