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November 27,2011

#### Order of Worship

Welcome
Barney Crawford

Song Leader
Kerry Cole

Opening Prayer
Gene Lund

The Lord's Supper
Mike Thurlkill

Contribution
Mike Thurlkill

*Lesson*Bill McFarland

**Announcements**Barney Crawford

Closing Prayer
Andy McFarland

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. (Matt. 5:14)

# Welcome Visitors

We are honored that you joined us. We hope you will be blessed by your time with us. We have an attended nursery, a cry/training room and a nursing mother's room for your convenience if you have small children. Please fill out an attendance card and pass it to the end of the pew so that we may thank you for your visit.

# CONVICTION - WHAT IS IT? By Dennis R. Smith

Calvin Coolidge once said, "The strength of a country is the strength of its religious convictions." The definition of the word is as follows: "A strong persuasion or belief in a cause or a religion." Conviction, in light of the above, is that which has to do with one's conscience. The Pentecostians of Acts chapter two, being pricked (convicted) in their heart, said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, "men and brethren what shall we do?" Equally so, the Philippian jailor of Acts sixteen came trembling and fell down before Paul and Silas and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" It was these cries which were prompted by their conscience, or the conviction of their conscience, that made them want to know what to do. Moving forward we could conclude that conviction is the action of the conscience which directs us to turn from our doing something wrong to that of doing something right. When our conscience is not bothered at all, regardless of what we are doing, then it is working without conviction. Perhaps we need to spend more time working on the conscience and praying for conviction enough for us to ask the age old question - "What Must We Do to Be Saved?" As conviction will lead us to know the truth (John 8:32), it will also give us the courage to obey the truth (Rom. 2:8; Gal.3:1). May God bless us in following what his word tells us and our hearts have the courage to follow through by obedience. "Amen?"

# Upcoming Events

- Teachers Appreciation/Bus Drivers Dinner is December 3; this dinner is a gift from the Elders and the congregation to show their appreciation for the time and work you devote to teaching and/or helping others; today is the deadline to sign up so the ladies will know how much food to prepare, etc.
- James River Nursing Home Devo is Saturday at 2 p.m. All who can are encouraged to attend.

- Golden Agers meet Dec. 4 at 4 p.m.
- Quilters meet Dec. 6 at 10 am
- Ladies Bible Class meets Thursday, December 10 at 10:30; potluck lunch will follow
- If you plan to attend LTC in the Spring and need to reserve a hotel room, see Jeremy Thurlkill as soon as possible so he will know how many rooms to reserve.

#### Holiday SNAC

Dec. 4 after evening worship, we will be having a gift exchange for the youngsters and teens. The teens will be doing a "white elephant" exchange. The younger children will do a regular gift exchange. Please try to keep all gifts under \$5. We will also need sandwiches, chips, desserts, and drinks.

#### Welcome

Please extend a warm welcome to Angela Asher who has made know her desire to worship with us at Water Mill. Her address is 525 S. Campbell, Apt. 811, 65806.

#### Ladies

The planning committee would like to get your feedback on the Fall Retreat as well as the Spring Tea. If you attended one or both of these events this year, please fill out a survey to offer your opinions and give us suggestions for next year. The surveys are located on the desk by the east entrance to the building. We will have a box set up for you to return them to on the same desk. Thank you!!

"I thank my
God in all my
remembrance
of you, always
in every
prayer of
mine for you
all making my
prayer with
joy."
(Philip.

1:3-4)

### In Our Prayers

Jeff Treat is in St. John's recovering from surgery on his foot; Herman Harris is at Cox Walnut Lawn, Rm. 311; Julie Alexander as she deals with problems in her life

#### Friends and Family:

- ♦ Jon Ewing's dad, <u>Winston Ewing</u>, is in St. John's; Chloe Gaddis' great-grandson, Carter Letterman
- ♦ Jeff Fisher's niece, Julianne King
- Kerry Cole's family members: his niece, Sandra Barnett; his cousin, Greg Cole recovering from surgery; his niece Kaitlyn Behr, who has an inherited disease that causes her to go blind
- ♦ Jan Bowling's cousin's daughter, Shelby Davidson; Nate Peters, friend of Brent Asher, who has seizures after a minor brain injury

#### Birthdays

4 Marsha Bower Regina Woods 5 Sarah Griffin 6 Adam Barton Nancy Johnson 10 Robin Meeks

#### December Anniversaries

6 JJ/Ashley Blevins
7 Jackie/Virginia Buck
10 Jim/Ruth Reaves
11 Ryan/Jeanne Friend
20 Brandon/Lauren Allen
20 Andy/Kirsten McFarland
22 Tom/Jammie Davis
28 Eddie/Donna Sanders
30 Barney/Debbie Crawford
31 Eddie/Linda Currier

#### Assistance Needed

Debbie Crawford has been in contact with the 26th & Connecticut church in Joplin and they need our assistance in collecting items for boxes to give to the tornado victims. These are the items they need: Powdered sugar, flour, regular sugar, oats, peanut butter, vanilla, pecans, Hershey kisses. The items need to be at the building no later than Wednesday night.

## Service Rosters

#### THIS MORNING

AM Nursery: Linda Currier/Leona Snider Greeters: Mike & Glenda Thurlkill Van Driver: Travis Morrison/742-1970

KYB Phone: Jerry/Carolyn Young

Serve Randy Blackburn/Tom Davis
Communion: Jackie Buck/Kyle Buckner

Tim Buckner/Ted Crabtree Brendan Carroll/Eddie Currier Charles Crum/Greg Donoho

#### THIS EVENING

Song Leader: Travis Morrison

Opening Prayer: Tom Davis

Lesson: Bill McFarland

Closing Prayer: Justin Reaves

Communion: Tyler Thornton/John Dutton

Nursery: Glenda/Jeremy Thurlkill

#### NEXT WEEK, December 4

MORNING EVENING
Song Leader: Kerry Cole John Mahon
Opening Prayer: Grant Wheeler Isaac Tovar

Communion: Jeremy Thurlkill George/W. Downing

Closing Prayer: Tyler Thornton Larry Baggett

AM Nursery: Donna Jordan/Michelle Hulett
PM Nursery: Lisa Stayton/Emily Simons

Greeters: Jon & Coyeatte Ewing
Van Driver: James Simons/732-5641

#### MONTH OF NOV.

Ushers: Jeremy Thurlkill/

Adam Barton

AV Room: Linda Barnett/

Travis Morrison

Secure Paul Lines/
Building: Tim Buckner

#### Wednesday, November 30

Devotional: David Kern

Song Leader: JJ Blevins

Opening Prayer: Jeremy Thurlkill

Closing Prayer: Tim Timmons

Van Driver: Todd Kraus