

# The Marshall Christian

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October 2018

## Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

### October 7th & 14th

Elders:

Mark Harvey  
Greg Schultz

Deacons:

Carolyn Buck  
John McGraw  
Ginger McGraw  
Shirley Schultz  
Amber VanDyke

### October 21st & 28th

Elders:

Kathryn Jones  
Tiffany Thornton

Deacons:

Butch Ash  
Kevin Dryer  
Jacque Dryer  
Doug Harvey  
Ron Schupp

### Outside Communion:

### October 14th

Mark Harvey  
Greg Schultz

### October 28th

Jean Dowell  
Roberta Reed

### October Worship Leaders:

Oct. 7- Mark Harvey  
Oct. 14- Gwen Clemens  
Oct. 21- Tiffany Thornton  
Oct. 28- Paul Crews

### October Children's Church:

Oct. 7- Virginia Bryant  
Oct. 14- Grace and Adrienne  
Oct. 21- Amber VanDyke  
Oct. 28- Makenzie Thomason

## “Time to get Busy “

In the movie ‘*Shawshank Redemption*’, there is a scene where Andy and Red are talking in the prison yard during a very depressing time for Andy. The ever wise and philosophical Andy Dufresne says to his friend, “I guess it all comes down to a simple choice: get busy living or get busy dying.” You’ve probably noticed recently what I began seeing three years ago. Our congregation is dying. Since 2014 our average worship attendance on Sunday mornings has dropped from 119 to our average of 90 so far this year. While costs for utilities and other needs have gone up, our giving has gone down. Even though the regional average attendance for Disciple congregations is 48 and the national average is 46, are we willing to accept that as our fate and get busy dying, or are we willing to make some changes and get busy living?

I think it’s time to get busy living – living as a faithful congregation following God’s leading, being welcoming to strangers, open to new ideas, and serving in God’s name. This will require some changes in our worship, in our view of what it means to be a church today, in the way we commit to being a church more than just on Sunday mornings, and much more. Change is almost never easy. On some level, change always causes conflict and growing pains. The caterpillar understands the necessity for the change and the pain it must endure when it creates its cocoon in order to become a butterfly.

People are not looking for the same things in churches that were offered in the 70’s and 80’s, just as anyone building a new house today would not include shag carpet, wood paneling,

wall paper, or popcorn ceilings. New church buildings being built today have worship spaces that look nothing like our sanctuary. The days of people looking for membership-driven churches (churches with many programs designed to serve the church members) are gone. Those seeking out churches to connect with today are looking for discipleship-driven churches. These are churches striving to follow Jesus’ commands in very real ways. Love God. Love others. Offer food and drink and clothing and shelter and respect and dignity and whatever else is needed to the least and to all of Christ’s brothers and sisters.

You have recently received a letter, originating from the Worship Committee, about plans to combine our two worship services and make some changes. Consider this the first step as we get busy living. It is my prayer that each and every one of you will be an active part of this process of transforming into a new creation in Christ. Join us in the fellowship hall at 6:00 on October 7 as we discuss different options in our worship service. Then be prepared in future meetings to bring your other ideas about how we can revive, renew, and revitalize the ways we are church in an attempt to resuscitate our church.

*In God's Grip,*

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### **End of Daylight Saving Time**

Remember to set your clocks **BACK** one hour before worship services on Sunday, November 4 as Daylight Saving Time will come to an end. This means that everyone will get an extra hour of sleep on Saturday night so we can all arrive at church the next morning wide awake!



