



# The Southland Vine

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## WANTED!

Members to be a part of our first service (9am) praise team/small choir for our more traditional Christmas season worship services on December 4th, 11th, and 18th.

There will be rehearsals in the evenings each week (day to be determined), plus a rehearsal each Sunday morning before the service begins. If you love to sing joyous carols and praises to the newborn King, please see Jon Carmichael for details! (417) 773-6838 or [Jon@gosouthland.org](mailto:Jon@gosouthland.org)

**SEE "WORSHIP 12:1" ON PAGE 4 FOR INFO ABOUT AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED IN FIRST SERVICE WORSHIP BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2012!**

## Elder Recommendations

We have sheets available at the Welcome Center to recommend men as potential elders. In addition to proposing someone else's name, these can also be used to express your own desire to serve in that capacity (we offer this opportunity based on Paul's words in 1 Timothy 3:1 about someone having the "desire" or "aspiration" to be an elder). As you prayerfully consider this, we ask that you use the guide that will be provided on the back of the paper. Please place completed sheets in the mailbox located by the Welcome Center by **November 13th**.

*NOTE: a recommendation does not automatically mean a person will become an elder. The current leadership will interview any potential candidates and will present approved names to the congregation for affirmation. This affirmation will not be in the form of a vote. Instead, it will be asking for any Scriptural basis that would call into question an individual's capacity to serve as an elder.*

## Leadership Meetings:

>Elders' Meeting: Monday, Nov. 17th, 6pm  
>Ministry Council: Monday, Dec. 1st, 6pm

>Upcoming Editions of The Vine: Nov. 23, Dec. 7

## Directory Additions-

### Joshua & Emily Owen

1300 W. Hall Street, Apt. 2 \* Ozark 65721  
(married October 1st)

### Justin & Kambra Stevens

2128 E. Mac's Court, Apt. 15 \* Springfield 65804

## Directory Revisions-

## Baptisms-

## New Members-

When we put together a series of sermons, there are all kinds of factors we have to consider. Is this series designed primarily to teach new information or inspire hearts through motivation? Is it for those who are already followers of Jesus or more for those who are not quite there? Is it all from one book of the Bible or using texts from various places? What are the results we think the Holy Spirit wants to bring about through these messages from God's Word? Do we want people to leave encouraged? Challenged? Comforted? Re-assured? Most times, a sermon series is a mixture of all of the above. Throughout the calendar year, we strive to provide balance. After all, God's Word is a beautiful, multi-faceted book. We honor that feature by faithfully communicating all its parts to bring about all the many different outcomes God has designed it to produce. Within that broad goal, there are some sermon series that have a very specific purpose, to address a very specific issue, to bring about a very specific result ... our current series of sermons is just such a series.

This past Sunday (11/6), we introduced our series by looking at the MONEY TRAP. There is perhaps no greater threat to our lives as followers of Jesus in 21<sup>st</sup> century America than the threat posed by greed and materialism. Even though there are other significant threats, this is near the top of the list. Money has a way of controlling us, dominating us, blinding us to what really matters, even filling us with selfish attitudes. It clutters our lives to the point that it's hard to really take up our crosses and follow Jesus. As Paul writes in Colossians 3:5, greed can even become a form of idolatry as money takes God's place on the throne of our hearts (see also Jesus' words in Matthew 6:24).



That's why we see God's caution to us throughout the pages of His Word – He knows how much of a trap money can be to us as people! Consider the following words from Paul in 1 Timothy 6:9-10 ...

But people who **long to be rich** fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful **desires** that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the **love of money** is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

Notice the highlighted words and how they emphasize the conditions of our hearts in all this. Money isn't the problem! By itself, money is neutral; but, there's something about our hearts that turns it into a major TRAP. What's ironic to me is this: if God's Word provides warnings about money though written in cultural settings far less extravagant and wealthy as ours, how much more do we need to make sure we heed the message today?! Indeed, we live in a culture that makes us particularly vulnerable. Though these sermons will be challenging, they represent important words for us to hear ... words meant not to stifle us, but to help us find the kind of *REAL* financial freedom God wants to make available to us. I look forward to this journey together with you!

