

The Marshall Christian

LIX

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November, 2017

Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

November 5th & 12th

Elders:

Carol Schupp
Kathryn Jones

Deacons:

Butch Ash
Nancy Jackson
Ginger McGraw
John McGraw
Jeff Wise

November 19th & 26th

Elders:

Vickie Wise
Greg Schultz

Deacons:

Missie Kreisel
Ron Schupp
Carla Fricke
Katie Shannon
Wayne Wise

Outside Communion:

November 12th

Mark Harvey
Paul Crews

November 26

Greg Schultz
Kathryn Jones

Worship Leaders

November 5- Carol Schupp
November 12- Wayne Buck
November 19- Vickie Wise
Nov. 26- Julie Hoffelmeyer



“Seasons of Opportunities”

In this edition of the Marshall Christian, you are going to find a lot of information about a variety of events and opportunities. The next couple of months is a very busy time of the year. So busy, in fact, that we tend to group all the separate events into a conglomerate mass called “the holidays”. When we do that, each specific celebration loses its individual meaning. I realize that part of the problem is that Thanksgiving and Christmas are so close that there is some overlap of Christmas preparations before the Thanksgiving turkey is even purchased.

The author of Ecclesiastes reminds us, “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...” One nugget of wisdom these words convey to me is to take the time to live fully in each moment, celebrate each opportunity to celebrate without being so worried or preoccupied with the next that we miss the blessings of the present day.

Here at the end of October we celebrate the harvest and the provision of God in our Fall Festival on the 22nd. We take advantage of the opportunity to serve others by assembling hygiene kits for the Festival of Sharing. We enjoy the chance to give thanks for laughter in our Laughter Sunday services that day also. We celebrate the lives of previous church members in our All Saints Day service on the 29th. November brings us Thanksgiving, and in our church family that means the opportunity to gather together for a Thanksgiving dinner on the 19th and the community wide Thanksgiving service on the 21. Even the clock changes for the ending of Daylight Saving Time reminds us to slow down and appreciate our time.

December offers us so many opportunities: coordinated, unified efforts to

serve the community through our Chili Supper and Silent Auction, participating in the fund drive for the Salvation Army, collecting scarves and mittens for children, and the Holiday Project. We will have the four weeks of the Advent season for us to prepare to welcome the Christ Child once again, the special services of Advent to remind us of God’s coming gift, and of course our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service.

Many of these special, individual occasions require time and planning, so there is again some overlap between what we do this week and what we plan for in the weeks to come. This is a season of blessings from God. Still, let’s savor each individual one and make the most of each day we are given, for there is a time and a season for every individual blessing.

In God’s Grip,
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Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

This year’s Community Thanksgiving Worship Service will be at the First United Baptist Church on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Cliff Cato of Southside Assembly of God Church will be sharing the message.



November Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 2– Phil Perkins
- 4– Norvelle Brown
 Ramona Green
- 6– Butch Ash
- 7– Jim Dryer
 Evelyth Hill
 Julie Hoffelmeyer
- 8– Loy Hoskins
 Daniel McGraw
- 9– Richard Bailey
 Linda Lawless
- 11– Randy Quinn
- 12– Les McKinney
- 13– Karl Crawford
 Marge Ford
- 14– Ali Evans
 Jeanne LaRue
- 15– Charles Marsh
 Debbie Tucker
- 16– Ralph Wenzel
- 17– Marcia Phillips

- 17– AJ Utlaut
- 20– Jeff Swinger
- 21– Sharon Martinez
- 22– Tanner Clemens
 Amy Clemons
 Cole Igo
- 23– Jennifer Marquess
 Lou Soendker
 Anita Wright
- 24– Leroy Wise
- 25– Jason Amary
- 26– Kendalyn Joliff
 Doug Kueker



Anniversaries

- 1– Blaine & Tiffany Thornton
- 3– George & Michelle Porter
- 7– Mark & Dianne Harvey
- 9– Carl & Margaret O’Dell
- 12– Charles & Ruth Marsh
- 19– Randall & Oleta Wilson
- 24– Jack & Micki Uhrig
- 30– Ken & Virginia Bryant

Jell-O and Pudding for Holiday Project



We are collecting boxes of Jell-o and/or pudding mixes for the Saline County Community Holiday Project – distribution to be held December 14 at the Martin Center. You can bring your boxes to add to the stack that is being built in the Sun Room near the west wall. Our goal is to collect 600 boxes by the 12th of December.

