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The Marshall Christian

A Word from Reverend Randal...

Service Time
10:00
Indoor Service
Beginning Sept 10th

General Board meeting will be September 13th at 6:00 pm



Do you know it is hot outside? How hot is it? It is so hot.... Fill In your own answer. I know we have all heard all the tropes. It is very likely that we have heard them over and over and over and over and over (ad nausea). We all know how hot it is. All that it takes to feel the heat is venture away from the air conditioning. There is no need to elaborate any further.

Well, I am trying to break this pattern. I am trying not only to refrain from using the same old tropes and jokes and even the wise sayings. I am trying to turn it around. In this case to turn it around would not so much be to not dwell on the heat that we feel when we leave our air conditioners. But, trying to get to the feelings of those that do not have such a luxury.

For us to get in touch with those feelings, we will need to imagine the feelings of helplessness. The, "I cannot control the weather and I only have a fan that blows the hot air around" feelings. We should imagine the feel-

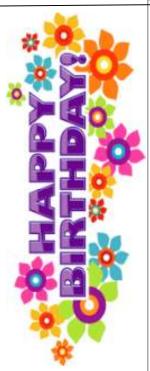
ings of fear. These might include the fear for self. These fears might be stated as "this may be the end of me" feelings. Maybe the fear includes the fear of others. This causes some to keep the windows and doors closed. There is always the fear that I will not have enough money to pay the bill. The bill may be huge and I might not be able to pay. Then my utilities will be shut off and cost more money. The fear may worry about family. The worry about the baby cool enough or my mother (bless her) not turning the fan on and will get too hot and maybe die of the heat.

Consider first how blest we are. Next consider the lives of those not so fortunate. Last of all, consider what we might do to check on and help others in whatever way that we can.

Boy, it sure is hot! Blessings,

Rev. Randal

September Birthdays and Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS

- 3- Dexter Shannon
- 4– Linda Alspach Micki Uhrig
- 5– Natasha Arnett Sue Ann Crawford Leanne Dehn Ethan Schupp Trafton Shannon
- 6– Jacob Kissner
- 7– Donna Bailey Jo Nell Fizer Jamie Behrernds
- 8– Brandon Blalock Nancy Jackson Bill Jackson Evan Stoll

- 8- Martha Sweeten
- 10– Fred Hartley
 Dale Pontius
- 16- Jean Dowell
- 19- Karla Hannaford
- 20– Emmy Dehn Ryan Smith
- 24- Jan Ravenhill
- 25– McKenzie
- Thomason 29– Jennifer Dehn

Hope Richards

30- Rosie Bentley Sharon Bentley

ANNIVERSARIES

- 7- Lind & Dennis Carter
- 12- Diane & Steve Green
- 14- Beth & Phil LaGore
- 21- Kim & Jamie Behrends
- 22– Sherry & Wayne Shannon





The monthly Ladies Luncheon will be at Mazzio's on September 7th, the first Thursday of the month.

We will meet at Mazzio's at 11:00 a.m. Bring a friend and your appetite!

Looking forward to seeing everyone and catching up on what everyone did this summer.

Any questions? Call Roberta Reed

Starting September 19, the Christian Women's Fellowship group will be starting their new year. The meetings will be held on the 3rd

Tuesday of each month at 9:30 in the Church parlor. All ladies of the Church are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship, coffee and morning treats. Be sure to add this to your calendars!





The fellowship Committee will host dinner September 24th after the 10:00 service. All are welcome!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7 Ladies Lunch- eon 11:00 am Praise Band re- hearsal @ 5:30	8	9
10 Children's Church –new ses- sion begins	11	12	13 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am General Board meeting 6:00	14 Praise Band rehearsal @ 5:30	15	16
17	18	19 CWF meeting 9:30 am	20 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am	21 Praise Band rehearsal @ 5:30	22	23
24 Guest Speaker Fellowship Dinner	25	26	27 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am	28 Praise Band rehearsal @5:30	29	30

A weight loss group is meeting at FCC. This group is led by Rev. Randal. There is no charge for this group and all are invited. The group met in August, and will begin meeting again the middle of September. No specific date has been set., since meetings can be catered to individuals. If you are interested, or to find out more information, please call and talk to Rev. Randal.