In HIS Service,

## UPCOMING SERMONS ...

November 13 "Pathway #1: Contentment" ... 1 Timothy 6:6-8 and Philippians 4:10-13

November 20 "Pathway #2: Faith" ... 1 Timothy 6:17 and Matthew 6:25-34

# southlandwomen

Ken and I have very different ideas about change...

He is from a small farming community in Central Illinois. It is the kind of place where everyone knows everyone. Not to be cliché but he almost had a “Leave it to Beaver” sort of childhood. His parents built the family home in which he grew up. He played on the Junior High basketball team that placed fourth in the state. His first job, which he had in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, was putting together bikes at the local hardware store. Later, he was one of the guys in town that had the “hot” car. When his parents moved to Missouri, Ken bought his childhood home from them and lived there until 1986. Ken loves the security of the familiar. I had recently switched around two chairs and the sofa in our family room. Ken’s comment to one of the grandkids after that was something like, “Things are always getting changed around in this house. You never know where you might find the furniture!” It was one of those “Just kidding,” (but really I’m not), statements. For Ken, no change = stability/security.

My family moved often because of my father’s job. I call a small town in northern Illinois home but that is just because I lived there longer than anywhere else. Even as a child, I faced moving and the change that went with it as an adventure. I took very seriously my role as the “little mommy”- my parent’s nickname for me. I loved helping unpack and setting up the new homes – especially the kitchens. You could unpack the very same dishes that you had at the last house, and suddenly realize there were new possibilities of how to use them. Maybe the kitchen was a different color or just the act of unwrapping them caused you to look at them differently. No matter what house my parents moved into, I found new ways to look at and use the familiar. For me, change = adventure/growth.

As I look back at the major decisions we have talked through in our marriage, I can see how our approach to decision-making is colored to an extent by these fundamental life points. I can see God’s plan in bringing us together. In the umbrella of our life together, there is balance born out of his desire for stability and my desire for change. Even when we discuss Jesus, Ken leans to the unchangeable attributes: His mercy, His love, His grace. I, on the other hand, lean to the dynamic attributes – the Jesus that changed His tone to fit the crowd He was addressing, the Jesus that could call a disciple to walk on water one time and strongly rebuke him shortly after, the Jesus that could take a whip to shysters and pull little children up on His knee. I love the fact that Jesus knew just what it took to make the point – there were no fixed formulas.

No matter what your view of change, it is something that we all must wrestle with as followers of Jesus. Thankfully, He does not leave us where we are. He calls us to change: our hearts, our attitudes, our habits, our speech, our dress, our hobbies, our priorities.

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This is a time of year when all the excesses of our culture come glaring to the forefront. The approaching holidays bring with them annual ritual of assessing of our lives and where we are in relation to where we “should” be. We begin to hear and think phrases like:

“...next year I am not going to...”

“...this time next year I won’t be...”

“...after the first of the year...”

Throughout the upcoming season of introspection, I encourage you to seek God for the changes you need to make in your life. This year, begin now to consider changes that are not cultural, (e.g. losing weight, getting organized, keeping up on the housework). Consider changes that will have long-lasting benefit for both your relationship with the Lord and for the Kingdom. I can think of no greater offering of thanks or gift to our King than to *willingly* and *intentionally* begin to make the changes in your life that YOU KNOW God would have you make.



## ANNOUNCING!

We are on the lookout for new worship team members to serve on a regular basis in our **9am blended worship service**. This includes vocalists, pianists, guitarists, percussionists, and more... but **especially vocalists!**

If you are interested, we will be holding meetings at the church at noon on both Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you have questions or want more info, please contact Jon Carmichael (417) 773-6838 or [Jon@gosouthland.org](mailto:Jon@gosouthland.org)

## LEG' LATEST...

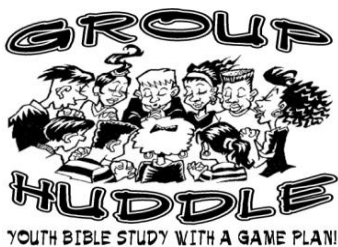
If you read through the Old Testament pages of Judges, you'll stumble across an amazing story of a woman named Jael. You can find her whole story in Judges 4:14-22. Her short drama demonstrates the importance of doing tough stuff!