Faith in Film Series and Movie Night!

On November 5, 12, and 26 the sermons will be build upon clips from the movie, “The Shack”. The movie is based on the New York Times best-selling novel, ‘The Shack’ by Paul Young. The movie follows a father’s transformational spiritual journey. After a family tragedy, Mack spirals into a crisis of faith and questions God’s existence and life’s purpose. Mack is unable to move on, until he gets a mysterious invitation to an abandoned shack. There, God is revealed in the form of three strangers led by Papa. We will have a movie night in the parlor to watch this wonderful movie on Sunday, October 29 beginning at 5:00 p.m. Another showing will be at 11:00 a.m. in the parlor on Thursday, November 2. The movie is rated PG-13 and is 2 hours and 15 minutes long.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Our church has volunteered to ring the bell for the Salvation Army giving at the entrance to WalMart on Saturday, December 9. Pairs of volunteers will be there from 10:00 in the morning until 6:00 that evening. A sign-up sheet will be up in the foyer in mid-November.

Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner

Our annual Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal will be held following the 10:00 worship service on November 19. The Fellowship Committee will be providing turkey, ham, dressing, potatoes, green beans, corn and rolls. Members are invited to bring salads, desserts, and side dishes.



End of Daylight Saving Time

Remember to set your clocks BACK one hour before worship services on Sunday, November 5 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!



Looking Back at Our History...

As we continue to celebrate the 175th anniversary of our congregation this year, Priscilla McReynolds of the Library Committee offers us this detailed look back at our history in the years 1964 - 1979:

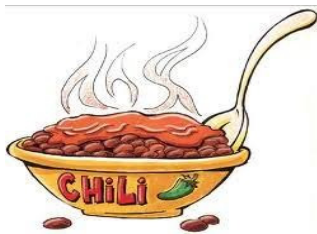
Following the church fire in 1963, church services were first held in the new building on January 23, 1966 with Rev. Sam Langley as our minister. Rev. John Graves was hired as Associate Minister September, 1969. In July, 1970 Rev. Langley resigned to accept a call from First Christian Church in Columbia and Rev. Graves resigned a month later to accept a call to a church in Oak Park, Illinois.

Dr. Ewart Wyle became our minister August 24, 1970. He and his wife, Gail, and their four children came from California. During his ministry, the congregation finished the interior of the church building with the construction of the youth lounge and rest rooms on the lower level. All indebtedness was completely paid off by September 1975. In January of 1977, improvements were made to the organ at a cost of \$15,000 in time for the 25th anniversary of Mrs. Marie Boedeker as organist and Choir Director. Rev. David Van Horn was called to serve as Associate Minister in 1975.

In October, 1978 the congregation received a \$2,500 grant from the Pendergast-Weyer Foundation. The funds from this grant along with gifts and memorials from others, were used to purchase a complete set of fine bells, cases for them, music holders, and gloves. Dr. Wyle resigned as minister on January 1, 1979, and he was called to be minister of First Christian Church in Kerryville, Texas. He was presented an engraved tray during a reception. Dr. Robert Sweeten came to serve as our senior minister in June, 1979. Formal installation services for him were held on August 5 of that year.

Annual Chili Supper and Silent Auction

On Friday, December 2, FCC will host our annual chili supper and silent auction. All of the proceeds from this event go to local organizations that help people. Our fundraiser is on the same night as the Downtown Christmas Parade, so many in our community have made this a family outing and look forward to it each year. Let's make it a special night again this year! Please sign up on the posters in the parlor to work and to bring desserts. Please let Ginger know of silent auction items you plan to contribute.



