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December 29, 2013

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## The Greatest Threat to the Lord's Church

- ELDERS**  
 Carl Burrus  
 Jesse Byers  
 Bobby Hill  
 Bill Path
- MINISTER**  
 Benjamin Williams
- PRISON MINISTER**  
 Bill Hamrick
- DEACONS**  
 Matt Caldwell,  
**ASSOCIATE MINISTER,**  
**YOUTH & EDUCATION**  
 Robert Hill,  
**WORSHIP**  
 Keith Riggs,  
**OUTREACH**  
 Bruce Rothell,  
**MISSIONS**
- SECRETARY**  
 Karen Brown

“Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent” (Revelation 2:5).

The candlestick had a long Old Testament history. In Hebrew, the word for candlestick is “menorah.” It was originally commissioned by God to be used in the tabernacle (Exodus 25:31a). It was placed on the southern wall of the holy place just outside the veil that separated this area from the holy of holies (Exodus 26:35). The light was to be perpetually lit (Leviticus 24:4). In 606 B.C., the candlestick was carried off into captivity by the Babylonians (Jeremiah 52:19). The next we read of it is from the pen of the priest Zechariah who describes it in a vision (Zechariah 4:1-6). He asks an angel what it means and the angel replies: “This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts” (Zechariah 4:6).

This imagery is drawn upon in the Revelation. “And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the chest with a golden girdle” (Revelation 1:12-13). “The seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches” (Revelation 1:20).

A candlestick is a confluence of several things: the source of light, the flame, and the light itself. Within the symbolism of the candlestick is a confluence of several spiritual things: God’s truth, God’s Spirit, God’s church. All must be present for the candlestick to fulfill its purpose. Neither God’s Spirit nor God’s truth can fail, but the church may, should she stop being the pillar and ground of God’s truth (1 Timothy 3:15). We must take the undesired prospect of the Lord’s removing Ephesus’ candlestick seriously. Just as it was once removed by the forces of Babylon, the removal of the candlestick denotes God’s people’s failure to practice God’s truth, the subsequent apostasy of God’s people, and the consequential removal of God’s Spirit. The Lord cannot abide in fellowship with those who have ceased living by His will. The prospect of a church ceasing to be the Lord’s church is worthy of lamentation; it is, nevertheless, possible. Of the many dangers that threaten the church, the greatest of these dangers comes not from without, but from within; not even from amongst “other” members, but within the individual.

It matters not who I am: member, song leader, preacher, youth worker, deacon, or elder. Truth must be applied to my life first and foremost. When my attitudes or actions become skewed from the Lord’s truth, I am the greatest threat to His church.

by Kevin Cauley

<b>SUNDAY</b>	
Bible Classes for All Ages	9:30 am
Morning Worship Assembly	10:30 am
Evening Worship & Classes	5:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
Bible Classes for All Ages	7:00 pm

## LETTER FROM JACOB

We received a letter from Jacob Littlebear describing his time in boot camp so far. He said he is doing well and was selected by the chaplain to be a prayer leader for his platoon. Every night they are supposed to have a 5 minute devotion time. He has about 20 other young men that he speaks to. He should be home on Feb 2nd. His letter is posted on the bulletin board.

- ◆ If you would like to bring something for a care package for Jacob or Jenna see the sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board.



## LOCK IN 2013

The youth are invited to a 'Lock in' here at the building after midweek services on Tuesday, Dec 31st starting at 8:00 pm and parents can pick up their children at 7:00 am. Below is a list of items to bring. If you have any questions contact Matt Caldwell (email) [mfd38@tds.net](mailto:mfd38@tds.net) or 918-284-0257.

- \* Nerf guns
- \* 2 liter of favorite pop
- \* Favorite snack food
- \* Board games, cards, etc
- \* Coat, hat & gloves (midnight volleyball)
- \* Pillow, blanket or sleeping bag



### We wish you a year full of God's blessings !

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

### Sunday, December 29th

Budget put before congregation and corporate meeting

### Wednesday, January 1st

Wednesday services moved to Tuesday at 7 pm - our young men will conduct our services; Lock-in 8 pm - 7 am

### Wednesday, January 1st

The office will be closed

### Sunday, January 12th

Elder's and Deacon's meeting

### Sunday, January 12th

Chili Cook-off after evening services



## IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Sherri Carr has been moved to The Village at Southern Hills // 5721 S. Lewis // Tulsa, OK 74105. The family has requested no visitors. She can put short sentences together and will continue her therapy soon.
- Kenneth Collins was in ICU this past week - they ruled out a stroke, he had vertigo and will be seeing an eye doctor soon.
- Henry Lack, as he deals with health issues.
- Dolores Scherman has been moved to room 5307 at St Francis. Christie reports that she is still confused / Dementia (especially in the afternoon and evenings) and they are talking about moving her to skilled nursing. Her back does seem to be healing.
- Barbara Vaughan as she struggles with health problems.
- **Our friends and family:** Dan & Edna Jones; Shelia Byers (cancer); Jesse Byers (chemo); Suzanne Stamps; Sue Gilbert (Leasa's mother); Linda Patterson (stroke); Dolores Scherman; Temper & Megan Parker (CMT neuropathy); Karn Madding (cerebral palsy & infection); Jeannene Thomas (cancer); John Griffith; many others.
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear; Josh Triay (Becky's nephew)
- All those traveling.