Jael was a tent-wife (like a housewife, but she lived in a tent). The Hebrew people were at war with another country. Jael was part of neither group. The two battling leaders were Barak (head of the Hebrew army) and Sisera (head of the opposing army). During the conflict, God looked favorably on the Hebrew fighters. Sisera, in one of the wimpiest moves in history, saw that his troops were losing, then ran away on foot. So Barak chased after him.

Can you picture this? One general chasing another general. No horses, no chariots, no guards... The story continues with Sisera, tired from the run, stumbling into the little camp where Jael lived. Out of breath, he muttered to her "I'm thirsty, can I have some water?" Jael was alone at the time of the encounter. She seemed to know that God was asking something big of her, so she turned into an award-winning actress. She demonstrated kindness by giving Sisera some milk and hiding him inside one of the tents. Then Sisera, exhausted from the events of the day, fell asleep.

Okay, here's where the story becomes interesting! Jael, being a tent-wife, picked up a big spike and a hammer and went to where Sisera was resting. Jael pounded the tent peg through his head and into the ground. Barak showed up to find Sisera pegged to the ground.

Sometimes following God requires tough stuff. That doesn't mean you need to carry around a tent peg at all times. But it may require simple people to become warriors on occasion. God needs us to do the tough stuff - like telling the truth when it's difficult, or making the choice of not "going with the crowd" and suffering ridicule. Are you ready for tough stuff?



### **Open Season! Sunday, November 13th**

Join your friends as we wrap up the "Living Your Faith" series. Enjoy an evening of worship, study, and a hilarious group hunting game.

### **Sunday, November 20th - Bon Voyage for Special Friends**

Bring your passport as we say good-bye in style. We'll show our love to Joseph & Tim Rodriguez (as their family relocates to Florida), and to our youth sponsor, Gabrielle Carroll (as she moves to Colorado with her husband, Craig, and their daughter, Abigail).

**Sunday, December 4th - Christmas Party at J.C. Ranch** Hey, partner, put on your party boots and join us for a fun Christmas hoe-down. Saddle up a kickin' \$5.00 gift card for a card exchange.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT...



Kendall Wooldridge and Noah Wooldridge have been cast in the upcoming Willard High School production of "A Christmas Carol." The show will run November 17 - 19. Tickets are available by calling Willard High School. Way to go, Kendall and Noah!



Sara Hickle is among three students selected from Kickapoo High School for the Mars Exploration Student Data Team. The MESDT research project was created by NASA and Arizona State University. It allows high school and college students to join scientists in analyzing data from the planet Mars. Sara and her peers will represent Missouri in a spring presentation of their data.



Bonfire Praise! November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm - Ben & Debbie Jennings Home. It's our first annual fall weanie roast & bonfire with fun games, fellowship, and food! All of this will be topped off with some relaxed and authentic praise & worship under the stars, around the bonfire, just like the good ol' days at church camp!

Childcare provided on location! We have sign-ups for food. For more info, contact Jon Carmichael!



December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm  
at Jon & Katy Carmichael's Home/Neighborhood

JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME!  
CHEESE BALLS WILL BE CONSUMED!  
LET EVERY HEART PREPARE A PLATE...  
OF HOLIDAY FINGER FOODS,  
AND MORE HOLIDAY FINGER FOODS...  
AND WE WILL GO CARROLLING AND HAVE A BLAST!

Come join us in carolling around Jon & Katy's neighborhood, followed by a Christmas party. Bring your favorite Christmas finger food/dessert. We will play some games and do a white elephant gift exchange!

## NEWS FROM THE NURSERY by Diane Yates

November already? Be sure to check the November schedule.

More importantly... We are losing a few of our volunteer families due to relocation. We could really use your help as a Nursery Volunteer! If you haven't found an area in which to serve, come check us out. You will be blessed.

DIANE

A thank-you note from Bill & Janet Montgomery of the Just Mercy ministry serving in Haiti:

Dear Ladies of Southland, I can't tell you what a blessing it was for you to "adopt" us for your mission this year! We received the check from the auction and are so grateful for the love, prayers, and support you have given us. May God bless you all! He is faithful!  
In Love We Work,  
In Hope We Wait,

Bill & Janet Montgomery

**PRAYER-** To share requests with our Southland family, send them to: [prayer@gosouthland.org](mailto:prayer@gosouthland.org) or call the church office.



## southlandwomen - It's A Girl Thing

We are going bowling at Lighthouse Lanes!  
\$5.00 will cover your dinner, shoe rental and bowling.