Upcoming Sermons

Nov. 5 "Relationship...not Ritual" (*Faith in Film - "The Shack"*)
 Nov. 12 "God Makes Lemonade" (*Faith in Film - "The Shack"*)
 Nov. 19 "Our Thanksgiving Responsibility" (*Thanksgiving Sunday*)
 Nov. 26 "Who Am I to Judge?" (*Faith in Film - "The Shack"*)

Hosea 6:6
 Genesis 50:15-21
 Psalm 107:1
 Matthew 7:1-5

Youth News

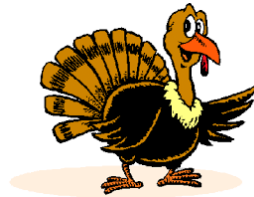
“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

One would think that after a few years under my belt, I would have learned. But such is the fallibility of humans and the infinite grace, and patience, of God.

Beginning a new year of youth groups is always an exciting time. Although there is no break over the

summer between camps, CRY and VBS, I do spend quite a bit of time researching, reading and planning curriculum for the upcoming year. After much planning, the fruition of implementing said plans brings a sense of enjoyment and relief. Or....NOT.

Sometimes God works in mysterious ways, sneaking up on us and derailing our well-laid plans. And some-



times God is not so subtle, preferring more blunt force to deliver the message. Apparently God knows how hard-headed I am!!

Rachel and I are thrilled that we have an active and passionate group of youth who are engaged and excited to grow and learn together. These youth have quickly proven their ability to grasp Jesus' teachings; they are anxious to apply these methods, not only by loving their neighbor, but by loving their 'enemy' as well.

Unfortunately, school emulates society, and there is no shortage of injustices taking place, both in middle and high school. These youth are desperate to respond, yet do so in effective and loving ways. This past month has been a learning process, for both the youth and us leaders!! We are growing together each week, examining the concepts of identity, dignity, empathy, diversity and culture, and look forward to learning to become agents of change in our community and world.

I am ever so grateful for God's plans, regardless of how they 'set me straight'.

Kris Milliron

Calendar of Events

- Wed. 11/1 Elementary youth, 5-6:30pm at Covenant
Jr. high youth, 7-8:30pm at Covenant
- Thurs, 11/2 Let's CONNECT, 6-8pm at Dairy Queen Atrium.
- Sun, 11/5 Elementary youth perform Special Music at FCC during 10am worship
ALL YOUTH Rake 'N' Run – Meet at FCC AT 12:00pm. Bring rakes, gloves, brooms, etc. Snacks to follow.
Sr. high youth, 7-8:30pm at FCC
- Wed. 11/8 Elementary youth, 5-6:30pm at Covenant
Jr. high youth, 7-8:30pm at Covenant
- Sun, 11/12 Sr. high youth, 7-8:30pm at FCC
- Wed. 11/15 Elementary youth, 5-6:30pm at Covenant
Jr. high youth, 7-8:30pm at Covenant
- Thurs, 11/16 Let's CONNECT, 6-8pm at Dairy Queen Atrium.
- Sun, 11/19 Sr. high youth, 7-8:30pm at FCC
- Wed. 11/22 NO YOUTH GROUPS – HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- Sun, 11/26 NO YOUTH GROUP – HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- Tues, 11/28 FCC Youth Committee meeting, 6pm in parlor
- Wed. 11/29 Elementary youth, 5-6:30pm at Covenant
Jr. high youth, 7-8:30pm at Covenant

The youth will be raking leaves as their service project for November; anyone who needs their yard done should contact Kris Milliron.



Oh self pity, how I must cherish you! For the good Lord knows I cling to you with every chance I get!

