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Dear Ones,

The sound of chainsaws in his back yard caught my attention. He was cutting on a huge tree with healthy branches filled with luscious green leaves. The tree was not standing tall, but was lying on the ground with it's roots ripped from the ground. Winds, coupled with rain saturated soil, had toppled the massive tree.

The tree had grown in that place for many years. It had a history. How many droughts did it survive? How many times had it weathered the winds? By its outward appearance, the tree looked strong and healthy. Now, lying against the ground, it was revealed that the roots had no significant depth.

Might there be a spiritual lesson or two to be gleaned? Early in its life, the tree's roots were sufficient to maintain the tree. As the tree grew, its roots really needed to sink deeper into the soil. Are you purposing to strengthen your spiritual roots? The Psalmist (Psalm 1) seems to be telling us it has much to do with getting into the Word of God. Giving time daily to the reading of the Word, meditating on it, and applying it will strengthen those roots.

Jesus spoke of storms and their effect on our lives in a story about a wise and foolish builder. His word picture provides us a similar reminder. If we are to stand through the winds and the waves, we must hear what He has to say and then do it. (Matthew 7)

Lord Bless,

Preacher Jack

Youth Minister's Post

How many of you thought about someone or something to pray for during Jack's sermon yesterday? I have to confess that I was thinking about different things and people to pray for. Here are a few of the thoughts that ran through my mind: Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice, the ISIS groups, and our government. Ray Rice was recently charged with "domestic violence" for punching his fiancée hard enough to make her fall and hit a rail in the elevator causing her to be unconscious. He has recently been indefinitely suspended by the NFL. The ISIS group has been causing trouble left and right. The government has a lot on their plate like usual. They have decide what to do with the whole ISIS situation. Do we get involved or not get involved? Do we ask other countries to get involved and help us out? We may get upset when the government makes a decision that we don't always agree with or do something that we don't think makes sense. People like Ray Rice are going to make mistakes that cost them. One thing is true about of these groups though....**ALL OF THEM NEED PRAYER!** We also need to do our best to show the love of Christ towards them even though it can be hard to do sometimes. Who is it that you need to pray for this week? Who can show you show the love of Christ to this week?

In Christ, *Josiah Holloway*

Prayer Requests:

Donna Wheeler Mary Ann Blessing
John Dodge Bob Carney
Ron Alexander Dixie Drummond
Donna Houghton John Wheeler
Matt Frederick Gina Kittle
Donna Meeks Alyssa Marshall
Sam Berkowitz Darlene Dannenhauer

Hospitalized

Chipper Harris—SCMH
Keith Archer—Quincy
Rick Allen—Columbia

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at
SCCC & R.C.F.**

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Harriett Poole Charles Harris
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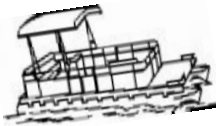
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, September 18th @ 9-3:30pm

CCCB in Moberly

"Saints in Action Day"

For more information on wanting to attend
contact Jack Sumption @ 660-465-7751



Preacher Jack is coordinating an outing
for **55+ group** to Forest Lake @
Thousand Hill State Park. We will be
pontooning and having supper at The
Dining Lodge. **September 28th**
leaving the church around 2:30pm

**All Church Dinner
September 21st**

After the church service please stay for wonderful
dinner and fellowship.

Christian Skate Night

WHEN: Monday September 22nd

WHERE: CARE Roller Rena

TIME: 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Cost: \$2



**We would like to welcome to our
church family:**

Scott, Jennifer Hale and family.

**Open House @ SHILO
October 4th**

Anyone wanting to attend please contact:
Elaine Forrester 660-883-5654

 **September
Book of Month**

Hebrews
1 & 2 Peter

STATISTICS

September 14, 2014

Sunday School...55
Worship...95
General Fund.....\$2,266.10
Carpet.....\$180.00
New Building.....\$100.00

BUDGET (To date)

Weekly Needs \$3,237.00
Budget needs.....\$126,243.00
Gifts.....\$113,418.74

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
Debbie SeamsterOffice Assistant

Reminder September 21, 2014

West Greeter.....Linda Wheeler
West Usher.....Leon Wheeler
East Greeter.....Marjorie Durham
Sunday School at SCCC.....Ronnie Miller
SCCC Pianist.....Maurine Robinson
Nursery.....Cathy Campbell & Olivia Harris
September Bus Driver.....Paul Campbell
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