## EMPTY NESTERS...

by Shirley Bloss, Coordinator

Oh what a busy time we are now entering... Thanksgiving, followed by celebrating the birth of our Savior. Don't get wrapped up in all the wrappings and forget the most important thing. Remember to count your blessings and tell your loved ones (family & friends) that you love them.

### Upcoming Events:

Dec. 3 - Decorate the church for Christmas  
Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve at Bill & Pam Foster's.

## "We Will Miss You!"

Lunch Reception for  
Matt, Paula,  
Joseph & Tim Rodriguez

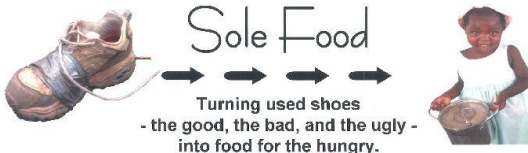


November 20th

Immediately following 2nd service.

If you haven't heard, the Rodriguez family is moving to Florida. They have been members at Southland for about 14 years. Paula has worked in the church office for the last ten years. Please join us as we wish them well.

(Top Secret: Let's send our "SCRIP Lady" off with some SCRIP cards. Can't think of a better way to celebrate her! See me, Debbie Nelson, and I will help you out.)



FROM 8/24/11 to 11/20/11 -  
BRING YOUR UNWANTED (any condition)  
SHOES TO SOUTHLAND.  
Drop them in the box by the Coke Machine.



## SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS



Have a loved one who has passed on? How do you find joy this holiday season? On Sunday evening, November 20th, Countryside Christian Church will offer a video lesson, "Surviving the Holidays." We learn about the emotions we feel during the holidays, how to deal with those, and how to move forward in life. Please call to register for this one-hour class, which begins at 7pm.

Countryside Christian Church \* 3350 W. Jackson \* Nixa, MO 65714 \* 581-6290

# SCRIP

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 Southland's Enrollment Code: 7B6FE6772LL91  
 SCRIP order dates:  
 Nov. 14th, Nov. 21st, Dec. 5th, Dec. 19th  
 (Orders are placed by 9am.)

LET'S HAVE SOME SCRIP HOLIDAY FUN!

Correctly solve the Prize Puzzle Word Search on the following page, **AND** place a SCRIP order - or make a "Cash & Carry" SCRIP purchase between November 1st and November 16th. **Turn in your completed puzzle and your SCRIP order by November 16th.**

If your puzzle is complete, **and** you have placed an order/purchased "Cash & Carry" SCRIP, you will be entered into our prize drawing (drawn on November 17th).

You could win:

- \$ 100.00 SCRIP (you pick!)
- \$ 25.00 SCRIP (you pick!)
- \$ 25.00 SCRIP (you pick!)

All members and regular guests of Southland are eligible to play. This contest is meant to familiarize you with some of our SCRIP retailers, and to encourage you to use this program. You'll get dollar-for-dollar value for your purchases and help support our building fund. If you have questions about the program, or need a hint to solve the word search, give me a call and I will be happy to provide assistance!

paula@gosouthland.org 417.881.7405

**Holiday Gift Guide**  
 Scrip Ideas for Everyone on Your List

<p><b>For Moms</b>                  Bath &amp; Body Works                  J. Jill                  Kohl's                  Sephora                  SpaFinder                  Target</p>	<p><b>For the Fashion Forward</b>                  Aeropostale                  American Eagle                  Banana Republic                  Buckle                  J. Crew                  Macy's</p>	<p><b>BANANA REPUBLIC</b></p>
<p><b>For Dads</b>                  The Home Depot                  Lowe's                  Outback Steakhouse                  Sears                  Sports Authority</p>	<p><b>For Outdoor Enthusiasts</b>                  Cabela's                  Bass Pro Shops                  Dick's Sporting Goods                  L.L. Bean                  Lands' End</p>	<p><b>Bass Pro Shops</b></p>
<p><b>For Business Gifts</b>                  American Express                  Best Buy                  Cheesecake Factory                  Staples                  See's Candies</p>	<p><b>For Cooks and Foodies</b>                  Bed Bath &amp; Beyond                  Crate &amp; Barrel                  Pottery Barn                  Omaha Steaks                  Williams-Sonoma</p>	<p><b>WILLIAMS SONOMA</b></p>
<p><b>For Teachers</b>                  Papa Murphy's                  Panera Bread                  Bath &amp; Body Works                  Barnes &amp; Noble                  Shutterfly                  Starbucks</p>	<p><b>For Stocking Stuffers</b>                  AMC Theatres Gold Ticket                  Baskin Robbins                  Chipotle                  Regal Entertainment Premiere Ticket                  Starbucks                  Subway</p>	<p><b>STARBUCKS</b></p>
<p><b>For Toys for All Ages</b>                  Target                  Disney                  Toys-R-Us                  Best Buy</p>	<p><b>For the Tough-To-Shop-For</b>                  amazon.com                  Barnes &amp; Noble                  Red Lobster                  Groupon.com                  Regal Entertainment                  Overstock.com (O.co)                  iTunes</p>	<p><b>amazon.com</b></p>

