

# The Marshall Christian

LIX

No. VI

June 2016

## Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

### June 5th & 12th

Elders:

Wayne McReynolds  
Greg Schultz

Deacons:

Vince Buck  
Tyler Clemens  
Ginger McGraw  
John McGraw  
Roberta Reed

### June 19th & 26th

Elders:

Wayne Buck  
Tim Clemens

Deacons:

Darlene Arnett  
Tim Boedeker  
Cindy Brandt  
Zach Crews  
Roberta Reed

### Outside Communion:

#### June 12th

Fred Hartley  
TBA

#### June 26th

Roy Hinton  
Greg Schultz

### Worship Leaders

June 5- Kris Milliron  
June 12- Julie Hoffelmeyer  
June 19- Kay Wise  
June 26- Ken Bryant

## “Summer”

Many times of the year are natural times of transitions, periods of our lives when we are faced with changes and the challenges that come with changes. The end of summer when students return to school, the freshness of spring, and the beginning of a new year in January when all the possibilities and opportunities await us are such times.

The end of May and the beginning of June is another time of transition. School is out and children and parents must adjust to new schedules and new ways of doing things. Text books and anxieties about assignments are traded in for swim suits, baseball gloves, fishing rods, and other summer gear. For high school and college seniors, the change is even greater as they prepare to enter into a new phase of life. Summer brings about the opportunities for family vacations, more times spent outdoors in nature, and more leisure time...for some. These are all natural transitions.

But there are also chosen transitions and those that are forced upon us from time to time. We often choose to accept changes such as different jobs, new homes, new friendships, additions to our family, or new hobbies or ways to spend our time. And changes like the onset of illness or disease (for ourselves or for those with whom we are close), loss of jobs, loss of economic stability, and even dealing with the death of a loved one are times of transition that are forced upon us.

The onset of summer is also a time of transition in our church. Like the way that many animals hibernate in the winter months, our church activities slow down a bit during the summer. The children's and youth weekly meetings take the summer off as do the women's study meetings and even the Church Board.



But the summer season does give the church the opportunity to participate in summer church camps, Vacation Bible School, and the outdoor Drive-Up worship service that are more difficult any other time of year. Thankfully, while we might adjust our schedules to slow down a bit during the summer months, God does not. God does not take a vacation in the summer to get away from the responsibility of watching over us. Psalm 121:3-5 tells us that, *“He who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you...”*

I hope your transitions to this summer season are smooth ones and that you do find time to rest and relax in the months to come. And I pray that you are made aware that God will not rest from God's continued love for you and care of you...during the summer months or at any time of your life. We will continue to worship God as we gather each Sunday morning during the summer months, and I hope to see you at those gatherings!

In God's Grip,

LOY

## June Anniversaries & Birthdays

1– Mason Rugen	20– Georganne DeMoss
2– Kevin Dehn	Tim Hessel
3– Clay Jackson	Paul Scarff
5– Julie Ash	21– Dennis Carter
Shannon Clemens	23– Aiden Dryer
8– Carla Fricke	Alex Green
Coradean Naylor	Kay Wise
Josh Hoffelmeyer	25– Dan Cox
Jeremy Harlin	26– Patsy Pace
Diane Harvey	Cooper Rugen
Seth Layton	27– David Kueker
12– Ken Bryant	Stephanie Pistel
Drew Jackson	28– Katie Shannon
14– Robert Phillips	29– Mike Green
15– Jean Blalock	Michelle Krog
16– Jay Yoder	30– Virginia Algermisson
18– Mae Belle McGraw	Marilyn Wood
Avery Schroeder	

### Anniversaries

3– Kris & Greg Milliron
4– Ron & Carol Schupp
7– Jim & Linda Dryer
12– Same & Michelle Krog
16– Bill & Eloise Rutledge
19– Tyler & Jenely Merchant
23– Phil & Rebecca Perkins
Gary & Jena Dowell
24– Larry & Anita Wright
29– John & Ginger McGraw

### Drive Up Worship Services

Our summer Drive-Up Worship Service in the parking lot at 8:00 a.m. has begun and is going strong. We still need volunteers to sign up to greet and serve each Sunday through September 18.

### Sermon Series from Galatians

Beginning on June 5 we will have five Sundays of sermons based on Paul's letter to the Galatians. This letter was sent to several churches in the Roman province of Galatia. That area around modern day Ankara would have included Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe, where Paul and Barnabas founded churches (Acts 14:1-23). The churches of the region had heard a "different gospel" (1:6) proclaimed by missionaries whom Paul describes as agitators (5:12) and troublemakers who want to pervert the gospel of Christ (1:7). Like Paul, these other missionaries are Jews who have converted to Christianity, but they argue that the appropriate next step for Gentiles who have come to Jesus as the Messiah is to undergo circumcision as a sign of their inclusion in God's covenant. Paul presents himself as the true interpreter of the Jewish law (5:14) and argues that the cross of Christ marks the end of the old age and the beginning of God's new creation (6:14-15). Paul's theology presented in Galatians became a critical factor in the early church's identity and has played a significant role in Christian theology since. The verses upon which the five sermons will be based are assigned by the lectionary for these weeks of the summer and fit well with our celebrations on these days, especially for a Sunday to commission our children and youth who will be attending church camp this summer, Father's Day, and Independence Day.

