

The Marshall Christian

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February 2015

Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

February 1 & 8

Elders:

Roy Hinton
Greg Schultz

Deacons :

Jessica Parker
Roberta Reed
Jill Buck
Vince Buck
Annette Miles

February 15 & 22

Elders:

Loretta Green
Luane Miller

Deacons:

Carolyn Buck
Amanda McCord
Brenda Coffman
Jessica Parker
Ken Bryant

Outside Communion:

February 8

Madelyn Cox
Kris Milliron

February 22

Ken Bryant
Marshall Krause



“Looking Ahead to the New Year”

In lieu of my article, this month I offer you the following letter from Ron Degges, the president of Disciple Home Missions:

Today we begin a whole new year. Hopefully, the New Year will be filled with possibility and peace for all of our congregations and leaders in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These are what I call the 'Two P's of Our Faith.'

Possibility is the gift of looking forward to what is possible and not looking backward with regret. There are two kinds of people in this world: those that look ahead and have everything to gain and those who look behind and have nothing to lose. Granted, if you take the safe way you will take the way of looking backwards. You will recount those stories of old. You will have a bag full of memories. You will be able to rest on the laurels of past accomplishments.

However, if you choose to look ahead you will be taking a risk. Sometimes you will fall smack on your face. You may get a little bruised and wounded along the way. You will probably even wonder if all the struggling you have to do is worth it. In the process, you will be creating a new future for you and your congregations. Edwin Louis Cole writes: "Don't let someone else create your world for you. For when they do, they will always make it too small. God is a big God and has big plans for you."

I agree wholeheartedly and hope that you will choose to live in the realm of possibility!

Peace is the second 'P' of our faith. It has remained rather illusory throughout human history. For some reason we would rather fight than be at peace with one another. Why we have all this aggressive behavior pent up within us is a puzzle to me. But we do, and it has been the cause of all manner of wars and oppression. Everything we dislike - slavery, sexism, racism, violence, hatred - you name it, have their rootage in the absence of peace.

Peace is what we need if we would be able to maximize our possibilities. It is what Christ came to bring. It is what the church is called to spread. It is what will turn this world around. I hope that all who call themselves Disciples will join me and Disciples Home Missions in being ambassadors of possibility and peace here at the close of one year and the beginning of the new.

*Two 'P'-ly yours,
Ron Degges*



The new website for our Church is now up and running. Changes are still being made, and pages added, but please feel free to go browse the new site and give us some input!

[Www.fccmarshallmo.org](http://www.fccmarshallmo.org)

February Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 3- Greg Schultz
Shirley Schultz
- 4- Sidney Ehrhardt
- 7- Dorothy LaRue
- 8- Chloe Venable
- 10- Jarid Wise
- 11- Barb Utlaut
- 12- Tim Boedeker
Taylor Pistel
Bill Rutledge
- 14- Bailey Ann Merchant
Michelle Porter
Taylor Scarff
- 15- Trish Fletcher
Bennett Kueker
- 16- Jordan Bishop
Mona Baker

- 18- Mary Anderson
Nellie Estill
- 19- Marge Fletcher
Grace Miles
- 21- Sue Bailey
Roger Payne
- 22- Alexander VanDyke
- 23- Laura Clemens
Maggie Hoffelmeyer
Jillian Pointer
Melissa Shannon
- 25- Garrett Green
- 26- Kirby Rugen
- 27- Zach Crews
- 28- Eric Arnett
Loretta Green



Anniversaries

- 3- Roland & Marilyn Wood
- 14- Luane & Cindy Miller

Mens' Meeting



FCC Men's group will meet on February 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Church. All men are invited to attend.

Fellowship Dinner...

Will be held on February 22nd after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Lasagna will be served! If attending, please bring a dessert or side dish.



Baptism Class/Commissioning Course



Classes will soon be held for anyone interested in joining the church or being baptized to learn about the process and what it all means. Class meetings will be in the Youth Room on Wednesday afternoons, 3:30-5:00, February 11 and 25 and March 4, 11, and 18. While designed for 3rd-6th graders, the classes are open to all. Contact the office to let us know if you are interested in attending or Pastor Loy if you have any questions.

