

Pastor – Rev. Dr. W. David Thomas
Organist – Mrs. Judy Hunter
Lay Reader – Mr. Bob Morse, Mrs. Virginia Morse

Associate Pastor – Mr. Aaron Goodro
Asst. Music Dir. – Mr. Andrew Gaydos

The Devil Didn't Make Me Do It James 1.13-29

January 15, 2012

PRELUDE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*please stand if able

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE "All Creatures of Our God and King" # 33

*INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER (Debts)

*GLORIA PATRI Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen. Hymn #620

ANTHEM "More Like My Lord"

RESPONSIVE READING Sing Joyful Hymnal # 670

HYMN "Into My Heart" (twice) # 391

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO GIVING

OFFERTORY "I Surrender All"

*DOXOLOGY Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen Hymn #623

*HYMN OF PREPARATION "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" # 462

SCRIPTURE READING James 1: 13-29 page 1881

MESSAGE "The Devil Didn't Make Me Do It"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE "At Calvary" # 313

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever. Grant us peace, perfect peace. Courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever. May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever."

To Re-enter the Meeting House during the worship service, please use the front doors when weather permits.

Introduction:

I. **God is eternally, reliably G_____**

A. God's C_____ is Good

1.

2.

3.

B. God's G_____ are Good

II. **Games P_____ play**

A. The B_____ game

B. S_____ the M_____

C. D_____ is not a river in Egypt

Conclusion:

Questions for reflection or small group discussion

- How do you define good?
- How do you define evil?
- Do infants sin and thereafter sinful? Or, are infants sinful and thereafter sin?
- Why is God not like “shifting shadows”?
- Can you give some examples of how good God’s creation is?
- What do we mean when we say “God is good”?
- Where have you placed blame for the evil in your heart?
- How can you take back personal responsibility in those places?
- How do you react when someone kindly points out your wrong?
- How can we practice accountability among fellow believers?
- Why do you resist accountability?
- Can you list some excuses you have given for your sin?
- When you look in your “mirror”, what sin needs to be acknowledged?
- To whom do we acknowledge our sin?
- What is involved in the acknowledgement of our sin?

“Following Christ’s Call”

Campaign Update!

THANKS TO YOU !

Your generous contributions received to date total \$845,000.

WHAT IS NEXT?

Construction should be completed sometime this Summer. Because many of our 2012 projected campaign contributions will not be received until December 31, 2012, we will need to borrow short term money based on our *PROMISED PLEDGES* to pay for the building. This amount will most likely be \$200,000 to \$250,000.

How can you help us?

If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider a gift now. We would be pleased to provide you with any information you may need to consider this possibility.

For those who have already pledged:

- 1. If your 2012 promised donation will be a single check please let us know about when you will be able to make this contribution.**
- 2. If you have the resources to complete your pledge before 12/31/2012, please let us know the timing of doing so.**
- 3. Should you be unable to complete your promised pledge by 12/31/2012, please let us know, so that we may plan for adjustments.**

Please be assured that all discussions on these matters will be held in our utmost confidence. Your campaign treasurers:

Bill & Mary Lou Birch wbirch@comcast.net 603-580-5406

Run thru Jan 22nd

**First Congregational Church
Kingston, New Hampshire**

Call to the Annual Budget Meeting

The Annual Budget Meeting of the First Congregational Church, Inc. of Kingston, New Hampshire will be held on Sunday, January 22nd at 12:15pm in the Kingston Meetinghouse.

Article I: A discussion and vote upon the budget for Fiscal Year 2012.

Article II: A discussion about maintaining and adding to the memorial plaques in the entryway.

Article III: A discussion and vote upon distributing select funds from low-yield accounts to relevant groups for their use.

Article IV: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Theberge,
Church Clerk