Not to brag, but I use to wake up each morning like a character straight out of a Disney Animated Movie— a charming smile on my face, a light kick of the blankets to gingerly dance out of bed, a stretch of the arms that, had I not retracted them quick enough, would have surely ended with chirping birds on my shoulders, elbows and hands. After applying make-up to my non-wrinkled face, and styling my thick hair to perfection, I would face the world head on. As I exited the house, you might catch a slight pause as I puffed out my chest a little and thought to myself, “Watch out world, here I come!”. I’d sail through the day, slaying Dragons and conquering countries...or so it seemed. Yes indeed, a Disney film had nothing on me! Then it happened.

I woke up one morning and my smile was replaced with a wince from a hurting back. I tried to lightly kick the covers off but my feet got caught and I ended up trapped in the sheets. After finally setting myself free, I slid out of bed and went for the morning stretch...but it was not to be. Instead I reached around and held my back, uttering the words “Ow, Ow, Ow” over and over. I walked towards the bathroom, for my ritual morning routine, and realized I was still a bit slumped over instead of facing the world head on. Surely the hot shower would help. Nope! After bathing I sat down to apply all the Mary Kay and Maybelline I could fit onto my face. What’s this around my eye?? Surely no...a wrinkle?! I left for work that day...chest not puffed, and started the countdown of how many hours I had left before I could come back home.

This turning point morning had no mercy. Each day after this things progressively got a tad worse. Nothing major mind you, but just enough to let me realize my youthful days may be behind me. And how could I possibly slow down? I mean, the bills kept coming. The children had to be fed. I had insurance bills, car bills, house payments, utility bills, internet bills, clothing, gas...yikes!! How was I going to continue at the pace I had set on my life? My mind was willing, but the body was ready to get rid of the 14 and 15 hour days.

I began to worry and complain so much about how bad I was feeling that it was almost all-consuming. Oh no, I was turning into a nag too! Something needed to change...and it did.

I had a “Come to Jesus” talk with myself. I think we all need those once in a while. I needed to start counting my blessings; find the silver linings in the storms. Instead of being upset that my morning routine was no longer a G-rated movie, be grateful that I could still get out of bed on my own. And heck, after a few minutes of pain, I was actually able to function almost normally. And those wrinkles? Well, I discovered they have all kinds of creams, concoctions and make-up that can help make those disappear, if even for the day. 14 and 15 hour days? Be grateful that God filled my life with jobs that I loved. The last half of my day is filled with children from two to 18 who are noisy, rambunctious, over-exaggerated and talk way too much sometimes. But they also come with laughter, smiles, hilarious stories of school antics...and hugs. And it helps pay those bills that we ALL complain about. But, because of those bills, I am cool in the summer and warm in the winter. I have shelter. My family is fed. I have peace of mind if I become ill that I can

afford medical treatment, since my insurance, that comes with a large premium, is a really great policy. I have a car that gets me to where I need to go safely, and insurance to take care of any “oops” that may happen along the way. I am blessed with so many things that the list would never fit on this paper. And I am loved, through the good days and the bad days.

I may be getting older, and not quite as magical feeling as I use to be...but I have earned, and learned, thankfulness. I would say that’s a fair trade. May we all remember to find the silver linings in our lives, and praise God for the gifts we have every day.

Learning and Leaning, Hope

Familiarity

Have you ever heard of the Law of “Familiarity”? We all abide by it. It says that if we are associated with something for a long time, we begin to take it or them for granted. Do you ever take for granted the effect you have on the life of your church? Do you sometimes forget that if it weren’t for you, the church might not be what God intended it to be? Which came first? Did God, through Jesus, build the church to draw people, or did God have Jesus invite people who made the church? How do we combat the “Law of Familiarity”? One way is to reassess the value of “our” service to the church. Take a step back and look at your role as you have never looked at it before. We can have a tremendous effect on the life of the church if we always remember “which came first”. Without you the church is just a building. We can make it attractive and visible, but if we don’t extend a genuine, warm invitation to everyone we meet, we will never grow and more importantly, we will not be living out **God’s** plan.

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