



Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

March 4th

Elders:

- Ken Bryant
- Virginia Bryant

Deacons:

- Tyler Clemens
- Jean Dowell
- Hope Richards
- Shirley Schultz
- Makenzie Thomason

March 11th & 18th

Elders:

- Vickie Wise
- Kathryn Jones

Deacons:

- Cindy Brandt
- Linda Crews
- Chris Layton
- Lori Layton
- Wayne Wise

March 25th & April 1st

Elders:

- Kris Milliron
- Carol Schupp

Deacons:

- Carolyn Buck
- Brenda Coffman
- Georganne DeMoss
- Roberta Reed
- Amber VanDyke

Outside Communion:

March 11th

- Donna Smith
- Kay Wise

March 25th

- Greg Schultz
- Kathryn Jones

March Worship Leaders:

- 4th- Virginia Bryant
- 11th- Tim Clemens
- 18th- Paul Crews
- 25th- Kris Milliron

“Are You Training?”

Mid to late February is a time to celebrate. Some people go all out to celebrate Chinese New Year and others make a big deal out of Valentine’s Day. Still more will celebrate President’s Day or Black History Month. But I’m thinking about something else – spring training for baseball! Major league players, along with a few minor leaguers who are invited, have reported to their training grounds in Arizona (the Cactus League) and Florida (the Grapefruit League) to begin training for the season which will begin March 29.

They have just a few weeks to hone their skills that have been dormant since they last played in September or October. They will use this time to re-train muscles to react to game situations, eyes to focus in on the pitched ball, and hands to grip the ball and bat in just the right way. They will learn again how to work together with their teammates, including new ones, and how to cooperate with each other to form a team. Spring training is an important part of their preparation for the 162 regular-season games that waits for them over the hot summer days, and hopefully some cold weather post-season games as well.

If we as Christians, working together as a team within the church, have a spring training period, it would have to be Lent.

It always begins in February or March and lasts until Easter in late March or April. Lent is a time for us to practice spiritual disciplines that focus our attention on God and lead us to be more faithful followers of God. It’s a period of training that leads us into Palm Sunday, Holy Week with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Lent prepares us for all the opportunities to serve throughout the year, including our S.O.S. Sunday on April 22.



Of course, there is no set annual time for us as Christians or as a congregation to train or to really get down to the business of being faithful to God once again. Both our training and our faithfulness are ongoing aspects of the Christian life. Still, the liturgical calendar of the church does have its ebbs and flows and as much as Advent is a season of waiting and preparing, Lent is a season of repenting and training. There is still time, four weeks, for you to make the most of this season by adding a spiritual discipline or habit to your daily routine.

In God’s Grip,

Loy



March Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 1- Zoe Dryer
 Roberta Reed
- 2-Carol Schupp
- 4- Amber Kueker
 Andy Rugen
- 5- Sawyer Asbury
 Lois Pontius
- 6- Charles Estill
 Shirley Kueker
- 7- Vickie Wise
 Jeanne Young
- 8- Barbara French
- 10- Steve Green
 Brian Miles
- 12- Loretta Absher
 Jeanette Root
- 14- Beth LaGore
- 16-Zach Gaba
- 18- Kelsea Milliron
- 22- Alice Barnes
 Ryleigh Halsey

- 22- Lori Layton
- 25- Josh Hundley
 Kyle Naylor
- 26- David VanHorn
- 28- Doyne Alexander
 Mark Harvey
 Harold Stoll
- 30- Jacob Uhrig
- 31- Charles Bentley

Anniversaries

- 2- Drew & Shirley Jackson
- 3- Fred & Jane Hartley
- 18- Jay & Marty Yoder
- 20- Jim & Stacey Smith
- 21- Bobby & Terry Cobb
- 25- Dan & Cindy Brandt



Lenten Devotionals Available

This year's Lenten devotionals, "Walking in Newness of Life" from the Society of St. Andrew, will be available to help guide you through each day of the season of Lent. They include a daily scripture reading, meditation, and prayer. There are enough for each family to take one.

Magazines Needed!

Pastor Loy will be directing a church camp this summer for 2nd and 3rd graders. Your help is needed to collect as many magazines as possible to be used for crafts.

Start of Daylight Saving Time

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour before worship services on Sunday, March 11 as Daylight Saving Time will begin once again.

