



The Southland Vine

September 21, 2011

1630 W. Republic Road
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PARENTS' NIGHT OUT / KIDS' FUN NIGHT!

Friday
October 14, 2011

6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

No charge, but you must
pre-register by October 9th!



Dear Mom and DaD:

We know you work hard every day. Sometimes... you just need a break. So, we found a place you can drop us for the night while you go have some fun. We are willing to stay there for hours on end just knowing you are having a good time. And, guess what? You don't even have to feed us! We are sure they will serve us some kind of vegetables... but that's okay. We will be good and eat them all! Yuck!

And, what is the best part??? It doesn't cost a thing! It is free! So, we all agree - sign us up. And you two go have some fun. (It is a secret, but we will too!)

Signed, Your Loving Children

This quarterly event is sponsored by the Women's Ministry and Children's Ministry.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - for all members of Southland.
THIS Sunday, September 25th, following the second service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Dustin & Lacey Shumaker (married early this month)
Justin & Carissa Virtue (married early this month)

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Leadership Meetings:

- >Ministry Council: Monday, Oct. 3rd, 6pm
- >Elders' Meeting: Monday, Oct. 17th, 6pm
- >Upcoming Editions of The Vine: October 12th & 26th

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What MATTERS to me ...

Well, this isn't exactly how the football season was supposed to begin – 2 games played, 2 absolutely pathetic performances, 2 blowout losses. 41-7 to Buffalo ... 48-3 to Detroit. You can pick your favorite negative word to describe it – a DEBACLE, UGLY, PITIFUL – all would be appropriate. Now, I know that as some of you read this, there is a shared pain – misery does love company; yet, for others, be honest, there's almost some glee in our misery as Chiefs fans. Perhaps the only solace is that we still have 2 games against the Denver Ponies; surely we can win at least one of those, right?!



What's made this season particularly disheartening is the fact that expectations were so high entering the year. The Chiefs were supposedly an up-and-coming team – young, talented, with a year of experience under their belts. Coming off of a surprisingly good year last year, they were on track to only get better. Then, the season started ... even though the NFL season is only two weeks old, the promise and hope of great expectations have given way to the bitter disappointment of reality. It's going to be a looooooong year!

Somehow, that seems consistent with how things so often work – life over-promises, but under-delivers. The advertisement promotes the product as a revolutionary way to change your life; after the purchase, you realize the truth is something far less impressive. The long-awaited vacation offers the potential for a week of relaxation and nothing to do; two days in, the kids are fighting and everyone is just ready to be home. The politician campaigns as the one who will bring about a different tone and real solutions; once elected, everyone views the reality as underwhelming. And, like with the Chiefs, great expectations promise a successful year; two short weeks later, two ugly losses have dashed the hopeful hype.

Marriage vows are broken. Commitments are left un-honored. Promises are left unfulfilled. Is it any wonder why we have become so cynical? Is it any wonder why we come across the promises of God and an instinct kicks in that thinks "Really?! Sure, it sounds great, but can we really count on that?!"

- We hear a promise of a glorious future in His presence for eternity ...
- We hear a promise of His constant presence to be near to us as we navigate our way through life ...
- We hear a promise of His forgiveness when we confess our sins ...
- We hear a promise of His strength in our weakness, His guidance in our confusion, His comfort in our pain and sorrow.

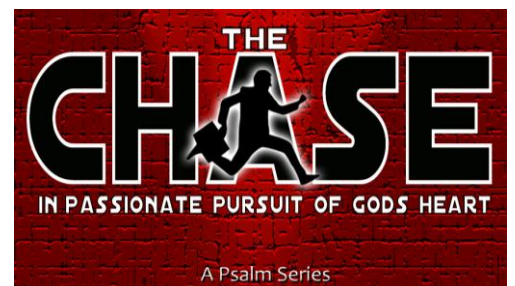
We have some great expectations made available to us in God's Word. So, how can we be so confident? In a world that has trained us to question whether something or someone will live up to the promise, how can we be so certain? 2 Corinthians 1 has an answer for us ... and His Name is Jesus. "For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding 'Yes!'" Others may disappoint and fail to live up to the expectations, but He never will. While He may not always deliver exactly how we want Him to, our faith and confidence in Jesus is that God will be faithful. May we dare to trust and embrace His promises!

