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Dear Ones,

I recall a Professor from my college days telling a story from Greek mythology. It was the myth of Sisyphus. Google it for all the details! He was apparently condemned in "Tartarus" or "Hades" to an eternity of rolling a huge boulder up a mountainside only to have it roll back down into the valley, So encouraging was the Professor that he said it is like preparing sermons. Every Monday, preachers start the process all over. I could say it is the same for writing newsletter articles every week. For all of us, until Jesus comes again, there are Mondays and never ending duties. Before I go any further, I should clarify, Teaching and preaching the Word of God is not a punishment, but a privilege! Weekly newsletter articles are often an extension of sharing the Word of God with you!

Now to why I remember this story from decades ago on this particular morning. We settled in on a story from Luke 16 Sunday morning. We vicariously lived and died with a rich man and a poor man. We opened our eyes with them in "Hades." We just started getting a glimpse of the experiences of these two as they opened their eyes in the realm of the dead. I learned so much in my study of this account. Not wanting to rush our tour of Tartarus, I determined to give two Sundays to this unique teaching of Jesus.

I would encourage you to open your Bible this week to Luke 16:19-31. Read this amazing account. Get out your notebook and pen or electronic device and record your observations and questions about this "story." We will review from last Sunday. Are Hell and Hades one and the same? Was the Rich man condemned to Hades because he was wealthy? Is it really "lights out" when we die? What might we experience on the other side of death's door? Why is there a great chasm? Do we have the ability to decide on which side of the chasm we land? What questions might you ask. Let me know this week as I begin rolling my rock back up the mountainside. :)

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

Youth Preacher's Post

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid (John 14:27 ESV).

Peace of the one who went into the wilderness to meet Satan one on one. Peace of the one who slept in the boat, while the storm raged. Peace of the one who handed bread to his betrayer. Not just any peace, His peace. The prince of peace does not give a second rate portion. He gives the best of himself. Jesus doesn't give as the world gives.

He gives his peace because of that he set two initiatives. First, do not let your hearts be troubled. Jesus said the same thing at the start of this chapter. He knows that the grave will create doubt and worry. He know the disciples will wonder what they should and what the next move should be. We have heart trouble. When things don't go as planned, peace flees and trouble sets in. Second, do not be afraid. This is head trouble. Our minds get consumed with worst case scenarios. We can get paralyzed and shut down when our dreams shatter. Jesus knows about our heart and head trouble. He steps in with his peace. Peace that faced the whip, thorns, nails, and a spear. It's with that in mind that he offers his peace for the days ahead.

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Donna Wheeler
Charlie Boyer
John Wheeler
Jim Kratzer
Ron Alexander
Sam Berkowitz
Marjorie Durham
Joe Welsh
Thatcher Miller
Stephanie Sumption

Hospital:

Mary Morgan—University Hospital
Columbia

Shut-In:

Dixie Drummond
Roberta Small
Roberta Beckert
Jean "Effie" Allen
Viola Heiner
Georganna Lister

**FCC Members at:
SCCC & R.C.F**

Donna Meeks
Georgia Couch
Bette Herbert

**Schuyler County
Nursing Home:**

Marietta Garrison

*Sympathies to
Charles "Charlie" Ammons family
at this time.*



**October
Book of Month**

John, I John, II John, III John

STATISTICS

October 23, 2016

Sunday School...52
Worship....95

General Fund.....\$6,777.00
SCMA.....\$20.00
Elder's Benevolent Fund.....\$100.00

BUDGET (To Date)

Weekly Needs.....\$3,242.00
Budget needs.....\$139,164.00
Gifts.....\$128,475.37

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual October Coat Drive

Scotland County Ministerial Alliance is having a coat drive. You may bring your coats to the Senior Center or Scotland County Elementary School.

Tiger Pack Program

These packs include peanut butter and saltine crackers along with other goodies. They are needing donations of peanut butter, saltine crackers and money. You may make checks out to FCC Memphis and in the memo please write **Tiger Pack**. Thank you!

***Especially needing peanut butter and monetary contribution at this current time.**

Pit Stop/Safe Stop

October 31

TASK is sponsoring a "Pit Stop" during the city's Annual Safe Stop. We will offer drinks and hot dogs to those out from 4 to 6

TASK INFO

October 31st

There will be no TASK on the 31st. TASK will resume on November 7th.

FALL BASH

October 30th

This is for the Jr. and Sr. High Students. Anyone is welcome to attend. We will be at Dunn's Farm from 6-8pm. There will be games and food. Bring a friend and enjoy.

Nominees for 2017 Church Officers

Elder ***

Joe Miller, Warren Miller

Deacons ***

Mike Cantril, Paul Campbell

Trustee ***

Leroy Bibby

Financial Secretary *

Roger Gosney

Assistant Financial Secretary *

Snookie Gosney

Treasurer *

Warren Miller

⇒ * Denotes 1 year term

⇒ *** Denotes 3 year term

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 30, 2016

West Greeter.....Jessica Campbell
West Usher.....Lane Campbell
East Greeter.....Marjorie Durham
Sunday School at SCCC.....Ronnie Miller
SCCC Pianist.....Jana Muntz
Nursery.....Mary Morgan & Jacob Kapfer
October Bus Driver.....Marie Alexander

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