### Summer Break

During the summer months many of our programs will be taking some time off. While the youth groups will have camps and events during the summer, no weekly meetings will be held. Children's church will begin again next August. The Executive Committee and Church Board will not meet in July. Lillie Bates Group, the Women's Bible Study, Morning Circle, and Sisters in Faith will also resume in August or September.

### Service Outside the Sanctuary (S.O.S.)

Mark your calendars! It's coming on October 16, 2016! That Sunday we will begin with a combined, short worship service for everyone, then go out into the community to provide services to various individuals and organizations. Following that, we will meet back at the church for a fellowship meal. Information will be shared in the weeks to come along with requests for volunteers and what services you can contribute as well as helping us identify those whom we can help or offer assistance.

### Summer Movie Night

On Wednesday, June 15 we will be showing the movie "Zootopia" in the youth lounge. If we have enough people to overflow that area, we will move into the fellowship hall. The movie will be shown 6:00 – 7:45 and popcorn will be provided.

# I Do...



I would love to say it went off without a hitch, but that would be a lie! My daughter, Torey, got married on May 28th, and if anything could go wrong, it did! It was planned to be an outside wedding, but someone forgot to tell Ol' Man Weather to hold the rain for a few days. Although the day of her wedding was filled with beautiful dry skies, the damage had already been done to the lawn. She received a call Friday telling her the board at MVC had decided to cancel their wedding- she would have to use an alternate location. Thank goodness I had reserved the Church as a backup months ago. With minimal decorations in hand, we adorned the Church into what I believe came off as quite elegant. Speaking of decorations, when the roses I ordered ( 250 red ) arrived two days before the wedding...they were the wrong color! A battle with the company, and pictures to prove I was telling the truth, resulted in having to have flowers delivered overnight so that I would have them Saturday morning. Once they arrived I had to cut them all and watch them closely, soaking them in lukewarm water to help the budding process. Let me just say, I feel like somewhat of a rose expert at this point. After caring for and arranging 450 roses, I believe I have earned that title!

The last two days before her wedding repeatedly had things go wrong. Did I mention the expensive groomsmen gifts that ended up in the garbage and had to be replaced the day before the wedding? Or the

cake that kept drooping its flowers made of icing onto the table? The rehearsal dinner that was scheduled outside that had to be moved the day of? And the grand kick of it all...her music stopping just as she took her first step down the aisle to get married. Not missing a beat, she got to the end and announced, "We're going to do that again" and then made her way back to where she had started from, this time coming back down with music. It all went wrong, until it all went right. The moment they stood across from each other, and said vows that promised faith, love, acceptance



and everlasting life together, I knew that no matter what had went wrong, it would never be enough to keep two people in love apart. Don'tcha

just love a happy ending?

Learning and Leaning,

Hope

## Youth News Round-Up

We finished off our youth group meetings this past month in both joyful celebration and tearful goodbyes. We will have 5 youth moving up from Elementary to Jr. high in the fall, and 12 youth moving up to sr. high youth group. We shared memories and said good-bye to three high school graduates as well.

I am so proud and humbled by the recent Mission Trip to New Orleans. Along with nine youth and three adults, we served, prayed and fellowshiped with some of the most inspirational, loving and enduring people I have ever encountered. And I could not have hand-picked a better team of youth and adults to go with. We left

## Youth News Cont'd

Missouri as acquaintances, and returned a family. Stay tuned next month for more details on our trip and experiences.

We currently have 21 youth and 3 adults registered to attend summer church camp and/or the C.R.Y. Festival. Please take the time to write our youth and children a brief note of encouragement to remind them that their church family is thinking of and praying for them. Notes, cards, etc. may be given to Kris Milliron, who then will ensure proper delivery. Those attending summer ministry events are: Tanner Clemens, Jaxon Clemens, Chase Johnston, Cierra Johnston, Jacob McLain, Kayla McLain, Brenen Sullivan, Seth Layton, Adrienne Layton, Casey Claros, Rileigh Massey, Caiden Reyes, Conner Reyes, Lyssa Agcalon, Ashley Dawson, Quiz Falls, Ashlyn Robbins, Alyssa Robbins, Kelsea Milliron, Gwen Clemens, & Kris Milliron.

It's NOT TOO LATE to register for many of our summer ministry events, but time is running out!! See Kris Milliron for more information.

Sun, June 5<sup>th</sup> Camp Sunday during 10am worship service (all those attending camp and/or CRY please attend)

Tue, June 28<sup>th</sup> Christian Ed./ Youth Committee meeting, 6pm

*Thank you*

To my church family, thank you for the cards and gifts to celebrate my high school graduation. – Alex Green.

## Upcoming Sermons

June 5	"Lessons from Galatians: Paul's Calling" (Camp Commissioning)	Galatians 1:11-16
June 12	"Lessons from Galatians: The Spirit Filled Life"	Galatians 5:13-25
June 19	"Lessons from Galatians: The Legacy" ( Father's Day)	Galatians 3:23-29
June 26	"Lessons from Galatians: Justification"	Galatians 2: 15-20
July 3	"Lessons from Galatians: Bear Each Others' Burdens" ( Independence Day Weekend)	Galatians 6:1-6

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*Just a thought...*

*Some days there won't be a  
song in your heart.*

*Sing anyway!*

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**Music Director–Hope Richards**

**Youth Director– Kris Milliron**

**Custodians– Ron & Carol Schupp,  
Larry Smith**

**Financial Secretary– Ken Bryant**

**Secretary– Hope Richards**

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