

The Marshall Christian

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September 2018

Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

September 2nd

Elders:

Lloyd Bentley
Kathryn Jones

Deacons:

Butch Ash
Doug Harvey
Missie Kreisel
Melissa Shannon
Leroy Wise

September 9th & 16th

Elders:

Zach Crews
Tiffany Thornton

Deacons:

Vince Buck
Tyler Clemens
Gary Dowell
Hope Richards
Makenzie Thomason

September 23rd & 30th

Elders:

Ken Bryant
Virginia Bryant

Deacons:

Ed Baker
Mona Baker
Julie Hoffelmeyer
Charles Marsh
Alisa Smith

Outside Communion:

September 9th

Tiffany Thornton
Kathryn Jones

September 23rd

Ken Bryant
Virginia Bryant

September Worship Leaders:

Sept. 2- Zach Crews
Sept. 9- Tiffany Thornton
Sept. 16- Kris Milliron
Sept. 23- Ken Bryant
Sept. 30- Virginia Bryant

The Waitress...

“Oh No!”, I screamed in my head, as I eyed the waitress making her way to our table. Not this one again! Going to a local restaurant with my husband on “date night” is something I always look forward to. What I do NOT look forward to is getting waited on by this one particular waitress. She is always crabby, a little stand-offish, and never smiles. She is direct and to the point— here’s your drink, what do you want to order, there it is. I was at a point where I considered not going to the restaurant because chances were...I would get HER! Waiting for her to finish her walk to us, I hid my frustration and decided to see if I could crack the “Ice Queen”. I made up some little joke about wanting dessert, but this body would not agree with me on my decision. She said that she wished she had that problem— her body would not allow her to gain weight. Of course I inquired, quite intrigued, why. She explained that no matter how much she ate that she could not keep weight on. I almost joked that I wished I had that problem, but I could tell that this was something that bothered her as much as , well...it bothered her as much not being able to GAIN weight as it did me trying to NOT gain weight! Then she shocked me. Pulling out a chair, across the table from Brad and I, she made herself comfortable. She said that since her son had committed suicide, and her husband had died, she couldn’t pull it together. It had been four months since she had lost them, and although she was trying to make her world better, there really wasn’t much left in her life. She said working was the only thing that kept her mind off of all the heartache, and even then

she couldn’t shake the feeling of being alone. When she spoke she held my gaze. I couldn’t take my eyes from hers. This woman, this woman who made me shudder when I walked in with fear that she would wait on me and ruin my perfect evening...was hurt. She had so much built up anger, stress, bitterness, that there was no way to hide it. Our conversation lasted over an hour, with her leaving once in a while to go check on her other tables. Each time she came back to our table, we picked the conversation right back up. I searched for magic words to make her feel better, but they wouldn’t come. We shared, we understood, we cried. I left feeling pretty unhappy with myself that evening- I had judged another human being without knowing her truth. Her and I hugged as I left , and now when I go into the restaurant I HOPE she is there to wait on us. Sometimes I see smiles. Sometimes I hear her laugh a little. Always...I see pain, with ever the slightest glimpse of hope. As for me? I was finally able to forgive myself for judging her before I knew her story. But I promise you...I won’t let it happen again. In this busy world we live in, take the time to know someone, to talk to someone, before you pass judgment on “who they are”. We all have battles we are dealing with. Sometimes, somebody may need a little help holding up their shield. And sometimes, they may just need someone to listen...and to care. Loving others and caring for them is the greatest gift in the world. And...it’s free! The best part about giving out that gift...you get a bigger gift back!



Learning and Leaning,
Hope

September Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays

- 3– Brent Marsh
Dexter Shannon
- 4– Linda Alspach
Micki Uhrig
- 5– Sue Ann Crawford
Leanne Dehn
Jared Porter
Ethan Schupp
Trafton Shannon
- 6– Jacon Kissner
- 7– Donna Bailey
Jo Nell Fizer
- 8– Brandon Blalock
Nancy Jackson
William Jackson
Evan Stoll
Martha Sweeten
- 10– Fred Hartley
Dale Pontius
- 11– Rileigh Massey
- 14– Lin Hessel
Phoebe Jones

- 16– Jean Dowell
- 19– Karla Hannaford
- 20– Emmy Dehn
Roy Hinton
Ryan Smith
- 21– Joshua Shannon
- 22– Chad Barnes
Joanne McKinney
- 24– Jan Ravenhill
- 25– Ross Crawford
McKenzie Thomason
- 27– Bailey Kueker
- 28– Betty Kennedy
- 29– Jennifer Dehn
Hope Richards
- 30– Rosie Bentley



Anniversaries

- 5– Wayne & Priscilla McReynolds
- 7– Dennis & Linda Carter
- 12– Steve & Diane Green
- 14– Phil & Beth LaGore
- 22– Wayne & Sherry Shannon

Elders to study Book

Beginning in September at the monthly Elder Meetings, the elders will be studying the book “Your Calling as an Elder” by Gary Straub. The study and the meetings are open to anyone who has ever served as an elder. If you would like a copy of the book, please see the church office.

