

The Marshall Christian

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May 2019

Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

May 5th & 12th

Elders:

Ken Bryant
Virginia Bryant

Deacons:

Ed Baker
Mona Baker
Vince Buck
Tyler Clemens
Alisa Smith

May 19th & 26th

Elders:

Zach Crews
Buddy Hannaford

Deacons:

Gary Dowell
Kevin Dryer
Jacque Dryer
Shirley Schultz
Melissa Shannon

Outside Communion:

May 12th

Jean Dowell
Roberta Reed

May 26th

Gwen Clemens
Wayne McReynolds

May Children's' Sermon:

5th- Loy Hoskins
12th- Kris Milliron
19th- Julie Hoffelmeyer
26th- Kay Wise

May Children's Church

5th- Tiffany Thornton
12th- Virginia Bryant
19th- Amber VanDyke
26th- Makenzie Thomason

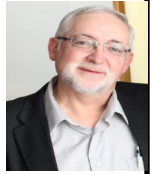
"Easter Continues"

The weeks leading up to Easter are a busy time in the church, maybe the busiest time of the year. There are special services to prepare for such as the Community Holy Week service and our Maundy Thursday service. This year we had five weeks of Baptism Classes. Extra preparation is needed to hang different worship banners as well as to prepare the lilies that are brought in, the Sunrise Service, the Easter breakfast, the baptisms including filling out information on certificates and Bibles, the special music, etc. Bulletins are needed for each of the special services. Then Easter day arrives. I was at the church by 5:00 on Easter morning to make the final arrangements for the Sunrise Service, the 8:00 chapel service, the baptisms, and the 10:45 service.

The next few days were also connected to Easter Sunday as the baptismal robes had to be washed and dried, the baptismal drained and cleaned, the items from the special services stored away, and letters were written to eight visiting families on Easter. All of the extra work required is welcomed in order to celebrate such a glorious day with the church family. Thank you to all who helped with the special services in so many ways.

But Easter is not really over. Easter Day, Resurrection Day, may only be listed as one day in our calendars, but in the liturgical church calendar the season of Easter lasts 50 days and ends with Pentecost, this year on June 9. The

season of Easter reminds us of the lasting effect of Resurrection Day. For Christians, each day we are given is a day to celebrate the promise of our own coming resurrections. Each Sunday, every Lord's Day throughout the year, is a reminder of Easter and a day to praise God and give thanks for resurrection.



Each year, Easter is followed by so many signs of resurrection and new life as trees put on their spring and summer coats of leaves, flowers bloom, birds and animals give birth to young, and the longer days and increased rise in temperatures signal that the long winter is gone. Each of these signs should continue to remind us of new life, new beginnings, of God's ongoing, continuing creation of the world, and our new opportunities to be part of it.

So, yes, store away the Easter baskets and the colorful, plastic 'grass' along with the plastic Easter eggs, but hold on to that promise of Easter...because there is more of that promise to come.

In God's Grip, Loy

Drive-Up Worship Services

Our summer Drive-Up Worship Service in the parking lot at 8:00 a.m. will begin May 5. We still need volunteers to sign up to greet and serve each Sunday through September 15. We also need you to help spread the word about this service to those who may not have heard about it before.



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May Anniversaries & Birthdays

BIRTHDAYS

- 4– Marlene Van Horn
- 5– Jim Kissner
- 8– Ginger McGraw
 Aaron Wright
- 9– Lin Alexander
- 10– Lori Blalock
 Janice Kueker
 Lisa Merchant
- 11– Betty Elsea
- 12– Alan Branson
- 13– Ruth Marsh
 Rebecca Shrader
- 14– Ed Baker
 Danny Hoffelmeyer
- 17– Vince Lutterbie
- 18– Steve Estill
 Ginny Farr
- 19– Blaine Thornton
- 20– Scott Arnett
- 21– Jason Dehn
 Jane Hartley
- 22– Debbie Arnett
- 25– Edie Utlaut
- 27– Blane Dryer
- 28– Mia Shannon

31– Dane Branson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11– Jim & Lisa Merchant
- 16– Brad & Hope Richards
- 31– Mike & Ramona Green

Celebrating
Graduates and
Moms on
May 12



As we prepare for our Graduate Recognition Sunday on May 12, we are seeking names of graduates connected with the church – high school, junior college, college or university, etc. We have ten graduates that are active in church or our youth group this year. May 12 will also be Mother’s Day and we will share our gratitude for mothers with a small gift given to each one.



This year’s Baccalaureate Service for Mar-

shall High School seniors will be held at First Baptist Church at 4:00 on May 12. The short worship service will be followed by a reception at the church allowing everyone to personally greet the graduates.

Amanda McCord wishes to thank everyone for their concerns, call, and cards over the last several months. Recent decisions have been made not to have surgery, but instead to treat with new medications, which seem to be working well. She was able to attend church on Easter Sunday with no problems and was able to see her great-grandson, Liam, baptized.



Fellowship Committee...will be hosting a Taco Salad dinner on May 5th. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

As much as I love snow, I am so thankful to see budding trees, blooming flowers and green grass!! I’m even looking forward to cranking up the lawnmower, as it’s my ‘quiet’ time to unplug from my devices.