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Find & highlight **ALL** 35 of these retailer names in the SCRIP prize puzzle on the following page:

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| BARNESANDNOBLE | BEDBATHBEYOND | BESTBUY       |
| BURGERKING     | CHILIS        | CHUCKECHEESES |
| FAZOLIS        | GAMESTOP      | HARDEES       |
| HOMEDEPOT      | HOMEGOODS     | ITUNES        |
| JCPENNEY       | KFC           | KOHL'S        |
| LOWES          | MACYS         | MARSHALLS     |
| OLIVEGARDEN    | OUTBACK       | PANERABREAD   |
| QDOBA          | REDLOBSTER    | STARBUCKS     |
| STEAKANDSHAKE  | SUBWAY        | TACOBELL      |
| TARGET         | TJMAXX        | WALGREENS     |
| WALMART        | WENDYS        |               |

Your name & Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you placed a SCRIP order or purchased "Cash & Carry" SCRIP between November 1st and November 17th? \_\_\_\_\_

## Cash & Carry SCRIP - PRIZE PUZZLE!

Q K F D J Y T J M A X X M M C Y Y C U P  
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# The Catalogue

A Fee-Based "For Sale" Listing Service For Members of Southland

A special request from Brittney Shearin:

Hi! I am trying to raise money and get essentials to help pets that have already been abused, and to help teach others that abusing pets is wrong. I am working to support CARE - No Kill Animal Rescue. If you would like to join me in this effort you can do the following:

- Make a donation to the shelter (I am willing to deliver your cash donation or check - made out to CARE- to the shelter.

-Help me by collecting things they need, such as: dog food, cat food, pet toys, paper towels, air freshener, latex gloves, shredded paper, laundry soap. If you bring your donation to the church, I will pick it up there and deliver it.

Have any questions? Contact me at: Brittneysh.10@gmail.com

## Regular-Ad

No Graphic = \$ 3.00  
WITH Graphic = \$ 4.00

(Ad runs twice.)

## Mini-Ad

No Graphic = \$ 2.00  
WITH Graphic = \$ 2.50  
(Ad runs twice.)

## Items for sale by Southland:

\* **5' Round wood laminate table** for sale. These have been used at a church for events/functions. **\$10.00 per table** - 8 available.

\* **4' rectangle wood laminate table** for sale. These have been used at a church for events/functions. **\$8.00 per table** - 2 available.

\* **Crystal snack sets.** MANY available. \$ 5.00 per set (crystal plate and cup). Very pretty!

\* **Catering-type chafing dishes.** Oblong or round \$10.00 each

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS TO PURCHASE ANY OF THESE ITEMS.

## The Catalogue ads:

We can create custom ad sizes. They will be priced according to size. Ads are accepted from SCC Members only. They must be submitted 7 days prior to the day The Vine is published. You must submit your ad with payment (payable to SCC) to The Vine editor. Ad will not be published until payment is received. **Ads offering items free to church members are free of charge.** Whenever possible, for best quality - digital images in .jpeg format are preferred over printed photos. All ads will be screened for appropriateness, and refused if deemed inappropriate. Payment will be returned if your ad is refused. Editor's discretion will be used when preparing ads - this includes, but is not limited to, graphic size, type, spelling, phrasing. Ad runs two times, unless cancelled. It is seller's responsibility to contact us to cancel an ad. All proceeds benefit the Southland Building Fund.