Ash Wednesday Service on February 18

An Ash Wednesday service will be held on March 5 at 6:30 p.m. to help us welcome the Lenten season. This service will be designed to help prepare us for the journey through Lent though the sharing of scripture, songs, prayer, and the imposition of ashes. It will be held in the chapel.



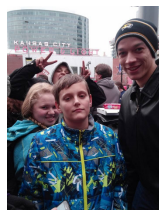
Inclement Weather Policy

We will again be using the call messaging system if there is a need to cancel worship services or other events or gatherings due to bad weather or dangerous road conditions. We will also be once again putting messages out through KMMO radio, 102.9 FM.



Youth News

- 1- Kansas Maid Fundraiser begins
- 4- Kansas Maid Fundraiser begins
- 20- CRY Cabinet Columbia, MO
- 22- Kansas Maid orders and money due
- 25- Kansas Maid orders and money due



Youth at Winter Jam in KC

Youth Group Times

- Elementary: Wednesday 5-6:30pm
- Jr. High: Wednesday 7-8:30pm
- Sr. High: Sunday 7-8:30pm

Just Be You!



By the time you receive this newsletter there is no doubt in my mind that most

People, besides myself, will have removed all of the signs of the Christmas season; trees will be taken down, lights will be unplugged, and all signs of holiday cheer will be removed from the store windows. I must admit, when these things happen I get a little sentimental. You see, I miss those bright shiny lights, that pine-smelling tree that adorns the family room, and the Christmas music we hear as we shop for the best bargains. Thinking about Christmas, I began wondering why we limit ourselves to only a few weeks of what we enjoy? I mean really, would anyone find me nuts if I decided to leave my Christmas decorations up all year? And what if I played Christmas music on my CD player? Would it really be considered that strange? OK, okmaybe

it would. The thing is...life is short! We spend so much of our time just trying to get by, that life...is getting by! Of course the Christmas season is to remind us of the love and sacrifice that God has for us, and that Jesus was born, and died, for our sins. But this year, it made me stop and look at my life from a different angle. Why was I spending so much time doing things that quite frankly means very little in the grand scheme of things? If I learned nothing else from this past year, I have learned that the things that are important in life need to be taken care of, preserved, and cherished. I also realize that the things that seemed important in the past are now not the things I want to focus on. For me, my efforts for a bright new year are going to be with spending time with my family doing the things we like. I want to go to the movies, have dinner, watch TV together, and most importantly...laugh. In years to come I will not look back on my life and cherish the mo-

ments of school, work, and ummm...more work. What I **WILL** think about are the times that I shared with the people I love. Whether those times come in small fragments such as dinner or a light conversation, or a week of fun on the beach, I am going to take it all in- absorb every sight and sound around me- because I know one day these things too shall pass, and all I will have are memories. God did not promise us tomorrow, but He did promise us today. Let every moment you have, right now, count. Hug your child too hard, say "I love you" too often, and laugh so much it is annoying! Step outside, take a deep breath, let it out and look around. Wow...God made a beautiful day! After all that work He has put into creating it for us, don't you think He would appreciate us taking full advantage of it?

Learning and Leaning,

Hope

Upcoming Sermons

Feb. 1	"Fear, Shock, and Awe of the Lord" <i>(Scout Sunday with cake auction)</i>	Psalm 111
Feb. 8	"Today's Feature Attraction: God's Loving Touch" <i>(St. Valentine's Day Weekend)</i>	Mark 1 29-39
Feb. 15	"The Transforming Power of the Light of God" <i>(Transfiguration Sunday)</i>	Mark 9:2-9
Feb. 22	"The Lenten Journey Begins by Learning to Trust God" <i>(First Sunday of Lent)</i>	Psalm 25:1-10

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Return Service Requested

February

Just a thought...

Don't judge someone
just because they sin
differently than you!

We're on the Web!
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Church Staff

Senior Minister– Rev. Dr. Loy Hoskins

Music Director– Hope Miller

Youth Director– Kris Milliron

Custodians– Ron & Carol Schupp,

Larry Smith

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Secretary– Hope Miller

Pianists– Donna Smith, Kay Wise,

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