

# The Marshall Christian

LVIII

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May 2015

## Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

### April 26 & May 3

Elders:

Julie Hoffelmeyer  
John Anson

Deacons:

Nancy Jackson  
Tim Boedeker  
Linda Crews  
Carolyn Buck  
Amanda McCord

### May 10 & 17

Elders:

Kathryn Jones  
Vickie Wise

Deacons:

Leroy Wise  
Edie Utlaut  
Marvin Utlaut  
Kevin Dryer  
Wayne Wise

### May 24 & 31

Elders:

Greg Schultz  
Roy Hinton

Deacons:

Jill Buck  
Vince Buck  
Cindy Brandt  
Chris Layton  
Diane Green

### Outside Communion:

#### May 10

Lloyd Bentley  
Carol Schupp

#### May 24

Kris Milliron  
Madelyn Cox

## “You Make A Difference”

Ten years ago I served on the board of directors for a preschool that was sponsored by four different congregations. One day I walked into the monthly board meeting about five minutes late and was greeting with cheers of joy and the chairperson saying, “Now we have enough people to make a quorum and vote on some business items!” My response was, “Well, it’s good to know that today I have made a difference.”

It’s always a good feeling to know that your presence, your participation, your involvement in something, your work and efforts and life make a difference...a difference in the world or in the lives of others. Now the truth, of course, is that each person at that meeting had an equal contribution to complete the number needed for the quorum, and my being there was no more important than anyone else’s presence.

Our church is made up of many individual members that each have an important role. There is a story about a church with four members named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody’s job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn’t do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what

Anybody could have.

If each of us sits back and thinks that someone else will do the work needed or will take care of problems that come up, then the work may never get done and the problems may never be addressed. Our individual efforts do make a difference and our work together increases our impact on the world. Paul explains in many of his letters that while together we make up the body of Christ, it is our individual gifts and talents that allow us to function better as a team.

Please, do not underestimate the importance of your individual contributions to the ministries of this congregation. When you are not here, you are missed. You just might be the one the rest of us are needing to complete the team!

**In God's Grip, Loy**



## National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7 is designated as the National Day of Prayer with the nation-wide theme of “Lord, Hear Our Cry”. The Marshall Ministerial Alliance is hosting a prayer breakfast on that day in the fellowship hall of Cumberland Presbyterian Church at 6:30 a.m. This service will conclude by 7:40 and is open to everyone.

## Planning for VBS

This summer’s Vacation Bible School is scheduled for August 3-6 at Covenant Presbyterian Church. To start putting the wheels in motion, a planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Covenant. If you are interested in helping with VBS this year, please join us.

## May Anniversaries & Birthdays

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 2– Minnie Buck        | 18– Steve Estill        |
| 4– Floyd Case         | Ginny Farr              |
| Marlene VanHorn       | Barbara Quinn           |
| 5– Jim Kissner        | 19– Blaine Thornton     |
| 8– Ginger McGraw      | 20– Scott Arnett        |
| Aaron Wright          | 21– Jason Dehn          |
| 9– Lin Alexander      | Jane Hartley            |
| 10– Lori Blalock      | 22– Debbie Arnett       |
| Janice Kueker         | 25– Edie Utlaut         |
| Lisa Merchant         | 27– Blane Dryer         |
| 11– Betty Elsea       | 28– Mia Shannon         |
| 12– Alan Branson      | 31– Dane Branson        |
| 13– Ruth Marsh        | <b>Anniversaries</b>    |
| Rebecca Shrader       | 8– Jack & Betty Elsea   |
| 14– Danny Hoffelmeyer | 11– Jim & Lisa Merchant |
| Ed Baker              | 31– Mike & Ramona Green |
| 17– Vince Lutterbie   |                         |



## Baccalaureate Service

Baccalaureate service for Marshall High School seniors will be May 10 at 4:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Pastor Loy will be bringing the message, and specials will be shared by the MHS choir and orchestra.

**Fellowship Committee** will be hosting a **dinner** on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The menu will include Brisket, hash brown potatoes, green beans and rolls. If attending, please bring a salad or dessert.

## New Worship Banners

We have recently been enjoying new worship banners in both the sanctuary and the chapel, and we have plans to add more. Each one costs about \$50.00. If you are interested in helping to pay for our worship banners, please indicate so in the memo portion of your check.

## Drive Up Worship Services

Our summer Drive-Up Worship Service will begin in the parking lot at 8:00 a.m. on May 24 (Memorial Day weekend) and last through September 6 (Labor Day weekend). Attendance at this service last year averaged 51 and included the regular attendance of many non-church members. This service, which replaces the 8:00 chapel worship, includes singing of hymns, prayer, communion, scripture reading, sermon, bulletins, coffee, and even treats for dogs! Invite a friend to this unique worship opportunity.

*We need deacons and elders to sign up to greet, serve, and run the sound system for the 16 weeks of this special service.*

## Invitation Cards

At the Good News station in the Sun Room we have business card sized invitations that you can give to friends, family, people you meet, etc. Each card gives the time of our worship services as well as contact information for the church. Please feel free to take a few cards to carry with you and hand out as opportunities present themselves. These cards are also available at our new ad on the newspaper kiosk display in Patricia's Cost Plus. Stop by to see it!

