



Prayer Concerns



Pray for our church (Elders, Deacons, Ministers, for workers to go into the harvest fields, church growth (spiritually & in number). Pray for the leaders of our country and our country. Missionaries in Haiti and other parts of the world.

The following people have had prayer requested on their behalf

Brayden Bartley , Pat Vieth (Samantha Hudson's grandmother) , Debra Bartley (Vicki Bartley's mother), Harrold Roberts (Maria's father), Mary Ann Ulmer, Ray Threet, Carla Wilkerson, Doug Daniel, Al Boswell, Troy Mikell, Dane Knell, Dora Bell, Will Hawkins, Marie Hall, Robert Daugherty, Dick Cole, Mark Renkoski, Carla Roberts, Debbie Schubert, Willa Dean, Jan Hinkle, Lovelle Coleman.

Pray for the family of **James Ferguson** (Lorene Clark's brother) who passed away last Sunday and for the family of **Peggy Campbell Stout** who was killed in a car wreck on Thursday.

If no updates are received after being on the prayer concern lists for 3 weeks, the name will be removed.

Remember our Service Men & Women in Prayer

James Cunningham (Gladys Cunningham's grandson), Jeremy Guiles (Adair Wright's grandson), Chase Laporte, Jeremy Lyons, Florence (Flo) Blades, Devin Cloud and David Boyd, Daniel Pohlenze in Iraq. Jason Gilkey (Kathy Sly's son, Virginia Hendrix and Bill Hendrix's grandson and Curt Gwinn in Afghanistan. Mavis Brown (Mary Kirk's sister) in Kuwait.

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**Sunday**

Fellowship 9 am  
Bible School  
9:30 am  
Worship Service  
10:30 am  
Grace Groups  
6:00 pm

**Wednesday**

3:20 After School  
Tutoring  
5:45 Family Meal  
6:30 J.A.M. After-  
shock & Adult Bible  
Studies

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**Our Deacons**

Adam Boswell  
Dusty Eldridge  
Jackie Moore  
Derek Stokes



# Thank You, God!

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.  
John 1:1 & 1:14*

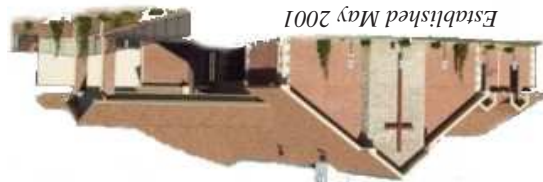
**Wednesday**  
3:30 pm Jr. & Sr. High Tutoring  
5:30 pm Family Meal  
6:30 pm Adult Bible Studies,  
J.A.M (K - 6th) &  
(Jr. & Sr. High) Aftershook

**Sunday Services**  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Grace Groups

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# Mark's Message



Psalm 100 tells us, "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the **Pastor's** sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and **Blog** praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

Psalm 100 is probably one of the most well know psalms of thanksgiving in all of Scripture. As we approach Thanksgiving Day this month I want to take a look at 5 thanksgiving commands given to us in this psalm.

The first command God gives us is "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth." It means to "shout with the force of a trumpet blast," a shout to the Lord that comes from the very depths of your being.

Maybe God solved your problem. Maybe He has given you the direction to go. Maybe He has provided a blessing, and you realize that it has come from God. So from the depths of your being you proclaim your praise.

The second command He gives us is "Worship the LORD with gladness." The New American Standard Version tells us "Serve the LORD with gladness." Notice that it doesn't say "serve the church." It doesn't say "serve the preacher or serve the leaders, or serve the organization." It says, "serve the Lord."

The Bible teaches that if we witness on behalf of the Lord, if we feed the hungry, if we clothe the naked, if we do the work of the Lord, whatever it might be, we are serving the Lord. Jesus said, "...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Mt. 25:40

The third command He gives us is "come before him with joyful songs." Another passage tells us, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord." For most of us a noise is all we can muster, but if it is done with a joyful attitude that is all that God asks. Have you noticed in the first 3 commands God has said I want you to be happy? He says "shout with joy," "serve with gladness," and "come with joyful songs." We can see that as we come to God with thanksgiving He wants us to do it with a happy heart.

The fourth command He gives us is "Know that the LORD is God." We need to realize who God really is! So much of this world makes Him out to be just the man upstairs or someone of whom they ask for things when they are in need or want something. We need to realize that God is the creator, the maker of heaven and earth, of this universe, and of you and me. He not only made us, but He made us to be "His people, the sheep of His pasture." We were created by God and we are special to Him. When we come to Him in thanksgiving we need to recognize who He is.

The fifth command He give us is "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." In the Old Testament the people went to the temple to come into the presence of God, they had a specific place to go and they knew they were in His presence. Today however we know it's different. We don't go to the temple. Today we know God to be everywhere, He is with us all the time, everywhere we go, and He sees all that we do. Knowing that gives a little different spin on this verse doesn't it. Since we don't go to a place where God is and He is with us all the time it lets us know that we should have an attitude of praise and thanksgiving all the time, wherever we go.