Matt

UPCOMING SERMONS

September 25 "Confident" ... Psalm 11 and 46

October 2 "Broken" ... Psalm 51 and 32



Becoming a Classic Woman

“Classic” can mean a lot of different things. Webster’s Dictionary defines classic as “serving as a standard of excellence: of recognized value.” Usually we think in terms of cars, fashion looks, sporting events, or cuisine when we think about something being a “classic.” But what about being a classic woman? No, we aren’t going to wind up in a museum and most, if not all of us, will not be remembered for our classic lines and timeless styling. Each of us, however, can set a standard to which our families and friends can look up to. Our lives can be classic because of how we live them. Think about Timothy’s mother and grandmother. Scripture records the impact those classic women had on the life of that young man: “And how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim 3:15).

Sometimes life has a way of causing us to question our classic value. Here are some points to help us remember that we are women of great value:

1. HERITAGE: Classic cars, toys, etc. are usually known by their manufacturer. For instance, we usually use the name Ford when speaking of a classic Mustang – or Radio Flyer when referring to a classic red metal wagon. If someone looked at you, would they recognize your Maker?

“...because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God...The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.” Romans 8:14-16

2. QUALITY: Classic is usually synonymous with quality. We think of the effectiveness and the essential characteristics it has. As Christian women, what could be more fitting than to be known for the quality of our character and the holiness we strive for. After all, we serve a holy God!

“As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be holy, because I am holy.’” (1 Peter 1:14-16)

3. VALUE: A true classic generally carries a pretty high price tag. People will pay tens of thousands for a classic car. In Christ, we also have value because He “deeded” us value when He died on the cross to save our souls from eternal torment. That gifted value should compel us to live classic lives.

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price...” (I Corinthians 6:19-20)

4. RECOGNIZABLE: A classic is easily recognizable. There are details that mark them as unique and valuable. The more details a classic exhibits, the more sought after it is. When people look at us, do they recognize Christ in us?

“A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:34-35)

5. TIMELESS: One of the hallmarks of a classic movie is that people want to watch it over and over. A hallmark of a classic woman is a woman who lives in such a way that our actions and attitudes do not demand constant “do-overs”, but rather leave a heritage that is worth remembering or being modeled by others. Conforming to God’s will, being in tune with the Holy Spirit in every part of our lives will help us to live a life that is timeless – a life that is worth remembering.

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – His good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:2)

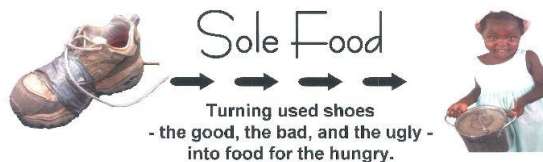
“Classic” should exude from us. May we see our value as so intertwined with our Maker that we cannot appraise ourselves apart from Him. Let us live in such a way that when others think of us, they are inspired to be more like Christ.

“To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps.

‘He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth.’

When they hurled insults at Him, He did not retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats.

Instead, He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly.” (1 Peter 2:21-23)



SOUTHLAND DONATES SHOES TO HELP OTHERS!

FROM 8/24/11 to 11/20/11 - BRING YOUR UNWANTED (any condition) SHOES TO SOUTHLAND.

What You Do

1. Dig out all your old, unwanted shoes.
2. Tie the laces or use a rubber band to pair them together.
3. Drop them off at OUR Sole Food [collection site](#).
(Here at Southland in the wooden box BY THE COKE MACHINE.)

What We Do

1. Sole Food drives the shoes to St. Louis.
2. We sell the shoes to the Shoeman.
3. We deliver \$\$ to Friends Against Hunger in Haiti.

What The Shoe Man Does

1. The Shoeman sells the shoes to exporters and retailers in the developing nations in Africa.
2. The resale of shoes provides jobs and affordable footwear.
3. Money from the sale of the shoes is used to purchase well drilling rigs, water filtration systems, and other supplies to bring clean, fresh water to those who thirst.

