

The Marshall Christian

LXI

NO. IV

April 2019

Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

April 7th & 14th

Elders:

Mark Harvey
Lloyd Bentley

Deacons:

Butch Ash
Missie Kreisel
John McGraw
Ginger McGraw
Shirley Svultz

April 21st & 28th

Elders:

Buddy Hannaford
Roberta Reed

Deacons:

Julie Hoffelmeyer
Chris Layton
Charles Marsh
Ron Schupp
Leroy Wise

Outside Communion:

April 14th

Mark Harvey
Carol Schupp

April 28th

Paul Crews
Greg Schultz

April Children's' Sermon:

7th- Loy Hoskins
14th- Kris Milliron
21st- Evelyth Hill
28th- Jill Buck

April Children's Church

7th- Virginia Bryant
14th- Amber Van Dyke
21st- Makenzie Thomason
28th- Grace & Adrienne

Making the Old New & Meaningful

As we approach another Easter, I am reminded about a man who showed up at church basically twice a year (Easter Sunday and Christmas Sunday). He greeted me after an Easter service one year with the question, "Doesn't it get old for you? I mean, telling this same Easter story over and over every year?" I'm sure he probably thought the same thing about that birth of the baby story that we tell over and over every year in December too.

I pulled him aside and asked him how many spring seasons he had lived through and he replied that he had seen about sixty-five springs. I asked him if he ever got tired of saying goodbye to winter and welcoming spring. He told me that no, he never got tired of welcoming spring because it meant that it was time to plant crops again after spending the winter getting his equipment ready. I explained that just as the spring season always gets him excited about planting crops and the potential they have for new life in his fields and an increase in his bank account, the resurrection of Christ should excite all Christians as we realize that Christ's victory over death is a promise of new life for us, as well as the increase in more abundant life for us here on earth and a purpose to live a life following the teachings of Christ.

Between that Easter and Christmas Sunday later that same year, this man attended worship about twice a month on average. The Sunday following Christmas he

waited until everyone else had left the sanctuary before he approached me. He said that until that talk we had months ago on Easter, he had never seen much relevance between his life and church services, sermons, and the Bible. Now, he discovered that when he showed up for worship with an attitude of expecting to get something out of it, he always did. He said he no longer showed up at church waiting for something to jump out and catch his attention. Instead, he took what was offered in the Scripture reading, the sermon, the words of the songs, and other parts of the service and found a path for those words to have meaning in his life.

When we read the Bible for the hundredth time, we can always discover new things in it and God speaking new messages to us. It's the same thing every Sunday as we gather for worship. We can allow ourselves to be distracted by a fussy child, a change in the worship format, the sound of a train passing by, or just waiting for something that sounds relevant to our lives...OR... we can thank God for the child being in the church, open ourselves to new ways of being God's people, pray for all who are traveling, bring our own lives into the words of the Bible, the sermon, or the song. Worship is not meant to be a passive activity like a concert, where we just sit back and enjoy. Worship is a give and take, a dance with God in the ways we offer ourselves to God and receive from God. That is what makes it relevant to our lives.



In God's Grip, Loy

April Anniversaries & Birthdays

BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Alisa Smith
- 3- Buddy Hannaford
- 6- Calista Schupp
- 7- Brenen Sullivan
Marty Yoder
- 8- Angela Igo
- 9- Justin Joliff
- 10- Andrew Pointer
- 12- Jaxon Clemens
Kris Milliron
- 14- Cheyenne Lawson
Amanda Thomason
- 15- Joan Marsh
- 16- Virginia Heymeyer
Loyd Pannell
- 17- Spencer Fricke
Brody Kueker
- 18- Tiffany Thornton
- 20- Kaitlyn Seigreid
- 22- Lauren Crews
Kay Parsons
- 24- George Fletcher
- 24- Phillip Perkins
- 27- Joel Schultz
- 28- Annette Miles
- 29- Megan Halsey
- 30- Gary Malan

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5- David & Janice Kueker
- 8- Tim & Gwen Clemens
- 18- Chris & Debbie Arnett
- 25- Zach & Lauren Crews
- 26- Tyler & Shannon Clemens

Celebrating our Graduates on May 12



As we prepare for our Graduate Recognition Sunday on May 12, we are seeking names of graduates connected with the church – high school, junior college, college or university, etc. We have nine graduates that are active in our youth group this year.

Thank you for all of the cards, calls, thoughts, and prayers. It is great to have such a caring family. **Ken Bryant**



Easter Sunrise Service and Fellowship Breakfast

A Sunrise Service will be held on Easter Sunday, April 21 in the Sun Room (or weather permitting, on the sidewalk just outside the south doors). The worship will begin at 6:45. Come join us as we welcome the sun and the resurrected Son on Easter. The Fellowship Committee will host a Fellowship Breakfast at 9:00 on Easter Sunday, April 21. Tickets can

be purchased from the church office or Fellowship Committee members.



Special Easter Offering

On April 14 and 21 we will receive the annual Easter Offering which supports the General Ministries of the church. General Ministries serve across the U.S. and Canada and around the world. General Ministries are partners in ministry serving through far-reaching and unique organizations to help bring life, love and learning where they are needed.

