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Dear Ones,

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. There is not enough room to share all the good thoughts this one provokes in my mind as I see it on social media. A parent of one of these girls caught this image at Church on Sunday morning.



I am reminded FCC Memphis is strong on family. We've not purposed to give all our attentions to young families, or to our family patriarchs. We don't single out that middle group between the younger and the older. Our songs don't reflect the hottest choruses out there. We may not know that new song presented on a youth Sunday. We have not removed children from our services to provide more piety or invited seniors to set back and endure the preferences of younger worshippers.

I heard about a congregation back home. The congregation is reaching a younger element as they package their services to do so. I can appreciate that. The congregation has a building, but want to purchase another building for their "Senior" church family. They are in the process of purchasing a church building from a group about to close their doors. The building is well maintained and has the trappings of a "traditional" church. Their thought is to have a church where their seniors can "feel at home" and a church where their younger ones can do church their way.

Let's go back to the picture. It refreshes this preacher to see scenes like this at church. Generations with different backgrounds, tastes, preferences setting side by side. What a blessing to see families in church together rather than target groups in their own little communities. The Spirit that makes us one in Christ is also the Spirit who binds us together as a family in Christ. So, what does this picture say to you?

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

Youth Preacher's Post

When we think or talk about doing hard things, it's easy to think only about the big stuff. If we assume that being a rebelutionary means fighting slavery, digging wells in Africa, running a political campaign, or writing a book, then it is hard to know where to begin. If our goal is to glorify God, to point other people to Him and show more of what He can do. Then our first priority is to be faithful with what He's already given us to do, not embark on a big new adventure. What we're doing doesn't necessarily change right away, but how and why we're doing it will change dramatically.

When your heart and mind are alert you can see opportunities to do hard things in everyday things. It might start with a renewed commitment to excellence in your paperwork or a decision to more positive around your work. Paperwork and work are things we do already, but now we can do them with a new attitude. Your primary goal isn't to do something extraordinary, but do all things, even the ordinary things extraordinarily well.

Doing hard things doesn't mean being preoccupied with something bigger, different, and more exciting all the time. It means being ready and willing to obey, no matter how big, small or hard things might be. Faithfulness in small hard things is always the fuel for bigger hard things. If we say we want to do hard things for God, but we're not satisfied with pursuing excellence where He has placed us, it's likely that we're really more interested in getting glory for ourselves. We should be giving God the glory instead!

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
Orin Sanders

Hospital:

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



**November
Book of Month**

II Corinthians

STATISTICS

October 30, 2016

Sunday School...49
Worship....100

General Fund.....\$4,346.50
Roof.....\$90.00

BUDGET (To Date)

Weekly Needs.....\$3,242.00
Budget needs.....\$142,406.00
Gifts.....\$132,821.87

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

November 6th

TIME CHANGE ~ @ 2am
Don't forget to set your clocks back!

Pray for Our Country Day

Mission Sunday ~ November 13th

Adult Sunday School classes will have a missions presentation at 9:20 am in the auditorium.

Adrian Sanchez will be preaching.



All Church Dinner ~ November 13th

There will be an All Church Dinner following the morning service. Please stay and enjoy wonderful food and fellowship.

Community Thanksgiving Service

~ **November 20th** ~
@ 7pm

at the Scotland County
Elementary Gym

Revive Us Again

Stiles Christian Church Revival

w/ Gateway Singers

~ **November 13th—16th**~

Sunday Morning @ 10:30am

Evenings @ 7:00pm

Bloomfield, Iowa

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

Reminder November 06, 2016

West Greeter.....Linda Wheeler
West Usher.....Leon Wheeler
East Greeter.....Benjie Briggs
Sunday School at SCCC.....Mike Cantril
SCCC Pianist.....Alisa & Elsie Kigar
Nursery.....Elaine Forrester & Elsie Kigar
November Bus Driver.....Mary Morgan

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