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Dear Ones,

The local paper called it a "flash drought." The ground saturated with moisture from spring rains is now dry and cracked. Combining some very warm temperatures with some very dry weeks, our crops are stressed and may not produce as we would like. I am starting to learn the significance of the weather on our local and regional economy.

I am thinking today about a spiritual application to our "flash drought." The first of the Psalms pictures a tree planted by streams of water. (Psalm 1:3) The tree is fruitful, full of leaves because it's roots are watered and nourished by the stream. The Psalmist says that describes the person who "delights in the law of the Lord."

Psalm 42 pictures a deer finding refreshment in the cool water of a stream. The Psalmist says his heart pants for the Lord in the same way a deer seeks out that satisfying drink at the brook. It is apparent to me, that if we want to stay spiritually refreshed, we need to be drinking regularly from the stream.

Does this spiritual stream that nourishes and refreshes ever dry up? I really do not think so. I tend to think we have a tendency to allow other pursuits and activities keep us from sinking our spiritual roots deeply into the nourishing Word of God. We may think we can find satisfaction in life and quench our thirst in other ways. When we turn away from the water of life (read John 4:7-15), we will find ourselves heading toward a "flash drought." The good news is, just as a refreshing rain can break a drought, you can come to the stream and find an abundant supply to refresh and renew our spirits. We intend to meet at the stream as a family on Sunday! Looking to see you there!

Lord Bless, *Preacher Jack*

Youth Minister's Post

Are you interested in helping out with elementary aged kids? We are looking for volunteers that can help out with Super Church. Here are some things to consider when working with this particular age group. You need to remember that the most teachable moments happen at this age. In Proverbs 22:6 it says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it." That is only part of our job as teachers and volunteers.

Another area of our job includes engaging in the lives of the children. Let the kids know that you care about them. Here are a couple of different ways that you can let the kids know that you care about them. You can give them a call or send them a hand written letter in the mail. Tell the kids that you miss seeing their smiling face around and that you are thinking about them. Don't forget to pray for the kids during the week by asking God to watch over them and guide them in their walk with Him.

If you would like to get involved or have any questions feel free to shoot me an email, give me a call, or send me a message on Facebook. My email address is jh964@cccb.edu and my cell phone number is (660)-341-8706.

In Christ, Josiah Holloway



Prayer Requests

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| Bob Carney | Helen Clough |
| Willadean Crist | Donna Houghton |
| Richard Kennett | Linda Koser |
| Mark Mattingly | Donna Meeks |

Hospitalized
Ruth Speer— SCH

FCC Members at Scotland Co. C C & R.C.F.

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| Jeri Baker | Cleo Davis |
| Audrey Drummond | Velva Freburg |
| Louise Frederick | Vetrice Goins |
| Gene Parsons | Harriett Poole |

FCC Members at Schuyler County N.H.

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|-------------------|----------------|
| Marietta Garrison | Bernice Shanes |
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Military
David Miller

Sympathies to the
Rosemary Hopwood Family
(Jessica Campbell's Grandmother)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Third Sunday Dinner

This Sunday September 15th following services. Plan to attend and bring a dish to share. Holly Harris hostess



I-Mo Mission Trip

September 12 to 14 — Putting Tin on the Faculty Dorm
Come and go when your schedule allows.
Stay on site or commute.
Contact Isaac Houf @ 660-292-0971



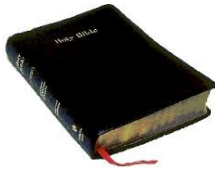
Music Ministry Meeting
Sunday, September 15 @ 1:30

Men's Breakfast—September 21

Barry Thornton—Speaker from CCCB
Sign up in East foyer

September's Book of Month

Hebrews and
1 & 2 Peter



Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch Open House

Saturday, September 28
9:00 to 4:00 Lunch included
At the Clarence site



Elaine Forrester has volunteered to drive the church bus.
Please sign up if you are interested in attending.

STATISTICS

Sept 1, 2013

| | |
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| Sunday School..N/A | Worship..92 |
| General Fund..... | \$2150.21 |
| New Building..... | \$100.00 |
| Carpet Fund..... | \$100.00 |

Sept 8, 2013

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| Sunday School..50 | Worship.. 105 |
| General Fund..... | \$2936.26 |
| Carpet Fund..... | \$100.00 |

BUDGET (To date)

| | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Weekly Needs | \$3,235.00 |
| Budget needs..... | \$116,460.00 |
| Gifts..... | \$105,345.16 |

More Addresses for College Students And Military

Lucma Adolphe
2670 Lehman Rd. Apt. 106
Cincinnati OH 45204

Sgt David Miller
1438 th En Co MRBC
FPO AE 09372



(David is now serving in Afghanistan)

Sunday Services

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| 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

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| Jack Sumption | Preacher |
| Josiah Holloway..... | Youth Minister |
| Debbie Seamster | Office Assistant |

Reminder September 15, 2013

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| West Greeter..... | Holly Harris |
| West Usher..... | Chris Harris |
| East Greeter..... | Tom Owings |
| Sunday School at SCCC..... | Mike Cantril |
| SCCC Pianist..... | Maurine Robinson |
| Nursery..... | Realla and Conner Wiggins |
| September Bus Driver..... | Paul Campbell |
| | 660-341-9979 |