## DISHES

Are you missing two rubber maid containers with red lids? They are in the refrigerator waiting for their owners.

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

James & Paula Hamilton, Dec 29	Dorothy Ennis, Jan 1	Doyle & Natasha Tuggle, Jan 7
Sandy Rucquoy, Dec 29	Johnny Riggs, Jan 1	Hannah Edwards, Jan 11
Matt & Autumn Caldwell, Dec 31	Taylor Morgan, Jan 2	Randy & Vickie Crawford, Jan 15
Jerrad & Katrina Treat, Dec 31	Geraldine Morgan, Jan 5	Rita Risley, Jan 18
Wes Wadkins, Jr, Jan 1	Shelby Caldwell, Jan 7	Chris & Leasa Mulkey, Jan 18

## FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

The Fellowship Groups have been shuffled around this year. A list was inserted in last weeks bulletin, if you didn't get one extras are on the table and posted on the bulletin board.

## CHILI COOK OFF

We will have a Chili Cook Off Sunday, January 12th after evening services. Group Burrus is responsible for setting up and cleaning up. \*\*\*Check your new Group list to see if you are in this group!\*\*\*

## CLOSED

The church office will be closed Wednesday, January 1st.

## MID-WEEK SERVICE

Our Wednesday evening service has been moved to Tuesday evening and our young men will be conducting the service.

## SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES

This evening during services we will have next years budget brought before the congregation along with electing officers for the coming year.

## ADDRESS FOR JENNA SULLIVAN

Pvt. Sullivan, Jenna J.  
Matsg-21 / ams-2  
211 Farrar Rd  
Pensacola, FL 32508  
She should be at this address for four (4) months or so and can received small packages.

## MEETING

The next Elder's and deacon's meeting will be Sunday January 12th at 3:30.

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## Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes	108
Sunday AM Worship	137
Sunday PM Worship	82
Wednesday Bible Classes	75

## Contribution

Sunday Contribution	\$5,348.50
Budget	\$4,041.00
Over Budget	\$4,748.31
Building Fund	\$213,732.56

## Men To Serve

### Sunday Morning

Song Leader	Bill Path
Opening Prayer	Randy Crawford
Closing Prayer	Jeff Bullinger
Scripture Reading	Steve Wetzel
Lord's Table	Jack Lierly Johnny Riggs Cameron Hill Darrell Burcham

### Ushers

Matt Caldwell  
Chris Patterson

### Greeter

Scott Lack

### Lock Building

Jim Yeager; Bob Simmons

### Sunday Evening

Song Leader	Jerry Buller
Opening Prayer	Jesse Byers
Closing Prayer	Larry Potter
Lord's Table	Jack Lierly Johnny Riggs

### Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer	...
Closing Prayer	
Song Leader	

## Communion Preparation

12/1	Selene Williams
12/8	Lilia Rothell
12/15	Bayla Burrus
12/22	Becky Byers
12/29	Debbie Whitchurch
1/5	Rosalie O'Neal
1/12	Rothell Ladies
1/19	Susan Yeager
1/26	Kay Robinson

## Next Quarterly Ladies Meeting

Sunday, March 9th  
3:30 pm

## EAT THIS BOOK READINGS

12/29	Zech 6-9; Ps 148; Rev 18-19
12/30	Zech 10-14; Ps 149; Rev 20-21
12/31	Mal 1-4; Ps 150; Rev 22

If you are looking for a Bible reading plan for 2014, let us know!



**IN SEARCH**  
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\*These were more noble...they searched the scriptures daily...\*(Acts 17:11)

Sundays at 7:30 a.m. KWHB  
TV47 or Cable Channel 7

### Search Programs:

Dec 29 - Hope  
Jan 5 - Stand Strong  
Jan 12 - Never Alone  
Jan 19 - Keeping My Zeal  
Jan 26 - Glorifying God

## Sunday Morning Sermon

Our Year In The Book  
James 1:23-25

## Sunday Evening Class

Pauline Perspectives: Galatians  
Benjamin J. Williams