

The Marshall Christian

LVIII

No. 7

July 2015

Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

July 5 & 12

Elders:

Madelyn Cox
Kris Milliron

Deacons:

Shirley Schultz
Darlene Arnett
Amber VanDyke
Edie Utlaut
TBA

July 19 & 26

Elders:

Loretta Green
Ken Bryant

Deacons:

Georganne DeMoss
Katie Shannon
Nancy Jackson
Time Boedeker
Annette Miles

Outside Communion:

July 12

Roy Hinton
Greg Schultz

July 26

Luane Miller
Marshall Krause

“Planning For Time With

Ten years ago our then six year old grandson, Jonathan, came to Arkansas to stay with us for a week in July. Because we live so far from both our sons and their seven children in Kansas, we don’t get to see them very often. Jonathan was the first of our grandkids to come spend a week with us and since then three others have also. The others came when they were eight or nine. But Jonathan’s excitement as a six year old is something I remember well.

When I talked to him on the phone before his visit he told me all the things he was going to bring and what he wanted to do. “I’m bringing my baseball glove so we can play baseball, G-Daddy (they call me G-Daddy or G-Daddy Loy).” “I’m gonna bring my swimsuit so we can go swimming, and I’m bringing my fishing pole so we can go fishing together.” “G-Daddy, I’m bringing my sleeping bag and my flashlight so we can campout in the tent in your backyard, and I’m bringing my games so we can play.”

I loved hearing Jonathan

tell me about his plans for us to spend time together and what he planed to bring to make it happen. Sometimes in this hectic life we need to make plans to set aside time to spend with others. That’s the way it is in our relationships with God also. Maybe it wouldn’t hurt to make a list of the things we plan to bring with us for our quiet times with God. “I’m bringing my thanks for the blessings you’ve given me, God” “I’m gonna bring my problems to share with you, and I’m bringing my Bible to read what you have to say to me.” “God, I’m bringing all my heart, my mind, and my soul to love you, and I’m bringing my willingness to just spend time with you and enjoy being with you.”

I get excited just thinking about telling God about my plans to spend time with him. I imagine that God would enjoy hearing that as much as I took joy in hearing Jonathan tell me about his plans for spending time with me. And I know that God would be willing to meet us anywhere for a little visit with him.

In God's Grip, Loy



July Anniversaries & Birthdays

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| 5- Chester Barnes | 17- Lindsay Sullivan |
| 7- Jacque Dryer | 18- Sam Krog |
| 8- Amy Heuman | 19- Kelsey Payne |
| Marshall Krause | 20- Ginger Reis |
| Lucas Milliron | 22- Norman Gibbins |
| 9- Cooper David Halsey | 25- Jan Merritt |
| 11- Issam Amary | 28- Lynn Phillips |
| Wayne McReynolds | 29- William Pace |
| 12- Abby Shroeder | 30- Bryanne Payne |
| 14- Richard Mencl | 31- Rachel Clemons |
| 15- Dan Brandt | Cynthia Crawford |
| Helen Merchant | |
| 16- Harold Heymeyer | |
| Sarah Wright | |
| 17- Wayne Buck | |



ANNIVERSARIES

- 1- Marshall & Pat Krause
 4- Kevin & Jacque Dryer
 11- Leroy & Kay Wise
 14- Wayne & Carolyn Buck
 15- Charles & Kathryn Jones
 18- Bert & Melissa Shannon
 Wayne & Vickie Wise
 19- Aaron & Sarah Wright
 23- Vince & Jill Buck
 26- John & Trish Fletcher
 Spencer & Carla Fricke
 27- Buddy & Karla Hannaford
 30- Vic & Lin Hessel

Add Yourself to Our Call List

Since we are using less than our allotted 200 phone numbers on the automated call list, we have a few openings to add additional numbers. If you are not receiving the weekly phone calls with information about Sunday's worship service or wish to add an additional cell phone number to what we have, contact the office.

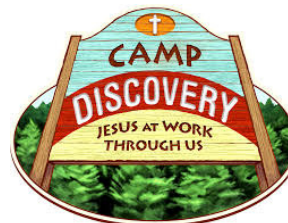


Attention All Committee Chair persons!

If you are a committee chair, please turn in your list of members to the Church office by the July 17th. We need these names to complete the Church Handbook.