## Graduate Recognition Sunday



The Christian Education Committee is planning to honor our high school and college graduates at the 10:00 worship service on May 17 (the same day as Marshall High School commencement in the afternoon). All are encouraged to bring cards for the graduates. This year we will honor: Jacque Dryer (Missouri Valley College); Cole Perkins, Shane Bishop and Ali Brandt.

## Conflict Resolution Tip

Pastor-Parish Committee will be including articles a few times each year concerning conflict resolution or open communication. This month's emphasis comes from the article "Ten Strategies for Handling Aggressive or Problem Personalities" by Preston Ni. One of the strategies he shares is 'separate the person from the issue'. He writes, "Establish yourself as a strong problem solver with excellent people skills. Win more rapport, cooperation and respect. In every communication situation, there are two elements present: The relationship you have with this person, and the issue you are discussing. An effective communicator knows how to separate the person from the issue, and be soft on the person and firm on the issue. For example: 'I appreciate you putting a lot of time into this project. At the same time, I see that three of the ten requirements are still incomplete. Let's talk about how to finish the job on schedule.' Or 'I really want you to come with us. Unfortunately, if you're going to be late like the last few times, we'll have to leave without you.' When we're soft on the person, people are more open to what we have to say. When we're firm on the issue, we show ourselves as strong problem solvers.

## Lord, I'm Ready Now...



A little over a year ago I had reached a plateau in my life—a turning point really. I decided I was very content with who I was, where I was, and what I had. For years I had prayed and hoped for someone in my life, but after a long fishing trip with a bunch of casts that reeled in empty hooks, or fish that needed thrown back, I decided to be happy with being alone. Friends would tell me that old saying, “when you quit looking it will happen”, and I would smile doubtfully, realizing that I honestly didn't care if it happened or not. So, as soon as I had planted my feet into the land of perpetual singleness...along came Brad.

He was handsome, seemed sure of himself, and was persistent in asking me out. I said no, or nothing at all. Then one day I gave in...I said yes. We had a very unconventional first date— he sat across from me at my dance studio while I glued rhinestones on costumes. For hours we talked, laughed, joked, and even cried a little. It was the strangest date I had

ever been on! Time went quick that evening, and soon the last rhinestone was in place. I walked Brad to the door— we said our goodbyes and he drove away. As his car turned the corner...I started to cry. I knew that this man, this encounter, would change my life forever. And it has.

I had prayed for several years for God to send me the right man. I gave up because it seemed hopeless. But God was waiting for the right time. He knew I had things to learn, and that I needed to allow myself time to heal from things in my past. God hadn't sent me the right man because, to put it simply, I wasn't ready...and He knew it. Today I am. On May 16th I will marry Brad— I will marry the man that God sent me. To me, this is God's way of saying, “This man is a reminder to you that you do deserve love, that you should be loved, and that you will always be loved”. Brad definitely has his hands full in dealing with me, but he handles it with patience, acceptance and overflowing love. God taught him well.

Learning and leaning, Hope

## Youth Calendar for April

- May 3 Sr. high youth group, 7- 8:30 pm
- May 6 Elem. youth group, 5:00-6:30pm  
Jr high youth group, 7:00-8:30pm
- May 7 Youth & Christian Ed.  
Committee meeting, 6:00pm
- May 10 Elementary youth sing at  
Covenant Presbyterian, 10:00am  
Stick Ministry youth perform at  
Covenant Presbyterian, 10:00am  
Sr. high youth group, 7:00-8:30pm
- May 13 Elem. youth group, 5:00-6:30pm  
Jr. high youth group, 7:00-8:30pm
- May 17 Sr. high youth group, 7:00-8:30pm
- May 19 Vacation Bible School meeting at  
Covenant Presbyterian, 6:30pm
- May 20 Last night of Elementary  
youth group, 5:00-6:30pm  
Last night of Jr. high youth  
COLOR WARS, 7:00-8:30pm
- May 24 Last night of Sr. high  
youth group, 7:00-8:30pm
- May 31 Senior high youth paintball —  
meet at J&Js Paintball at 12:30pm.

There still is time to get your registration forms in for summer church camp or the C.R.Y. Festival. There are summer ministry opportunities available for youth and children of all ages. Contact Kris Milliron for more information or to sign up.

The last youth group meetings will be May 20th for Elementary and Junior high youth, and May 24th for Senior high youth. The Junior high youth will finish off their year with ice cream sundaes and Color Wars on May 20th, during regular youth group times. All youth should wear OLD CLOTHING, and bring a towel. Senior high youth will be going paintballing at J&J's Paintball on May 31st at 12:30pm. Year-end activity for Elementary youth will be in June.

### Upcoming Sermons

- May 3 (Fifth Sunday of Easter) - Pastor Loy on vacation
- May 10 “Lessons From Mrs. Zebedee” (Mother's Day) Matthew 20:20-23
- May 17 “The One Not Chosen” (Graduate Recognition Sunday) Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
- May 24 “The Power of the Spirit of Truth” (Pentecost) John 15:26-27; 16:4-15
- May 31 “Trinitarian Doctrine: Family, not Dogma” (Trinity Sunday) Romans 8:12-17

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with great love.**

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**Music Director– Hope Miller**

**Youth Director– Kris Milliron**

**Custodians– Ron & Carol Schupp,**

**Larry Smith**

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**Secretary– Hope Miller**

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**Judy Morris**