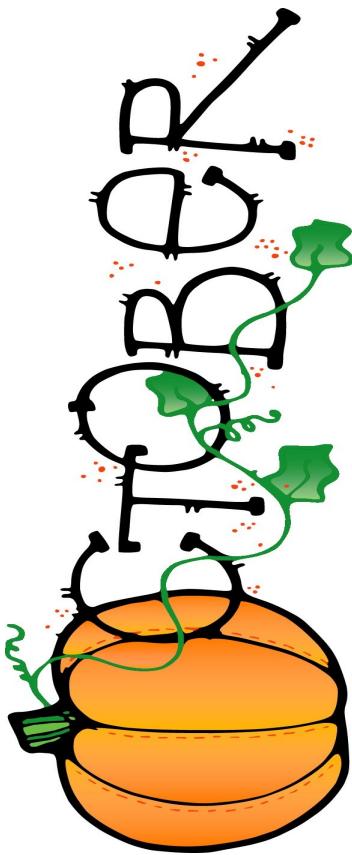




The Marshall Christian

ATTENTION ALL Elders and Deacons:

One person is needed for each Drive Up service for the month of October. Please call the office to let us know if you are interested in serving at the 8:00 or the 10:30 service.



A Message From Our Chairman of the Board...

We welcome in fall and all it's beauty!! With all the issues of COVID-19 it is easy to overlook Gods wonderful creation. Let's take care of each other, and remember the sacrifice God gave for us and that he will protect his creation.

We will continue Board meetings through Zoom meetings. Please join us in the future if you can. Meetings have been going well and it is good to see everyone. If you would like to schedule a Zoom meeting the church has an account. Just contact Hope for more information. Information for our October 14 Board meeting at 6:00 is:
Meeting ID: 707 227 8823
Passcode: 8LH4Rj

Thanks to the Worship Committee for their work on services through these difficult times. Drive up service has been working

well and seems to be something that everyone is comfortable with. These will continue through the month of October and the Worship Committee will be meeting soon to discuss future services which will also be discussed at Board meeting. Plans for the future will be communicated by a letter to all members and posted on the website. If you cannot attend we will be accepting tithes and offerings by mail or through Givelify.

The Search Committee has been working on bringing a new minister to our church family. Thanks again are due to Greg Schultz, Chairman and members Roberta Reed, Kay Wise, Tim Clemons, Hope Richards, Jean Dowell, and Carol Schupp for their work, and the work they have in front of them for the next several months. We have reviewed 12 Ministers Profiles from Paul Koch and the committee has contacted two

we felt were a fit and did a Zoom interview with one. Please pray for them as they work through this process and that God deliver that person to our church.

Letters are being mailed out from the Stewardship Committee for our annual pledge drive. These will also have a pledge card to return. The committee asks that you give consideration to the drive as we plan our budget and our ministry in 2021.

Please take time to call, email, text, or just write a letter to someone in our church family. If you have a need from the church, please let us know and we will do our best to help you. You can contact the church office and talk to Hope or feel free to call me at (660) 202-7442.

Dan Brandt
Board Chairman



October Birthdays and Anniversaries

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|---|---|---|
| 1– Lloyd Bentley
2– Priscilla McReynolds
3– Correy Jackson
4– Jane Coleman
Angela Mills
5– Anna Gass
6– Carrie James
8– Rennie Ballance
Ryan Layton
Don Swigert
9– Torey Spitzig
10– Gaines Branson
Darrel Kueker
Todd Marshall
11– Jeremi Jackson
12– Wilma Amary | 12– Mindy Kissner
13– Dan Bishop
15– Ron Schupp
16– Jack Uhrig
17– Mike James
Matt Kueker
Rob Ravenhill
18– Ron Absher
Makenna Parker
19– Paul Crews
Matt Green
20– Nic Ess
22– Lois Mencl
23– Shane Bishop
Beth Hanes
Natalie Hoffelmeyer | 23– Cathy Swinger
24– Jessica Green
25– Tyler Clemens
Brad Pistel
28– Stephanie Green
Rebecca Perkins
Collin Porter
Donna Smith
29– Melinda Swigert |
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Anniversaries

- 3– Justin & Heidi Joliff
 13– Tim & Jennifer Marquess
 28– Lloyd & Rosie Bentley

The October Board Meeting will be October 14 at 6:00 PM via Zoom. The meeting ID is 807 227 8823. The passcode is 8LH4Rj. Please contact the Church office if you have any questions on how to attend.