Service Outside the Sanctuary Sunday

Plans are being made for our next S.O.S. Sunday on April 22 (Earth Day). Please contact the office if you know of anyone we could assist on that day. Sign-up sheets will soon be up for volunteers. That Sunday we will begin with a combined, short worship service for everyone at 9:00 a.m., then we will go out into the community to provide services to various individuals and organizations. Following that, we'll meet back at the church for a light fellowship meal.



Congregational Meetings on March 18

Congregational business meetings will be held following both worship services on March 18 to approve the new slate of trustees and elders and deacons serving on the church board.

Easter Sunrise Service and Fellowship Breakfast

A Sunrise Service will be held on Easter Sunday, April 1 in the Sun Room. The worship will begin at 6:45. Come join us as we welcome the sun and the resurrected Son on Easter. A breakfast will be held in the fellowship hall beginning at 7:15. Tickets for the breakfast are available from members of the Fellowship Committee or in the church office.



The Fellowship Committee will host a fellowship dinner following the 10:00 worship service on March 11. The menu will include fried chicken and mashed potatoes. Members are encouraged to bring a dessert or salad.

Church Scholarships

First Christian Church offers one or more general scholarships through the Scholarship Committee. Application forms are available through the Church Office and are due back in the church office by April 29. Any high school seniors who are members of the church are encouraged to apply.

Read All About It!

Maundy Thursday Service on March 29

Join us for a meaningful Maundy Thursday worship service in the sanctuary on March 29 at 7:00 p.m. The service will lead us, through song and scripture, 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. If you saw this reenactment last year, bring someone to share it with you this year.



Missing Umbrella

Anita Wright is looking for her umbrella, which was left at the Church a few weeks ago. Unfortunately, it is now missing. If you know where it may be, please contact the Church office.



Holy Week Community Service

The Community Holy Week Worship Service hosted by the Marshall Ministerial Alliance will be held on March 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church with Father Mark Smith bringing the message.

There may be a bear on Wall Street lately, but you've a sure bet investing in this stock!!

The 2018 youth mission team is selling stock shares to raise funds for their trip to Alamosa, Colorado on May 20th. All stockholders, in return for their investment, will receive postcards from the youth during the trip, an invitation to a stockholder's meeting and dinner where they will hear reports of the trip, and a stock certificate. In addition, stockholders will receive the gratitude of both the mission team, and the recipients of God's love and grace, through the good works of the youth.

Now that is quite the return on your investment!!

To purchase stock shares, contact Kris Milliron at 660-815-2561,

March Youth Calendar Events

Fri.-Fri., March 2nd-9th
 Sunday, March 4th
 Wednesday, March 7th

Sunday, March 11th

Wednesday, March 14th

Sunday, March 18th
 Wednesday, March 21st

Sat.-Sun. March 24-25th
 Sunday, March 25th
 Wednesday, March 28th

Kris Milliron on vacation
 Sr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm @ FCC
 Elementary youth group, 5-6:30pm @ Covenant
 Jr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm @ Covenant
 Service day @ Hundred Acre Woods Riding Center!
 Grades 6-8 & adults meet at FCC @ 12:30pm
 Sr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm @ FCC
 Elementary youth group, 5-6:30pm @ Covenant
 Jr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm @ Covenant
 Sr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm @ FCC
 Elementary youth group, 5-6:30pm @ Covenant
 Jr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm @ Covenant
 CRY Cabinet meeting @ St. Louis
 Sr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm @ FCC
 Elementary youth group, 5-6:30pm @ Covenant
 Jr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm @ Covenant



Schedule of Events

- 1st Thursday of each month Single Ladies
- 5-9 Meals on Wheels Weeks
- 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th
Bells at 11:00
- 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th
Women's Bible Study Group
- 7th & 14th
Baptism Classes 2:30-3:45
- 7th, 14 & 28th
Choir Rehearsal 11:00
- 11th Fellowship Dinner
- 11th Bells provide Special Music
- 14th Board/ Elders Meetings
- 14th Maundy Thursday Practice 8:00
- 20th Lillie Bates 1:30
- 21st & 28th
Maundy Thursday Rehearsal 7:00
- 24th--Frozen Meal prep for SOS Sunday
- 25th Palm Sunday
- 27th Morning Circle
- 29th Maundy Thursday Service

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



From Kris...