“Fill a Pew”

To celebrate our Anniversary

On September 23, 2018 our Church will be celebrating its 176th anniversary. The Fellowship, Membership and Pastor/Parish Committees invite you to accept our challenge to fill a pew in our sanctuary that day with family, friends, or other guests. Prizes for the family or individual with the most guests will be awarded at both the 8:00 and 10:00 services.

Homecoming Sunday – Sept. 23

On September 23 we will celebrate the 176th anniversary of our congregation with special worship services and a fellowship meal following the 10:00 service. The Fellowship Committee will be providing Fried Chicken, Mashed potatoes, green bean, corn and rolls for the meal. Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert. Help us contact all past members with a special invitation to return and join us in marking this milestone with the sharing of memories, worship, & fellowship, and breaking bread together.



We would also like to invite you to share a time of fellowship with us in the parlor on that day at 9:00 a.m. (between the 8:00 and 10:00 services). Doughnuts, coffee, tea and juice will be provided and we hope you spend time visiting with your church family and their guests. Following the 10:00 service there will be a fellowship dinner.



Lillie Bates Circle...

Will meet September 18 at the Church. Roberta reed will host the afternoon meeting at 1:30 in the Church parlor. This meeting will kick off their next year, and programs. Hope to see everyone there!

Single Ladies Group will be meeting for lunch at Arby’s at 11:00 on September 6. Come one, come all, enjoy the Fellowship of Christian love.



Karla and I wish to thank each of you who attended our 50th Anniversary Reception, send us a card or an email or text, gave us a call, or spoke with us in person. We were humbled by the number friends who reached out to us with a Congrats!

Buddy & Karla Hannaford



Fall 2018

*"Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for believers in speech, in love, in faith, and in integrity."
1 Timothy 4:12*

Elementary Children
Grades K - 5th
Wednesdays, 5-6:30pm
First Christian Church

Junior High Youth
Grades 6 - 8
Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm
First Christian Church

Senior High Youth
Grades 9 - 12
Sundays, 7-8:30pm
Covenant Presbyterian

'This is Life 4:12' Group
Older youth & adult fellowship
Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm
First Christian Church

September	October	November	December
<p>5th Elementary Pool Party, 5-6:30pm Jr. high pool party, 7-8:30pm</p> <p>9th Sr. high pool party, 7- 8:30pm</p> <p>23rd Pack the Pews Sunday at FCC, 10:00am</p> <p>26th See You at the Pole, Marshall Schools, 7am</p> <p>29th Service work at Camp Cumcito in Warsaw. For grades 6-12. 9am-4pm RSVP to Kris or Rachel</p>	<p>14th 2018 Mission Team present trip report at Covenant Presbyterian, 11:00am</p> <p>24th Elementary and Jr. high Trick or Treating for Food Pantry</p> <p>25th Trick or Treat on the Square</p> <p>28th Fall Festival & pumpkin carving @ FCC, 5-7pm</p> <p>28th Sr. high Trick or Treat- ing for Food Pantry</p> <p>31st No youth group</p>	<p>We're collecting pud- ding, jello, cornbread mix, new or gently used toys, books, hats, mit- tens/gloves, etc. for the Saline County Holiday Project throughout this month.</p> <p>4th S.O.S. Sunday at FCC (Service Outside the Sanctu- ary) 9:00am - 12:00pm</p> <p>21st No Youth Group</p> <p>22nd No Theology Talk</p> <p>25th FCC Bell Ringing at Wal-Mart. See Kris to sign-up</p> <p>25th No youth group</p>	<p>9th Gift wrapping fundraiser @ Covenant</p> <p>12th All youth Christmas program & reception @ FCC</p> <p>15th Elementary to Crown Center</p> <p>16th Sr. high Christmas party</p> <p>23rd, 26th, 30th NO YOUTH GROUP</p> <p>28-31 W.I.L.D. Festival for Sr. high. See Kris for more info.</p> <p>Jan. 6th Tubing at Snow Creek for grades 6-12. RSVP by Dec. 16th</p>

Upcoming Sermons

Sept. 2
Sept. 9
Sept. 16
Sept. 23
Sept. 30

Pastor Loy on Sabbatical
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"Wisdom Cries Out" (*Last Outdoor Service*)
"Our Church Genealogy" (*Homecoming Sunday*)
"God at Work in Our Everyday Lives"

Rev. David VanHorn to preach
Rev. Paul Koch to preach
Proverbs 1:20-33
Matthew 1:1-17
Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

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Thought for the Month:

*In a world where you
can be anything, be
kind.*

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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.

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Church Staff

Senior Minister– Rev. Dr. Loy Hoskins

Music Director–Hope Richards

Youth Director– Kris Milliron

Custodians– Ron & Carol Schupp,

Larry Smith

Financial Secretary– Ken Bryant

Office Admin.– Hope Richards

Pianists– Donna Smith, Kay Wise,

Judy Morris