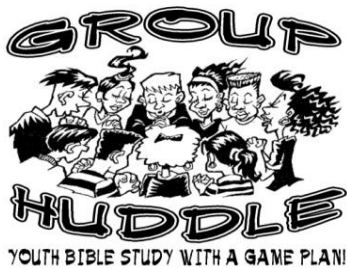
Have you ever wondered why you aren't allowed to have public prayer during school hours? It all traces back to one person.

Madalyn Murray O'Hair was an atheist who convinced the U.S. Supreme Court to ban organized prayer from public schools. Her son, John Murray, was president of the American Atheist, for which his mother was a consultant. Both worked for many years to remove God from American culture.

Ironically, O'Hair's other son, William Murray, became a Christian and later an evangelist who committed his life to the cause of Christ. He shared this about his mom and brother, "My family's rejection of God was not intellectual. We did not work to remove prayer from America's schools because of separation of church and state. We simply did not want to hear the Word of God, because it was contrary to the way we lived."

Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will acknowledge him before My Father in heaven. But whoever disowns Me before men, I will disown him before My Father in heaven. Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace on earth, but a sword. Matthew 10: 32-34

Jesus knew that even though He brings peace to individuals, His presence can also produce conflict. Light will always collide with darkness - even within the same family. Do you have a friend who lives in a non-Christian home? Pray for that family and be there when circumstances in their home challenge your friend's faith. And remember - you can always pray at school. As you walk down the hall or at lunch, silently speak to God on behalf of your campus.



The Kick-Off: Last Sunday evening forty six students and sponsors kicked-off the Group Huddle season with a challenging feud of laser tag. A special thanks to everyone who helped clear the auditorium for a fun-filled evening!

Group Huddle THIS Sunday: Join us for an evening of worship, games, food and a new Bible study series "Owning your Faith". Come dressed in your school colors to celebrate "School Spirit" Sunday!

Group Huddle Meals: We're asking parents of teens to help defray the expense of feeding forty-some hungry teens each Sunday night. Please submit \$20.00 for each teen from your household. Lee Ann Marsh will once again oversee the nightly kitchen duties. Great meals such as lasagna, chicken quesadillas, meatball subs have been served in the past.

A sign-up sheet for parent volunteers can be found at the youth display. Helping out with meals is a great way for parents to get more acquainted with one another. In fact, many friendships have evolved over the years. If your child is celebrating a special event such as a birthday or attaining a license, you are more than welcome to bring in a special dessert.

See You At The Pole: You can be part of the largest youth prayer movement in history. Pray for your friends, teachers and school. On Wednesday, September 28th meet at your school flagpole 1/2 hour before classes start!

College & Career Fair: Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to check out booths from over seventy different colleges. Meet at the church Tuesday, October 4th at 4pm. We'll travel as a group to the University Plaza Trade Center for the fair. **Bonus:** Les will cover dinner afterwards!

LES' LATEST...

Congratulations go out to **Kerri Raleigh** and **Ashley Raleigh** for their superior ratings received at the Missouri Music Teachers Association Piano Competition. Kerri is a junior at Central high school and Ashley is in the fifth grade at Wilson's Creek elementary. Both Kerri and Ashley will advance in another competition this fall in St. Joseph, Missouri.

This last week, I attended Nixa high school for the area's percussion workshop. There I cheered on **Kendall Wooldridge** who's playing marimba for the Willard high school cutting edge marching band. I also caught up with **Lauren Marsh** who's playing on the Central high school varsity volleyball team. Lauren proved her place on the squad as a freshman, go Lauren!

Parents, be sure to pass along some exciting news about your talented kids. Students turn in your activity calendars and I'll become your biggest cheerleader at the next game, concert, play or science fair.

southlandwomen - a.m. study

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study begins September 13th at 9:30 a.m.

This semester's 9-week study is "CHRIST-LIKE." Do you struggle with worry? Does it sometimes feel like the storms of life are about to overwhelm you? Have you let a failure paralyze you and stop you from doing what God wants you to do? We know that as Christians, we are supposed to be Christ-like in our thoughts and actions, yet practically accomplishing that goal can seem difficult at best. In **CHRIST-LIKE** we will learn from the Master the attitudes and behaviors that set us, as His followers, apart from the world.

