

The Marshall Christian

LVIII

No. 9

September 2015

Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

August 30 & September 6

Elders:

Dan Brandt
Kris Milliron

Deacons:

Tim Boedeker
Tyler Clemens
Georganne DeMoss
Amanda McCord
Jo Wilhite

September 13 & 20

Elders:

Mark Harvey
Roy Hinton

Deacons:

Dane Branson
Missy Kreisel
Ginger McGraw
John McGraw
Nathan Sullivan

Outside Communion:

September 13

Vickie Wise
Mark Harvey

September 27

Ken Bryant
Virginia Bryant

Worship Leaders

Aug. 30-

Sept. 6- John Anson
Sept. 13- Mark Harvey
Sept. 20- Kris Milliron
Sept. 27- Vickie Wise

“Experiencing Worship”

As a general rule, the summer months are much quieter around the church. However, there are exceptions to every rule. My schedule from mid July to mid August was filled with one week at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Columbus, Ohio; a week directing church camp at the Rickman Center at Jefferson City; four days of Vacation Bible School; and a week on vacation in Santa Fe, New Mexico. I am so ready for a more normal routine, if there is such a thing.

These events gave me a great variety of worship experiences. At General Assembly I attended six worship services. One was on Sunday morning, led by the youth of the General Youth Council and attended by 500 people. The other five were evening worships attended by the more than 3,000 people at the assembly and featured amazing musicians and preachers. We had worship each night at camp also. On the first and last nights, these were led by the camp staff, but the three in between were led by the campers. I got to work with the teenagers to help them plan the services. Most were held at the outside chapel, but one was also in an open field flooded by the light of a full moon and another was at a campfire.

The opening and closing gatherings each night of VBS were also worshipful. Prayers were offered, the children sang out praises in full voice, and there was always a lesson from

God’s Word. While on vacation, Rhonda and I attended a Sunday morning service at the First Christian Church of Santa Fe with seven other people. The small congregation was very welcoming. Visiting a few of the huge Catholic churches in that town was a sacred experience too: the Loretto Chapel, famous for its freestanding spiral staircase; the San Miguel Catholic Church, the oldest church in North America; the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis with the oldest statue of Mother Mary in North America; and many more.



Being in the presence of such beautiful worship areas alongside wonderful people with hearts for God places a person in a worshipful mood. I feel the same way on Sunday mornings right here at home. When I walk into the chapel just before 8:00 or out to the parking lot in the summer or I see people gathering in the sanctuary before 10:00 on Sunday mornings, I know we again have the opportunity to worship God in these wonderful places with church family. When I hear the bells chiming to call us to worship, I again anticipate experiencing God in our midst.

But any day, any time can offer a time to pause and be in the presence of God, to praise God, and spend time with God. Make time to worship God on your own anytime, and in the company of the church family on Sunday morning.

In God’s Grip, Loy

September Anniversaries & Birthdays

1- George Green	11- Rileigh Massey
3- Brent Marsh Dexter Shannon	12- Taylor Ehrhardt
4- Linda Alspach Micki Uhrig	14- Lin Hessel Phoebe Jones
5- Sue Ann Crawford Leanne Dehn Jared Porter Trafton Shannon Ethan Schupp	19- Karla Hannaford 20- Emmy Dehn Roy Hinton Ryan Smith
6- Jacob Kissner	22- Chad Barnes Joanne McKinney
7- JoNell Fizer	24- Jan Ravenhill
8- Brandon Blalock Nancy Jackson William Jackson Evan Stoll Martha Sweeten	25- Ross Crawford McKenzie Thomason 27- Bailey Kueker
10- Fred Hartley Dale Pontius	28- Betty Kennedy 29- Jennifer Dehn Hope Richards 30- Rosie Bentley



ANNIVERSARIES

5- Wayne & Priscilla McReynolds
Lawrence & Lou Soendker
7- Dennis & Linda Carter
12- Steve & Diane Green
14- Phil & Beth LaGore
22- Ralph & Evelyn Wenzel
Wayne & Sherry Shannon

FCC Youth Group Information

As we prepare to begin another year of Children and Youth Ministries, I am excited about the many opportunities that are ahead for us to work with your children and join together in fellowship, fun, worship and spiritual education. To help open the lines of communication and cooperation, there will be a parent informational meeting on Sunday, Sept. 13th at 12:30pm in the youth lounge at First Christian Church. We will be sharing important information regarding upcoming events and activities, curriculum, staff introductions, fundraising, service and mission.

Youth groups will begin on September 9th and 13th. All three meetings will continue to meet on the same days and times as last year. Elementary (grades K-5) will meet from 5:00-6:30 on Wednesdays, Junior high (6-8) will be 7:00-8:30pm on Wednesdays, and the Senior high youth (9-12) will meet on Sundays from 7:00-8:30pm. All will meet at First Christian Church.

Once again, we will be accepting applications for a Senior high Leadership Team; the deadline to submit these is October 4th. Contact me for an application or more information.