Volunteers needed for VBS

Plans are being made for this year's Vacation Bible School to be held August 3-6 at Covenant Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in helping with VBS this year, please look over the sign up sheet listing the many opportunities to serve our children. We are in need of some craft items and would appreciate your help collecting them. We need cardboard toilet paper rolls and water bottles. You may drop these items off in our church office or at Covenant Presbyterian. We can always use more volunteers to help with VBS, if you have some



time to volunteer. Come join us at Camp Discovery!

Time For Us To Do Something



And so it begins— I am no longer single and am learning what it feels like to once again be married. Truthfully, it was worth the wait! .

After our ceremony, we left for a week stay in Las Vegas. Listen to me when I say do NOT go there for relaxation! It is busy, overwhelming, congested, noisy, and expensive! Yet, strangely full of life and excitement at the same time. I am still recovering from sensory overload. Both Brad and I agree it was a great place to visit, once, but next time we would settle for a more quiet atmosphere as a get-away.

From the moment we landed at the airport, close to midnight, it was a place with pack-filled streets and lines to every destination. Seems like we picked the week of music awards, BB King funeral, and numerous other “big happenings” as our time to honeymoon. It is my thought that there is NEVER a week without “happenings” in Vegas. Now, I am not saying we didn’t have a great time, because we certainly did. In fact, my brother came down to crash our honeymoon with his girlfriend for a couple days and it made us a bit more relaxed just having people we cared about , and

knew, around us. Nothing like seeing a friend in a crowd of strangers! Those few days kind of broke the ice for us— our intimidations melted and we began to explore a bit more on our own.

We visited different casinos to see their unique structures and décor, ate at a variety of different restaurants, took in some shows, and sat through an amazing show about the life of Michael Jackson. At \$200 a ticket(thank you, brother!) we assumed it would be an overpriced show... we were wrong. It was a mystical journey through the thoughts and life of Michael through his music. At the end of the show Michael himself appeared as a hologram and danced on stage. I am glad to report I was not alone in having to wipe my eyes as the last strands of “Man in the Mirror” faded. Brad and I left there with a greater understanding of not just Michael, but how so many others are judged without someone taking the time to get to know who they really are. The lesson was certainly worth the price of admission! Umm, especially when our admission was free. Once again, thanks brother!

Every corner in Vegas is a show in itself— bright lights, loud music, dancing water, street per-

formers, expensive cars, and pricey gift shops. But for every ounce of wealth, there was an equal amount of poverty. Our second night in town, Brad and I cruised the strip. There was a man, five feet from the flowing traffic, digging through a garbage can and opening up fast food wrappers. He was thin, dirty, alone...and desperate. A hundred times I wished I could have been close enough to give him help, but the roads were so busy that there was no getting to him. I felt almost as desperate as he did— there was nothing I could do. I spent the rest of our trip thinking about this man. And, I spent a lot of time thanking God for the things I had, and for the friends and family I had been blessed with. I wondered what had happened in this man’s life to leave him so broken. As I have learned, everyone has a story, and he was no different I am certain.

We could all be without shelter, family, and food. But by the grace of God we have been given a much easier road to travel. I should have tried to help him, but I let a busy road stop me. I pray that the next time I see someone in need, I will cross that busy highway to see if I can help put them on a better path. I will not let the fast-pace of life keep me from it. After all, if not me then who? Maybe...you?

Learning and leaning, Hope



Upcoming Sermons

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| July 5 | “Red, White, & Blue Temptations” | (Independence Day Weekend) | Psalms 33:12-22 |
| July 12 | “Soaking in God’s Grace” | | Ephesians 1:3-14 |
| July 19 | Guest preacher@ 8:00 a.m./ Morton Sisters @ 10:00 a.m. | | (Pastor Loy at General Assembly) |
| July 26 | “How We Measure Up” | | Amos 7:7-15 |

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Just a thought...

Be strong when you are
weak, brave when you
are scared, and humble
when you are victorious.

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Website!**

Stop by our new and improved church 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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Youth Director– Kris Milliron

Custodians– Ron & Carol Schupp,

Larry Smith

Financial Secretary– Ken Bryant

Secretary– Hope Miller

Pianists– Donna Smith, Kay Wise,

Judy Morris