As always, we will have childcare available.



EMPTY NESTERS...

by Shirley Bloss, Coordinator

Are we finally into fall? I think so! Oh, what glorious weather we are having lately... But, no matter the season - when you look around, you can see all the wonderful things the Lord has done. Enjoy this weather, and get out to connect with others and God. Don't forget to tell your loved ones that you love them!

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 1 - Piano & Pie Party

at B.J. & Becky's in Ozark.

Oct. 14 - Weiner Roast at Wilber Kaylor's.

Dec. 2 - Decorate the church for Christmas

Please sign-up at the display in the foyer for October 1st Piano & Pie Party now!



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

@ Southland
(Sept. 21 - Nov. 9)

We will be launching our Fall semester of Community Life Groups. These nights are designed to be a time to come and connect with your church family as you grow in your faith. Here are the details you need to know:

- Meals will be served from 5-6 PM. You can pre-pay for the entire 8-week semester using special envelopes at the Welcome Center (\$20/person or \$50/family) or you can pay by the meal (\$4/person or \$10/family).
- In addition to Children of Praise (4yrs thru 6th grade preparing for a Christmas production), there will be activities for youth of all ages.
- Adult elective classes:
 - ⇒ Deb Nelson will lead teach a women's study on Ruth.
 - ⇒ Ben Jennings will lead teach a study "Walking in the Footsteps of Faith" ... what Old Testament characters teach us about a life of faith in God.
 - ⇒ A team-taught class on "The Parables of Jesus" ... what these symbolic stories teach us about life as His followers.

NEWS FROM THE NURSERY by Diane Yates

The October Nursery volunteer schedule is in this edition of "The Vine". Please mark your service date on your personal calendars. (Remember to put any special requests for the November schedule on the calendar at the nursery counter.) If you are not yet a nursery volunteer, but would like to become one, we'd love to have you! You will be blessed! DIANE



Upcoming Events:

Saturday, Oct. 15th @ 10am

Rough Neck Flag Football (with girl cheerleaders)

You Are Invited to a Baby Shower for

Kristie Martin

Sunday, October 2nd

(following the 2nd service)

in the Great Room

(shhh...Men: meet in the Fellowship Hall to watch football!)

A light lunch will be served by

our hostesses:

The Elders' Wives &

The D-Group of Kristie Martin

(Kristie is registered at Babys R Us)

shopwithscrip.com

Southland's Enrollment Code:

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SCRIP order dates:

Sept. 26th

Oct. 10th & 24th

(Orders are placed by 9am.)

WE HAVE SCRIP CARDS FOR TOYS 'R US/BABIES 'R US!

Order yours now!



southlandwomen



PURSE & FLIP-FLOP AUCTION & DESSERT BAR!

FRIDAY, OCT. 7th @ 7pm

Here is your chance to "shop" for a new purse and eat chocolate at the same time! It promises to be a crazy evening, as the auctioneer takes bids on all the purses and flip flops we have been collecting. There are items for girls as well as women, so plan to bring your daughter or granddaughter. (She can even have her own bidding paddle, if you want!) Throughout the evening, you can enjoy the dessert and coffee bar.

This evening will benefit the "Just Mercy" Mission, serving in Haiti.

PRAYER-

To share prayer requests with our Southland family in an efficient, yet confidential manner, send them via e-mail to: prayer@gosouthland.org or call the church office.

SERVING SCHEDULE - OCTOBER 2011

Communion Prep: Warren & Carolyn Burros

	GREETERS	WELCOME CENTER
10/2/11 - 1ST SVC 10/2/11 - 2ND SVC	Brenda Ochs' D-Group LeRoy & Barbara Morse	Brenda Ochs' D-Group Dennis McCann
10/9/11 - 1ST SVC 10/9/11 - 2ND SVC	Mike Owen's D-Group Lila Renkin's D-Group	Mike Owen's D-Group Lila Renkin's D-Group
10/16/11 - 1ST SVC 10/16/11 - 2ND SVC	Terry Och's D-Group Ernie Emmerton's D-Group	Terry Och's D-Group Ernie Emmerton's D-Group
10/23/11 - 1ST SVC 10/23/11 - 2ND SVC	Amanda Butler, Cortney Joines, Jennifer Richards Brandon Joines, Jay Butler, Shawn Smith	Amanda Butler, Cortney Joines, Jennifer Richards Brandon Joines, Jay Butler, Shawn Smith
10/30/11 - 1ST SVC 10/30/11 - 2ND SVC	Pat Little's D-Group Brady & Susan Burge	Pat Little's D-Group Brady & Susan Burge