It is our turn to serve Meals On Wheels the week of October 12-16. If you are able to help, please contact Ken Bryant, or the Church office.



Welcome Home Alisa and Mona!!

Beginning January 2021, our monthly newsletter will no longer be bulk mailed. However, you can still have it mailed to you. If you would like a copy mailed to you, or emailed to you, please notify the Church office by December 15. The newsletter will be accessible on our website, fccmarshallmo.org, and hard copies will be available in the Church Parlor all month long.



- Oct. 4–Willie Harlow
 Oct. 11–Rev. Randal DeMasters
 Oct. 18–Rev. Randal DeMasters
 Oct. 25–Rev. Randal DeMasters

Judas Ate Too...

Judas ate too. I saw these three words when I was browsing the internet. What I was looking for, I can't even remember. But I will never forget how it made me feel when I came across this short little saying that made me stop what I was doing.

It was a tattoo on a girls wrist. Nothing fancy or special, just three words, followed by ..., in a very simple font. What was she saying? What did this mean to her? Better yet, what did this mean to me? I mean, it was simply put. Jesus fed Judas. Although I already had that knowledge, I really never let it sink in what that meant, until I saw those three little words. Judas. Ate. Too.

I immediately begin thinking about all the pain that Jesus knew he was about to endure. How he knew betrayal was moments away. Yet, he loved through the hurt and sorrow. Wow! Who does that? I mean, I am sure SOME people are that gracious and kind...but reflecting on what it would take to give that kind of unselfish love...I thought I might be failing the test! So I took a really long look at who I am. I'd make a list for you, but the space on this paper is too short! Let's just say...I should work on some things.

Now don't get me wrong, I have tried my hardest in life to be kind to people, to help when I can...but I am certainly no Jesus!! Far from it.

The longer I stared at this tattoo on a girls arm, the more I realized how little I have done. How little I have tried. How little I have forgiven. I have been in situations before where someone has hurt me. I have been in situations before where someone has lied to me, or about me. Trust me, the last thing on my mind was inviting them to my table, and giving them food! Instead of sitting down and breaking bread with them, I let the frustration and anger fester inside of me. I let it destroy friendships, block new friendships, or distance my feelings towards that person and leave a scar that would never allow our relationship to be the same. By not allowing myself to be able to fully forgive, it was ultimately ME who lost. Even...if I felt like I was the one wronged.

Maybe that's what Jesus knew. Maybe that was one of the things that He understood. Not forgiving someone was really only hurting yourself. No matter the reasons we may have to be angry, loving someone through those times, those dark and painful moments, are what makes the deeper connec-

tions...the deeper love.

Jesus loved everyone. He didn't gauge His feelings of love based on what He was receiving in return. He threw it all out there, not caring what was given back. Jesus showed how to give love, how to strengthen love and how to always love. And He asked for nothing in return. Well, maybe one thing. He asked us to simply, " Love one another , as I have loved you". I hang my head in shame that I have not lived up to this commandment. But I promise Jesus...I'm working on it!

Jesus could have made Judas leave. He could have called him out. He could have refused to talk with him, pray with him. He could have turned the other disciples against Judas. But He didn't. Instead, Jesus kept loving him. He spoke with him, and told him, "What you are about to do, do quickly".

Jesus gathered with His disciples that night, Judas among them. You see that night, Jesus surrounded himself with those He loved, to feed them and eat with them one last time. And Judas? Judas ate too.

Learning and Leaning,
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