The Women's Bible Study will resume on September 13th at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Parlor. For more information, contact Virginia Bryant.

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Rev Dr Robert D. (Bob) Nicholson is coming Home!

Do Not miss worship
Sunday September 24
When our former Youth
Director will Preach and
Scouts and Cubs to Take
Part in Service with Fellowship Luncheon following the service

We will welcome back our former Youth Director. Rev Dr Robert D. (Bob) Nicholson as our quest preacher at the 10 AM Service and our quest for a Fellowship Luncheon following the service. He has widely travelled with a varied background that gives him unique perspectives. He is an Eagle Scout and holds the Silver Beaver, the highest **BSA Volunteer leaders** award. He was born in St Louis, grew up in Dallas and is a graduate of MVC. He holds a M Div and D Min from McCormick Seminary, Chicago. His sermon topic will be

"Positive Christianity in a Negative World Practicing Reverence for Life in an An Irreverent Society" In Preparation Read: II Corinthians 1:17-19 Our service will include participation by Scouts and Cubs from our church-sponsored Troop and Pack 45 in the presentation of a reenactment of an 11 year old Cub saving his Grand-

mother's life. *Each worshipper* will play a role in the 3 minute drama.

Please sit forward in the Sanctuary so you can see and fully participate!

Bob has written many hymns and he will make a gift to each person present of a folder with several of them included. One will be our opening hymn, "To GOD Be The Glory," AND a sermon-summarizing closing hymn, "The Earth is the Lord's." He will use resources for our Disciple of Christ's Chalice Hymnal and Chalice Worship Book.

Plan now to attend and invite friends and neighbors. It promises to be a "barn burner" of a service. You will not be bored!



Bob is a plain spoken, easy going, energetic and imaginative down to earth messenger with a sense of humor who, according to one church member "brightens your outlook on life," "strengthens your faith," and "expands your knowledge of Judeo-Christian principles for life in today's world."

Watch for a news story in the *Marshall Democrat* with more biographical information about Pastor Bob. He is here at the invitation of the MVC Humanics Program, Professor Heather Troth, Director. He will be lecturing in her classes and speaking at the Thursday morning Chapel Service. This will be a "once in a left time" experience for us and for Pastor Bob. Don't miss it!

FCC Praise Band Working Hard

The FCC Praise Band (soon to be renamed) has been hard at work this Summer. In July, a new system was installed and set up so that the band could start recording songs. It is the hope of the band to use these recordings on social media sites to encourage people to come and listen to what our Church offers musically.

Hope Richards, the Music Director, and her brother Chris, purchased all necessary equipment to get this project going. Chris had visited in late June and stopped by to listen to the Praise Band. He has been in the music industry for 35 years,

and was impressed with the band and the sounds they were producing from the little equipment that they had. Once back home, he spoke with Hope about recording their music, and that

they could not only do popular songs and hymns, but also work on originals.

Both Joe Palan and Hope Richards have written songs that the members are currently recording.

The Praise band hopes to continue putting tracks down, and time permit



(not pictured: Joe Palan)

ting, have songs available on CD's for the Church members by Christmas. They ask for prayers as they continue to work towards serving God in a bigger capacity, and take their messages of God's love out to others through their words and music.

One Service on Sundays to Begin Soon

September 3rd will be the last day of our Drive-Up services for the year. After that, we will continue with the inside service being held at 10:00. Children's church will remain in full swing! We hope to see everyone inside on the 10th!





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Visit our Church Website!

Stop by our website at www.fccmarshallmo.org to check out upcoming events and activities, serving schedules, bulletins and newsletters, and information about our groups, ministries, staff, etc.

Church Staff

Minister- Rev. Randal DeMasters
Custodians- Ron & Carol Schupp
Financial Secretary- Ken Bryant
Office Admin.- Hope Richards
Music Director- Hope Richards
Pianists-Kay Wise
Hope Richards

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