## October Anniversaries & Birthdays

### Birthdays

- 1– Lloyd Bentley
- 2– Priscilla McReynolds
- 3– Correy Jackson
- 5– Anna Gass
- 8– Rennie Balance  
Ryan Layton  
Pete Moles
- 9– Torey Spitzig
- 10– Gaines Branson  
Darrell Kueker
- 11– Kevin Halsey
- 12– Wilma Amary  
Mindy Kissner
- 13– Dan Bishop
- 15– Ron Schupp
- 16– Jack Uhrig
- 17– JW Clemens  
Rhonda Hoskins  
Matt Kueker  
Rob Ravenhill
- 18– Ron Absher

- 18– Makenna Parker
- 19– Paul Crews  
Matthew Green
- 22– Lois Mencl
- 23– Shane Bishop  
Beth Hanes  
Natalie Hoffelmeyer  
Cathy Swinger
- 24– Jessica Green
- 25– Tyler Clemens  
Brad Pistel
- 28– Stephanie Green  
Rebecca Perkins  
Collin Porter  
Donna Smith
- 30– Gwen Merchant



### Anniversaries

- 3– Justin & Heidi Joliff
- 4– Harold & Virginia Heymeyer
- 13– Tim & Jennifer Marquess
- 24– Kevin & Megan Halsey
- 28– Lloyd & Rosie Bentley

## S.O.S. Sunday

We're a month away from November 4, the day we will take part in a special Sunday service. It will begin with a combined, short worship service for everyone at 9:00 a.m., then we will go out into the community to provide services to various individuals and organizations. Following that, we'll meet back at the church for a light fellowship meal. We are requesting volunteers (sign-up sheet in the parlor) and what services can be offered as well as helping us identify those whom we can help or offer assistance.



## S.O.S. Food Prep Day

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 13 at 9:00 a.m.. Tiffany Thornton will again lead a cooking crew to make frozen meals that will be delivered on SOS Sunday. A crew can make dozens of meals in just a few hours under Tiffany's skilled coaching, and it's fun! Please consider joining us in this important act of love and concern for our neighbors.

## All Saints Day Recognition

*On Sunday, October 28, we will celebrate All Saints Day in our worship services. During the worship we will be recognizing loved ones that have passed away since this time last year. As individual names are called, the families will be invited to stand, a candle will be lit, and the bells will toll in honor of them. We will be remembering all members of the church and immediate family of church members that have notified us.*

### Time For Some Fun!



Join us for the Fall Festival in the fellowship hall, on October 28, 5:00 – 7:00 pm for food, folks, and fun! There will be plenty of carnival style games to be played, prizes to be awarded, chili, hotdogs, pies, and other foods. This year Covenant Presbyterian Church will be joining us with a pumpkin carving activity. Wear your costume or just come as you are, but come! Take a flyer home with you to share as you invite your friends. We're asking each committee and fellowship group to oversee a game or food booth. Contact the church office with your choices. If you need to order any items from Oriental Trading (prizes or carnival type games), turn your order in to the office by October 11<sup>th</sup> so that we can place one order.



The fellowship committee will host a dinner on October 21st. It will be casserole Sunday, such as chicken and noodles, pasta casserole, chicken and rice, and many more. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

## Worship Planning Meeting

Everyone is invited to join us in the fellowship hall on October 7 at 6:00 p.m. as we make plans to envision how a combined worship service on Sunday mornings will be. Bring your ideas and open minds. The Worship Committee will furnish snacks.

## Special Offering this Month

It is the vision of Reconciliation Ministry to build just communities by breaking down the walls within our church which separate us. We envision a Church in which all communities are accountable to one another and God. The goal of the Reconciliation Ministry Offering is to foster life-giving community within our church and in relationship with the whole family of God. This offering will be collected on October 14 and 21.



**Lillie Bates...** Started their new year on September 19. The group is looking forward to working together on projects this next year. The group helped with preparing Hygiene Kits for the "Festival of Sharing" in the community. The next meeting will be in October, with the place to be announced later. **Roberta Reed**

### Pumpkins needed!!

We are adding pumpkin carving to our annual Fall Festival this year. We are in need of pumpkins for the children to carve. If anyone has a garden, pumpkin patch, or knows of someone who does, please contact Kris Milliron. Thank you