Delivering Meals from the Senior Center

The week of April 1-5 we will be delivering meals from the Senior Center. Please sign up for this important ministry on the sheet located in the parlor.



Frozen Meal Preparation

Frozen meal preparation will take place in the church kitchen at 9:00 the morning of Saturday, March 30. These meals will be delivered to our shut-ins and kept in the freezers to give to needy families. This is a wonderful ministry that benefits many people.



Maundy Thursday Service

Join us for a meaningful Maundy Thursday worship service in the sanctuary on April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

The service will be led by FCC Singers and will lead us through the Gospel accounts of the Last Supper of Christ with his disciples and to the story of his arrest. The service will help prepare us for the weekend of Christ's passion with the sharing of communion.

Holy Week Community Service

On Tuesday, April 16, the Community Holy Week Worship Service will be held at an area church to be determined. The service will begin at 7:00 p.m., and Rev. Mary Williams, a graduate of Phillips Theological Seminary, will bring the message. A special offering will be collected at the service for the Ministerial Alliance's Transient Fund.

Youth News...

We all are so thankful that signs of spring are beginning to appear!! This means putting the courtyard playground to use, getting outside, and no more youth group weather cancellations! Fortunately, March was a bit more gentle (at least on Wednesdays).

Nonetheless, the youth were active in studying the Word. March started off with Ash Wednesday, and we've been discussing Lent practices and traditions. Conversations have been focused on giving up what we think we need to make room for what we actually need, being vulnerable to loved ones and to God, and discovering what it means to truly follow Jesus. The youth continue to lead as much as be led and teach as much as be taught with their wisdom and insight.

I'd like to divert to a personal matter...I will be on vacation March 21-29th. Throughout the last 20 years, it has been an annual tradition for my father, myself and my siblings all to meet in Vail, Colorado, leaving our respective spouses and children at home. This was a time of skiing, relaxation, and lots of teasing, bonding and laughter. I recall more than a few occasions that my father and brother convinced me that a double-black diamond slope 'was mis-marked; more of a dark blue'. Once we got past the point of no return and I discovered their deception amidst a mogul field, they were long gone, hollering back that they'll meet me at the hot tub!! I did survive to laugh at all the memories (and maybe pay them back)!

Two years ago, my father was officially diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. He still is physically active and adamant about continuing to fish, ski and travel. Yet the disease is taking its toll; he is relying more and more on my bonus (step) mom for assistance and decision-making. This year's ski trip has transformed from a congregation, to we siblings adjusting our travel times so that one of us will always be there throughout the two-week stay.

As always, I look forward to this time to get away and enjoy time spent with family. Yet I also feel grief and trepidation, predicting the addition of responsibility and caretaker onto simple companionship and comradery. The constant reminder to cherish the laughter and love through the signs and symptoms, to surrender to one more run down the dreaded double black. Anticipating that this may well be the last of a tradition, and the beginning of saying good-bye.

Grateful,
Kris Milliron

Tues., 4/2 Beating Guns Tour, KC, KS.
Sr. high and adults invited to the free event!
(www.beatingguns.com/tour)

Wed. 4/3 Elementary youth,
5-6:30pm @ FCC
Jr. high youth, 7-8:30pm @ FCC

Fri.-Sun. 4/5-7 Young Christian's Weekend at Silver Dollar City, Branson

Sun. 4/7 NO Sr. high youth

Wed. 4/10 Elementary youth,
5-6:30pm @ FCC
Jr. high youth, 7-8:30pm @ FCC

Fri.-Sat. 4/12-13 CRY Cabinet meeting

Sun. 4/14 Sr. high youth, 7-8:30pm @ Covenant

Wed. 4/17 Elementary youth,
5-6:30pm @ FCC
Jr. high youth, 7-8:30pm @ FCC

Sun. 4/21 Sr. high youth, 7-8:30pm @ Covenant

Tues., 4/23 Youth Comm. meeting, 6pm

Wed. 4/24 Elementary youth,
5-6:30pm @ FCC*
Jr. high youth, 7-8:30pm @ FCC

Sat. 4/27 Youth Sunday practice, 6pm.

Sun. 4/28 FCC YOUTH SUNDAY
10:30am

Pulled Pork luncheon & Cake Auction, 12pm (all proceeds benefit youth summer camp & ministry opportunities)
Sr. high youth,
7-8:30pm @ Covenant



Upcoming Sermons

March 31 "Questions in Lent: What's for Dinner?"
April 7 "Questions in Lent: What Have I Gained?"
April 14 "Calls for Help; Shouts of Thanksgiving" (Palm Sunday)
April 21 "It's Amazing!" (*Sunrise Service at 6:45*)
April 21 "One Resurrection – Many Stories"
April 28 "Trust in the Lord" @ 8:00 **Youth Sunday @ 10:45**

Joshua 5:9-12
Philippians 3:4b-14
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Luke 24:1-12
John 20:1-18
Psalm 71:1-6

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Youth Director– Kris Milliron

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Chris Layton

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Office Admin.– Hope Richards

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Judy Morris