Youth calendars are available in the church sunroom, these cover most of our activities and special events through 2015. Of course, we may add more as they come up, and will let you know as soon as possible. You will notice on the calendar that we have two registration deadlines coming up quickly; these are for the Festival of Sharing and the 2016 summer Mission Trip. We will share details about these and other important events at the Parent meeting.

Towards the end of September will be our fall fundraiser - Sonic Value Card sales. They are a great bargain at only \$5, and we benefit from 100% of sales!!! Proceeds from these cards will go towards outings, activities and mission opportunities (youth are expected to pay only half of most registration fees for events). I ask that each youth sell a minimum of 10 cards. There is no maximum number!!

Please don't hesitate to contact me at 660-815-2561 or krismilliron@gmail.com if you have any questions, concerns, needs or suggestions.

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It's So Hard to Say Goodbye...



For six years I have sat behind my desk at First Christian Church. There are several things that have to get done each week, and even more things that “show up” that need attention that aren’t on the normal work week schedule. Sometimes things that need attention are people.

Over the course of my time here I have been fortunate enough to meet so many different people from our congregation— they will come in and sit down for a while, and share the stories of years before, and of the new things in their lives. Reverend Floyd Case became a regular at the office.

The first time I talked with Floyd he told me about his war stories, his taking on the family at an early age, and of his many duties around town ministering to others. He is a man, I realized, who always did God’s work, no matter how small or big the “work” might be. Now as most of you can attest to, I heard the same stories a few times, and I found myself realizing I knew the ending before he got there. But each time he told me of his childhood and life as a young adult, his eyes would fill with passion, pride....and sorrow. Sorrow quickly faded as he would move on to his next tale

of Navy adventures, or even stories of Thelma and the kids.

I listened, sometime more attentively than others, knowing I would hear it again soon. But this past week I learned I wouldn’t be hearing those stories again. At least not for a very long time. Reverend Floyd Case would be moving to St. Louis to be near his family. When I first heard this I worried that Floyd would feel lost— there are so many places around here that he goes to , helping the young and elderly alike. What would he do without being able to continue his usual routine? As a man who has always done God’s will, I couldn’t imagine how he would feel leaving all the places and people that he touched daily. What was he going to do? How was he going to feel? I found myself feeling angry and resentful that he was being “taken” away. We needed him here. I Needed him here! I had never realized the impact he had on my life— he was the grandpa figure I never had. Was it really fair to take him away? The answer was simple. Yes.

Floyd has so much pride that he doesn’t ask for help. He is at a point in his life where he needs it, whether he believes so or not. His family knows this, you know this, and I know this. Where he is moving to , Assisted Living at the Mead-

lowlands, he will be given that extra helping hand that he sometimes needs. He will be surrounded by loving family who I am sure he will spend countless hours weekly with. And as far as still living to serve the Lord? Think of how many people he will meet that he can share his stories of love and faith with! It is very selfish of me to want to keep him for “us” when there are countless people that need to experience the “Floyd Case’s” of the world.



In this situation, if I can remove my “needs” from the equation, it is easy to see that Floyd leaving is the clear choice for him to be in a better position in life. I will miss his

stories, miss his laugh, and miss the small flowers he use to bring me to sit on my desk. I will wish I Had paid better attention to the stories he told, but be glad that he had shared them with me. I will miss seeing him ride his bike. I will miss hearing him tell me he had to head to the senior center to help the elderly, when most were older than himself! But in my heart I will keep him close- there will always be this corner that is saved for the memories of a man who lived his life as a servant, to us...and to God.

Good luck, my friend, on your many future travels and adventures. May God continue working through you.

Learning and Leaning, Hope

Upcoming Sermons

Aug. 30 “Bite Your Tongue & Bless Your Heart”

James 3:2-12

Sept. 6 “The Back of the Line is Never Crowded”

Mark 9:30-37

(Labor Day weekend – last Drive Up service)

Sept. 13 “God’s Draft Choices” *(Faith & Film – “Moneyball”)*

Matthew 5:1-5

Sept. 20 “How to Eat, Pray, & Love” *(Faith & Film – “Eat, Pray, Love”)*

Psalms 51:10-12

Sept. 27 “The Church that Prays Together...Stays Together”

Psalms 124

(Homecoming Sunday)

Homecoming Sunday – Sept. 27

Our congregation was founded on September 27, 1842. On September 27 we will celebrate the 173rd anniversary of that event with special worship services and a fellowship meal following the 10:00 service.

Please bring a dessert or salad to share if attending. Help us contact all past members

with a special invitation to return and join us in marking this milestone with the sharing of memories, wor-

ship, & fellowship, and breaking bread together.



Sponsored by our Fellowship Committee



Loretta Green and Brenda Coffman



Wayne and Azlynn Buck

Dinner and a Movie!

Faith in Film Sermon Series and Movie Nights!

For a couple of Sundays in September, the sermons will build upon clips from movies. It might be helpful to be familiar with the entire movie before hearing the message each Sunday, so I encourage you to watch the films beforehand.