## Youth Calendar of Events

**Wed, Oct. 3** Elem youth group  
5-6:30 @ FCC  
Jr. high youth group,  
7-8:30 @ FCC (Noodleball)

**Thur, Oct. 4** 'This is Life'  
Bible Study & Fellowship  
(youth & adults), 6:30-8pm @ FCC

**Fri.-Sun Oct. 5-7** Racial Justice Summit  
& CRY Cabinet meeting,  
WGCC in St. Louis

**Sun, Oct. 7** Sr. high youth group  
7-8:30pm @ Covenant

**Wed, Oct. 10** Elem. youth group  
5-6:30 @ FCC  
Jr. high youth group,  
7-8:30 @ FCC

**Thur, Oct. 11** 'This is Life'  
Bible Study & Fellowship  
(youth & adults), 6:30-8pm @ FCC

**Sun, Oct. 14** Sr. high youth group  
7-8:30pm @ Covenant

**Wed, Oct. 17** Elem. youth group  
5-6:30 @ FCC  
Jr. high youth group  
7-8:30 @ FCC

**Thur, Oct. 18** 'This is Life'  
Bible Study & Fellowship  
(youth & adults), 6:30-8pm @ FCC

**Sun, Oct. 21** Sr. high youth group  
7-8:30pm @ Covenant

**Wed, Oct. 24** Elem youth group  
5-6:30 @ FCC  
**(Trick or Treat for Food Pantry)**  
Jr. high youth group  
7-8:30 @ FCC

**(Trick or Treat for Food Pantry)**  
**Thurs, Oct. 25** Trick or Treat on Square  
**Thurs, Oct. 25** 'This is Life'  
Bible Study & Fellowship  
(youth & adults), 6:30-8pm @ FCC

**Sun, Oct. 28** Fall Festival, 5-7pm FCC

**Sun, Oct. 28** Sr. high youth  
7-8:30pm @ Covenant  
**(Trick or Treat for Food Pantry)**

## Faith in Film Sermons and Movie Nights!

On October 14 and 28 as well as November 11 the sermons will be built upon clips from movies. We will have movie nights in the parlor at 5:00 p.m. prior to these days, to watch these movies. Bring your own snacks to add to the popcorn that will be provided. Here's the line-up for this year:

Sat., October 13	"All Saints"	2017	rated PG 108 minutes
Sun., October 21	"I Can Only Imagine"		rated PG 110 minutes
Sun., November 4	"Bridge of Spies"		rated PG-13 142 minutes

**It's Time...** To start thinking about the FCC chili supper and silent auction. Please let Ginger McGraw know of items you will be donating to the silent auction as soon as possible. The chili supper and silent auction will be on Friday, December 7th. Set up will be on Wednesday, December 5th. Our efforts help so many people in our community! Please plan to be a part of this annual event and watch for sign-up posters in the parlor.



**Single Ladies Group** To kick off another good year of fellowship and caring for each other, the first meeting will be October 4th at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish of your choice to share. Those attending this past year enjoyed eating out, learning about each other's families, what they enjoy doing, and at times lifting each other up during adversity. Our Lord God is our anchor. Please come join in this great fellowship.

Roberta Reed

## Upcoming Sermons

Sept. 30	"God at Work in Our Everyday Lives"	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
October 7	"Communion Matters" (World Communion Sunday)	Exodus 16:13-18
<b>October 14</b>	"Taking Off the Masks" (Reconciliation Sunday) (Faith in Film)	2 Corinthians 5: 16-19
October 21	"Like a Child..." (Laughter Sunday)	2 Corinthians 13:9-12
October 28	"Can You Imagine?" (All Saints Sunday) (Faith-in-Film)	Revelation 3:20-21
November 4	"Just Do It" (S.O.S. Sunday) <b>one service at 9:00</b>	James 1:22-25

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## Thought for the Month:

*Empty pew seats are  
empty brothers and sis-  
ters.*

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### Church Staff

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Youth Director– Kris Milliron

Custodians– Ron & Carol Schupp,

Larry Smith

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Office Admin.– Hope Richards

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Judy Morris