As we look at the 100<sup>th</sup> Psalm we should realize the goodness of God and all that He has given us. Psalm 103:10 tells us, "he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities." And how thankful we should be that He doesn't! This thanksgiving we certainly have a lot to be thankful for, especially for us here in American. We have more than any other country on the face of this earth. God has truly blessed us with an abundance, let's be sure to never take for granted what God has given us and let's give God thanks with glad and sincere hearts everywhere we go.

Because of Christ, Mark

**National Missionary Convention**  
**Cincinnati, Ohio**      **November 15-18, 2007**

The National Missionary Convention is only a little over a month away. This is always a great convention and is worth the trip. The youth and several adults are going this year, if you would like to go Mark has registration information. The registration fee for a family is only \$20.00 and maybe you can catch a ride with someone and carpool.



## Designated Building Fund Offering Sundays

We are going to have 2 Sundays designated for special building fund offerings again this year. This is in a effort to get our current building paid off.

We will still have our regular general fund offering and any giving for the building fund should be above and beyond any normal giving.

All monies that are given to this special building fund offering will be paid directly to the principle of our current building loan. The 2 Sundays we will be taking this special offering will be the last Sunday of November and the 1st Sunday in December.

## Things to Look For

- Wed. 7th - Children's Christmas program practice begins
- Sat. 10th - 7:30 am Men's Breakfast - Elder's meeting following breakfast
- Wed. 14th - 6:00 pm Church Thanksgiving Dinner  
8:00 pm Council Meeting
- Thur. 15th - Sun. 18th - National Missionary Convention in Cincinnati Ohio
- Thur. 15th - Youth leaving for NMC after school.
- Sun. 18th - Youth returning for NMC late eveing
- Wed. 21st - No Services
- Thur. 22nd & Fri. 23rd - Church office closed for Thanksgiving
- Fri. Dec. 7th - Youth Bowling
- Thur. 29th - 6:00 pm Ladies Meeting



## Thoughts for Veteran's Day

Abraham Lincoln gave his second Inaugural Address on March 4, 1865, as the Civil War was raging. He said, "Fondly do we hope — fervently do we pray — that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away."

Lincoln's next paragraph is especially appropriate for Veterans Day:

"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan — to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations."

When President Lincoln finished his classic oration, he reportedly kissed the Bible and left the platform. He was assassinated the next month.



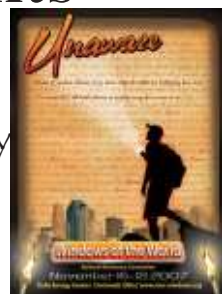
# AFTERSHOCK NEWS

## Up Coming Events



November

15<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> - National Missionary  
Convention



December

7<sup>th</sup> - Cosmic Mini Golf @  
NothPark Mall in Joplin

31<sup>st</sup> - New Years Eve Lock-in

*Check out the new Aftershock Student Ministries web site at  
[www.mtvernoncc.org](http://www.mtvernoncc.org) click on the Youth link!*

This Months Puzzle

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much; he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his johnboat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving; she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam; especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus; there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God Bless.

**ANSWERS FROM LAST MONTH:**

ACTS, AMOS, ESTHER, GENESIS, HEBREWS, HOSEA, JAMES, JOB, JOEL, JOHN, JUDGES, KINGS, LAMENTATIONS, LUKE, MALACHI, MARK, MATTHEW, NUMBERS, PETER, REVELATION, ROMANS, RUTH, SAMUEL, TIMOTHY, TITUS

Check out our web site at  
[www.mtvernoncc.org](http://www.mtvernoncc.org) today!



We now have teachers for the 2 - 4 year olds on Sunday morning with the Junior Church ministry and on Wednesday night J.A.M. ministry. Ideally we would like have enough teachers to rotate on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis. If you would be willing to help with this vital ministry please get with Andrew or talk to Rick or Kima Bekemeier.

## Van Drivers Needed!

Are you willing to help out by driving the church van? If so, we need you. We have a need for someone to pick up and take kids home on Sundays and Wednesdays. If you are willing to help out in this area of ministry please let Mark know, thank you.



## Fall Back

**Daylight Savings Time Ends**

**On Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> @ 2 am so don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> before you go to bed.**

*Join us on  
Wednesday Nov. 14th  
at 6 pm for*



Do you believe that Christians who have died and inherited eternal life can know what's happening on Earth? The following text indicates that these saints can indeed observe earthly events and see how we're living the Christian life.

A New Testament letter contains this passage: "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us" (NRSV).

Which letter from the New Testament contains the passage above?