April comes with so many activities and events for the youth. Twenty-three of us spent the first weekend in Branson, attending Young Christian’s Weekend at Silver Dollar City. This is an annual tradition that the kids look forward to, where thousands of youth and youth groups descent upon the park for fun, rides and junk food, as well as workshops, concerts and worship services led by renowned Christian artists and leaders. My personal highlight each year is our evening devotion time, where everyone shares ‘where they saw God today’. Rarely is the God sighting in a worship service, workshop, or in an adult. Young people see God in the ordinary that we adults overlook....a friendly gesture from a stranger, an adult comforting a lost boy, strangers crowding together for a fun selfie, even meeting a new friend on the roller coaster. Much can be learned through the eyes of a child.

I attended my final CRY Cabinet meeting with young leaders from across the Mid-America Region, including Marshall. After much prayer and discernment during the past year, I felt it was time to step down, to allow me to spend more time with my father and re-evaluate where I can best serve. I cherish each of the last 10 years spent at the CRY Festival and at the Cabinet meetings; the hundreds of adults and youth I’ve met continue to be my dearest friends. In addition, I owe immense gratitude to the Mid-America Region, the Regional Team Members, to countless pastors and adult sponsors, and to all the youth who have walked alongside me, led me, and carried me throughout this journey.

Grateful, Kris Milliron



As some of you know, I own a local dance studio that teaches children of all ages. Some time ago, I received a phone call from a man asking if we taught adults. I said yes, and he went on to ask me if he could take ballet. I asked his age-35. Had he ever taken dance before-no. After a few minutes on the phone with him, I asked him if this was a prank. By the tone of his reply I knew it was not. He said, "I figured this would be the reaction. I have tried everywhere, and everyone reacts the same. I live in Warrensburg and have called every studio between here and Marshall." I told him if he was truly interested to come in and we would do a private class after our regular classes ended. Now understand, I really thought this was still a prank. After all, how many would want to BEGIN learning dance at such an older age, and especially the disciplined type of dance that ballet is? Imagine my surprise when this man showed up for his lesson that following Wednesday night. He was timid, and you could tell uneasy. He waited until the last student had left, and then went to the bathroom to change. When he came out a few minutes later I had to look away so that I would not laugh. This grown man had on a leotard, pink ballet tights, and girl ballet shoes! My daughter, who looked at him a little strange but took him out to the dance floor, treated him like she would any other student. I heard them going over terms, different moves, and watched as he tried desperately to mimic what she did. I only stayed on the floor for a few minutes, choosing to give him privacy with his teacher. When his time ended, he made his way into my office. He sat in a chair, facing me, and told me how excited he was to finally dance. When he was growing up his father had left the family. Being raised by only his mother, he was not afforded the things in life that some children get. One of his dreams was to dance. Recently, he said, he had some disturbing news about his health. Knowing that things could either get better or take a turn for the worse, he sought out to do things he had never been able to do before. This...was one of them. He was worried about what to wear, so he asked a worker at Wal-Mart what someone would wear to a ballet class. Ahhh...that explained the attire! I cried that night, realizing I had prejudged someone. Here was a man, wanting to live out a dream. I almost made a wrong decision the night I received a call from him- I almost let a human being slip through the cracks. Instead, I was given a chance to help make his life a little better. I sometimes feel like I was given a small test by God...and I passed. I'll never forget the man who took the time to follow his dreams. And to be honest, he got pretty darn good! Sometimes, we have no clue what another person is going through in their life. Whether it be a failed dream, a sickness, family problems, or financial burdens, there are things that effect all of our lives. My hope is that instead of judging others so quickly, we try some understanding, some compassion, and love.

Learning and Leaning, Hope

Youth News...

- Wed. 5/1 Elementary youth,
5-6:30pm @ FCC
Jr. high youth, 7-8:30pm @ FCC
- Sun. 5/5 Mission trip meeting for
parents and attendees,
1:00pm @ FCC
Sr. high youth, 7-8:30pm
@ Covenant
- Wed. 5/8 Elementary youth, 5-6:30pm
Jr. high youth, 7-8:30pm
@ FCC
- Sun. 5/12 Graduate Recognition
Sunday, 10:45am @ FCC,
followed by reception
MHS Baccalaureate,
4:00pm @ First Baptist
Sr. high youth, 7-8:30pm
@ Covenant – last meeting
- Wed. 5/15 Elementary youth,
5-6:30pm @ FCC
Jr. high youth, 7-8:30pm
@ FCC– last meetings
- Sun. 5/19 MHS Graduation, 2:00pm
- Tues., 5/21 Youth Comm. meeting, 7pm
- Wed. 5/22 Jr. high youth, 6-7:30pm @
FCC – COLOR WARS
ON SOUTH LAWN
- Sun. 5/26 Depart for St. Louis
Mission Trip



Contact Kris Milliron regarding summer ministry opportunities for children of all ages. Registration fees are deeply discounted, and transportation is provided.

Upcoming Sermons

April 28	"Trust in the Lord" @ 8:00 Youth Sunday @ 10:45	Psalm 71:1-6
May 5	"The Doubt of Thomas Forsakes His Friends" (<i>First Outdoor Service</i>)	John 20:19-31
May 12	"No Day But Today" (<i>Mother's Day & Graduate Recognition Sunday</i>)	John 9:5
May 19	"Live the Story"	Revelation 21:1-6
May 26	"Why We Remember" (<i>Memorial Day Weekend</i>)	1 Corinthians 11:23-34

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