SERVERS	1ST SERVICE	2ND SERVICE
10/2/11	Joe Sewell, Karen McDonald, Ernie Emmerton, Warren Burros	Austin Presko, Mike & Carolyn Owen, Josh Owen, Steve Marsh, Amanda Presko, Craig Carroll
10/9/11	Chuck Weaver, Brady Burge, Jay Tyler, Dennis McCann	Doug Graves, Ken Nelson, Pete Lippert, Bill Foster, Brad Foster, Susan Kaylor
10/16/11	Karen McDonald, Don Mills, Warren Burros, Wilber Kaylor	Matt Rodriguez, Joe & Tim Rodriguez, Ben Jennings, Mark Miller, Dan Gray, Bob Wood
10/23/11	Dennis McCann, Warren Burros Jerry & Daisy McLaughlin,	Les Londeen & Youth Ministry
10/30/11	Chuck W., Brady B., Jerry & Daisy M.	Les Londeen & Youth Ministry

NURSERY	1ST SERVICE	2ND SERVICE
10/2/11	Bart & Tami Bartlett, Megan Rosell	Karen McDonalds D-Group
10/9/11	Debbie Nelson's D-Group	The Rodriguez Family
10/16/11	Denise Silvey's D-Group	Morris & Jamie Moore, Amanda Miller
10/23/11	Marsha Foster's D-Group	A.J. & Terra Gegg, Debbie Gray
10/30/11	Carolyn Owen's D-Group	Diane Yates, Pat Burge, Sammie Wilson

	Cruisers Pit Stop Check-in (9am - 9:20am)	Li'l Cruisers 10:30am - 11:45am	Cruiser's Assistants 10:30 - 11:45am	Cruiser's LEADER
10/2/11	Brenda Och's D-Group	Kelly Loftis Britney Shearin	Lori Hembree	Lisa Deckard
10/9/11	Mike Owen's D-Group	Kelly Loftis Ethan Lippert	Lauren Marsh	Les
10/16/11	Terry Och's D-Group	Jill Sims Janella Harrison	Lee Ann Marsh	Brad & Ashley Worthy
10/23/11	Debbie Gray	Kristin Londeen Shelby Ritz	Lola Weaver	Andy & Donna Lillard
10/30/11	Pat Little's D-Group	Tammy Monzella Cindy Benefield	Sarah Hickle	Les

	COMPUTER	COMMUNION MEDITATION
10/2/11 - 1ST SVC 10/2/11 - 2ND SVC	Katy Carmichael Katy Carmichael	Matt Martin Pat Little
10/9/11 - 1ST SVC 10/9/11 - 2ND SVC	Dan Gray Dan Gray	Warren Burros Ben Jennings
10/16/11 - 1ST SVC 10/16/11 - 2ND SVC	Christy Wall Jordan Marsh	Dennis McCann David Silvey
10/23/11 - 1ST SVC 10/23/11 - 2ND SVC	Austin Shearin Jordan Marsh	Ernie Emmerton Mike Owen
10/30/11 - 1ST SVC 10/30/11 - 2ND SVC	Katy Carmichael Austin Shearin	Warren Burros Mike Hembree

The Catalogue

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

Items for sale by Southland:

- * **5' Round wood laminate table** for sale. These have been used at a church for events/functions. \$20.00 per table - 8 available.
- * **4' rectangle wood laminate table** for sale. These have been used at a church for events/functions. \$10.00 per table - 2 available.
- * **Crystal snack sets.** MANY available. \$ 5.00 per set (crystal plate and cup).
- * **Catering-type chafing dishes.** Oblong or round \$10.00 each

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

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.)

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. 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.