I am straying a bit from my usual article about the February youth activities and events; I hope you'll bear with me. Admittedly, 2018 has gotten off to a pretty rough start. Now I can't speak for everyone, but when life is going great, it's easy to count my blessings. When life takes a turn for the worse, it's pretty easy to question 'God, where are you?' And with the acts of violence hitting the news so frequently, we tend to cry out 'If only...' I sure have had my share of conversations with God these past few weeks! Fortunately, a recent, not-so-gentle nudge from God reminded

me that:

When a family member was in the hospital with illness...God was there.

(Joshua 1:9)

When a close family friend passed away...God was there. *(Psalm 23)*

When a family member was diagnosed with Alzheimer's...God was there. *(John 14:27-29)*

Being at the right place, at the right time to pray over the loss of someone's loved one...God was there.

(Matthew 18:20)

During my back injury, pain,

and ongoing treatment...

God is there. *(Isaiah 41:10)*

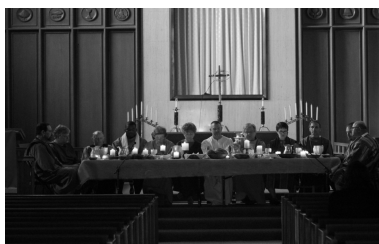
Throughout all the horrors and tragedies and suffering taking place around our country and world...God is there. *(Romans 8:38-39)*

Thank you God for being there - when You're forgotten, when You're neglected, when You're the target of anger, when You're not welcome, when You're unrecognized, when You're despised and when You're unknown. Thank you, God.

Grateful, Kris Milliron

It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like...

Easter! Don't blink, because if you do, you may miss Easter this year! It comes very early in the month of April...the first day to be exact! It makes for a busy, yet wonderful, time at our Church. As Music Director, I am excited to share with our congregation two special services. The first is our Maundy Thursday service, which features songs of faith and praise along with Jesus' journey



Maundy Thursday Service 2017

through the hours before and after the "Last Supper". From sounds, props, wardrobe and food, we have tried our hardest to take you back to the table Jesus shared with His twelve disciples. This service takes a lot of time and dedication on the parts of all involved, and sadly over the last years not many have come to share this experience. We hope this year is different. It is our hope that you find it in your hearts to attend this evening

so that we can continue to hold this special service.



Our second service will be Easter morning at the 10:00 service. Our Church singers will take part as we offer a variety of music, sure to fit all tastes, to celebrate Easter through scripture and song.

We hope you can join us for one, or both, of our services this year. If you would like more information please contact the Church office.

Learning and Leaning, Hope

Tid-Bits...

Memory Book

The FCC 175th anniversary memory book, Bound Together, is being compiled. It's not too late to include your memories of and hopes for First Christian Church. Please give or email your memories to the office for inclusion by March 15. We hope to go to press in time to have the book ready by Easter on April 1.

Outside Communion

The Elders of the church continue to serve communion to those who are unable to be with us for worship on Sunday mornings for an extended period of time. Elders take this out the second and fourth weekends of



each month. If you are unable to be with us in worship and would like to have communion brought to you, please contact the office at 886-3338 so that you can be added to the list.

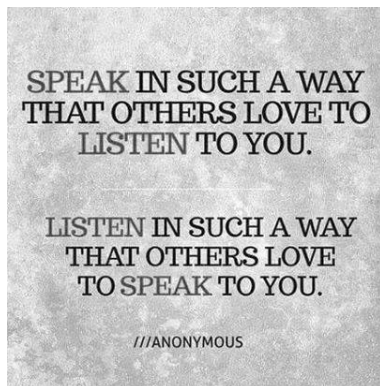
Upcoming Sermons...

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| March 4 "Not a Real Sermon" (Third Sunday in Lent) | Psalm 19 |
| March 11 "God Loves" (Fourth Sunday in Lent) | John 3:14-21 |
| March 18 "The Promise" (Fifth Sunday in Lent) | Jeremiah 31:31-34 |
| March 25 "Before Easter" (Palm Sunday) | Mark 14:32 – 15:47 |
| April 1 "A Message Worth Sharing" (Easter Sunrise – 6:45) | Mark 16:1-8 |
| "The Prank and the Promise" (Easter Sunday- 8:00) | Acts 10:34-43 |
| Easter Cantata at 10:00 worship service | |

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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

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Office Admin.– Hope Richards

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Judy Morris