- A. Romans 11:1
- B. Hebrews 12:1
- C. Ephesians 3:1

**Thank you to everyone who volunteers at MVCC. You are greatly appreciated!**

**GREETERS**  
Derek Stokes

## Serving This Month

**COMMUNION TEAM**  
Team 2

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**  
Cindy Kingsley

### November 4

Donuts & Juice - Michele Vanater  
Opening Prayer - Rick Phillips  
Scripture Reading - Hastie Family  
Communion Meditation - Mike Swortwood  
Closing Prayer - Bill Hendrix  
Nursery -  
Junior Church 4th-6th - Kima Bekemeier  
Junior Church 1st-3rd - Rick Bekemeier  
Junior Church Pre-K & K - Adam & Cassi Boswell  
Toddlers -  
Home Communion - Rick Phillips

### November 18

Donuts & Juice - Ronda Jones  
Opening Prayer - Jaymie Jones  
Scripture Reading - Lee Family  
Communion Meditation - Paul Parrish  
Closing Prayer - Roy Stoll  
Nursery -  
Junior Church 4th-6th - Beth Budd  
Junior Church 1st-3rd - Scott Budd  
Junior Church Pre-K & K - Lynna Rathmann & Anissa Jack  
Toddlers -  
Home Communion - Rick Phillips



### November 11

Donuts & Juice - Terri Stokes  
Opening Prayer - Jared Dyson  
Scripture Reading - Swortwood Family  
Communion Meditation - Wes Dyson  
Closing Prayer - Hal Harris  
Nursery -  
Junior Church 4th-6th - Andrew Hastie  
Junior Church 1st-3rd - Dusty & Amy Eldridge  
Junior Church Pre-K & K - Katie Hastie  
Toddlers -  
Home Communion - Wes Dyson

### November 25

Donuts & Juice - Kristy Moore  
Opening Prayer - Jackie Moore  
Scripture Reading - Bartley Family  
Communion Meditation - Bill Weber  
Closing Prayer - Derek Stokes  
Nursery -  
Junior Church 4th-6th - Mark Lee  
Junior Church 1st-3rd - Jennifer Lee  
Junior Church Pre-K & K - Andrew & Katie Hastie  
Toddlers -  
Home Communion - Bill Weber

## WATCH WHAT YOU READ!

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## Snacks for Tuesday's After-School Program

Nov. 6 - Brenda Dyson  
Nov. 13 - Amy Eldridge  
Nov. 20 - Terri Stokes  
Nov. 27 - Cassi Boswell



## GOD CAN USE ANYBODY




The next time you feel like God can't use you, remember: **Sarah** was too old to have a baby! - **Isaac** was a daydreamer! **Jacob** was a liar! - **Leah** was ugly! - **Joseph** was abused! - **Moses** stuttered! - **Gideon** was a coward! - **Samson** was a womanizer! - **Rahab** was a prostitute! - **Jeremiah** was too young! - **David** was an adulterer! - **Elijah** was suicidal! - **Isiah** preached naked! - **Jonah** ran from God! - **Job** went bankrupt! - **Peter** denied Jesus three times! - The **disciples** fell asleep while praying! - **Martha** was a worrywart! - **Mary Magdalene** was possessed! - **Zaccheus** was too small! - **Paul** was a bigot! - **Timothy** was just a kid! - **Lazarus** was dead!

(via Rev. Felix A. Lorenz, Jr.)

*Thank you to everyone who volunteers to help with our church ministries, we appreciate you very much!*

# November



| Sunday                                                                                                                                                    | Monday                                                                                                                       | Tuesday                                                                                                                             | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Thursday                                                                                                                     | Friday                                                                                                     | Saturday                                                                                                    |
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| <br>Fall Back<br>Daylight Savings Time Ends<br>Grace Groups<br>6:00 pm |                                                                                                                              | 6<br>Jim Bennett                                 | 7<br><br>After School Tutoring<br>3:20 pm<br>Family Meal 5:45 pm<br>J.A.M., After Shock, &<br>Adult Bible Studies 6:30 pm                                                                                                                                     | 8                                                                                                                            | 9                                                                                                          | 10<br>Mark & Maria Engler<br><br>7:30 am<br>Men's Breakfast<br>Elder's Meeting following                    |
| 11<br><br>VETERANS DAY<br>Grace Groups<br>6:00 pm                    | 12                                                                                                                           | 13                                                                                                                                  | 14<br>Joe Stumpff <br><br>Thanksgiving Dinner<br>6:00 pm<br>8:00 pm Council meeting | 15<br><br>National Missionary Convention Cincinnati Ohio<br>15th - 18th<br>Youth leaving for NMC after school                | 16                                                                                                         | 17<br><br>Allen Hudson |
| 18<br>National Missionary Convention<br>Youth returning from NMC<br>Grace Groups<br>6:00 pm                                                               | 19<br>Hilary Vanater <br>Kellen Raymond | 20<br>Ronda Jones <br><br>After-school program | 21<br><br>NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK<br>This week 18th - 25th<br>No Services                                                                                                    | 22<br>Office Closed<br><br>Thanksgiving | 23<br>Office Closed                                                                                        | 24<br>Jerry & Lisa Campbell                                                                                 |
| 25<br>Grace Groups<br>6:00 pm                                                                                                                             | 26<br>Bailey Moore                      | 27<br><br>After-school program                                                                                                      | 28<br><br>After School Tutoring<br>3:20 pm<br>Family Meal 5:45 pm<br>J.A.M., After Shock, &<br>Adult Bible Studies 6:30 pm                                                                                                                                    | 29                                                                                                                           | 30<br>Kaleb Kingsley  |                                                                                                             |