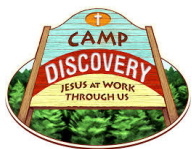
Each *Sunday night* prior to a 'Faith in Film' sermon the next week, we will be showing the movies in the *Youth Lounge beginning at 4:30 pm.*



Each movie lasts about two hours. Here is the schedule for the movie nights:

Sept. 6 – "Moneyball" 2011 – rated PG-13, 133 minutes (snack – popcorn and cracker-jacks)

Sept. 13 – "Eat, Pray, Love" – 2010 – rated PG-13, 113 minutes (snack – hot dogs)



Vacation Bible School 2015

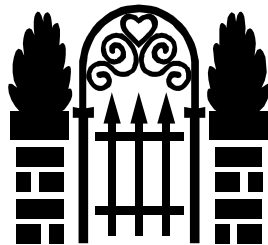
First Christian Church and Covenant Presbyterian Church joined together to hold Vacation Bible School Aug. 3-6. Our theme was Camp Discovery, a theme that taught us how God works through each of us. We had 45 children registered in classes from three and

four year olds to children in sixth grade. We had many adults volunteering as VBS teachers and helpers. Both FCC and Covenant were well represented and our thanks go out to all who donated their time, talent, and cookies to make our VBS a success. Our offering of \$150 went to help the Marshall Animal Shelter.

Volunteers needed to sign up to hand out water bottles on September 12 during the Santa Fe Trail Heritage Days on the square. We will need people from 9:00 A. M. – Noon to distribute water bottles and koozies. Contact the office if you can help.

Pick Your Battles

In previous newsletters, the Pastor-Parish committee has put forth information regarding communication skills and conflict resolution. Those articles have covered topics like Keeping Your Cool/Self Control and Separate the Person From the Issue. So, to our committee's purpose of enhancing and supporting the communication between the congregation and its minister, we bring you another helpful tip entitled Pick Your Battles. This tip allows you to save time, energy, and grief. We can avoid unnecessary problems and complications when we learn to follow our true convictions and *not* argue over petty things. The following excerpt comes from an article titled "Ten Keys to Handling Unreasonable and Difficult People" by Preston Ni, a professor, presenter, private coach, and author of *Communication Success with Four Personality Types* and *How to Communicate Effectively and Handle*



Caption describing picture or

Difficult People.

Pick Your Battles

Not all difficult individuals we face require direct confrontation about their behavior. There are two scenarios under which you might decide not to get involved. The first is when someone has temporary, situational power over you. For example, if you're on the phone with an unfriendly customer service representative, as soon as you hang up and call another agent, this representative will no longer have power over you.

Another situation where you might want to think twice about confrontation is when, by putting up with the difficult behavior, you derive a certain benefit. An example of this would be an annoying co-worker, for although you dislike her, she's really good at providing analysis for your team, so she's worth the patience. It's helpful to remember that most difficult people have positive qualities as well, especially if you know how to elicit them.

In both scenarios, you have the power to decide if a situation is serious enough to confront. Think twice, and fight the battles that are truly worth fighting.

The Pastor-Parish committee meets quarterly and will have their next meeting in November. Members are: Lori Layton – chairperson, Wayne Buck, Zach Crews, Loretta Green, Donna Smith, Vickie Wise, and Jeanne Young.

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Youth Calendar

- Sept. 6 Mission trip presentation at FCC 10am worship service
- Sept. 9 Elementary (grades K-5) youth group 5-6:30
Junior high (grades 6-8) youth group 7-8:30
- Sept. 13 Parent meeting, 12:30 in FCC Youth Lounge
Senior high (grades 9-12) youth group 7-8:30
- Sept. 16 Elem. youth group 5-6:30
Jr. high youth group 7-8:30
- Sept. 19 Nehemiah Music Festival
Kansas City
Leave FCC at 9:00am
- Sept. 20 Sr. high youth group, 7-8:30
- Sept. 22 Youth & Christian Ed. Committee meeting, 6:00pm
- Sept. 23 Elem. youth group 5-6:30
Jr. high youth group 7-8:30
Festival of Sharing
registration deadline, \$20 due
- Sept. 27 Sr. high youth group, 7-8:30
Festival of Sharing
registration deadline, \$20 due
Sonic card sales begin
- Sept. 30 Elem. youth group 5-6:30
Jr. high youth group 7-8:30
Sonic card sales begin

A Few More Tid-Bits

Annual Fall Festival

It is time to start planning our 2nd Annual Fall Festival . A meeting will be held September 13, following the 10:00 a.m. service, for those interested in participating. Our first year was very successful— we hope this year will be better yet! Hope to see you, and your fun ideas, at the meeting.



Fall Festival

The last Sunday for our Drive-up service will be Sunday, August 6th.



Church Handbooks will be ready soon. A big thank you to Buddy & Karla Hannaford for their hard work and dedication to this project.

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be afraid not to try.

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Church Staff

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Music Director–Hope Richards (Miller)

Youth Director– Kris Milliron

Custodians– Ron & Carol Schupp,

Larry Smith

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Secretary– Hope Richards (Miller)

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