

The Marshall Christian

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No. X

October 2016

Serving Schedule

October 2

Elders:

Buddy Hannaford
Loretta Green

Deacons:

Jean Dowell
Carla Fricke
Ginger McGraw
John McGraw
Shirley Schultz

October 9 & 16

Elders:

Mark Harvey
Dan Brandt

Deacons:

Butch Ash
Doris Ash
Gwen Clemens
Makenzie Thomason

September 25 & October 2

Elders:

Buddy Hannaford
Loretta Green

Deacons:

Jean Dowell
Carla Fricke
John McGraw
Ginger McGraw

Outside Communion:

October 9

Mark Harvey
Donna Smith

October 23

Ken Bryant
Virginia Bryant

Worship Leaders

October 2- Buddy Hannaford

October 9- Mark Harvey

October 16- Tim Clemens

October 23- Ken Bryant

October 30- Virginia Bryant

Children's Church

October 2- Tiffany Thornton

October 9- Virginia Bryant

October 16- Katie Shannon

October 23- Jill Buck

October 30- Tiffany Thornton

“A Time to Pray”

The end of September reminds me of my years in youth ministry and a particular event that still takes place at the end of September each year. See You at the Pole was celebrated on September 28, 2016. See You at the Pole (SYATP) is an annual gathering of Christian students of all ages at the flagpole in front of their local school for prayer, scripture-reading and hymn-singing, during the early morning before school starts. The American SYATP events occur on the fourth Wednesday each September.

SYATP began with a few teenagers in Burleson, Texas in the spring of 1990 when, during a weekend youth retreat, they were led by God to go to three schools and join around the flag poles to pray for their schools, their teachers, and the leaders of their country. Their actions spread to create an event that summer with 20,000 teens in Dallas, Texas. By September of that year they had organized further and more than 45,000 students across four states gathered at their school flag poles to pray before the start of school.

One year later, one million students all over the country did the same. The event has continued each year and recently more than 5 million students from all 50 states and more than 30 countries took part. The purpose remains the same – some groups sing, some share testimonies, some read scriptures, but all pray. They come together and lay aside all of the labels and group affiliations to en-

gage with God in prayer and connect with fellow Christians in unity around flag poles. The teenagers connect with one another on a Wednesday morning near the beginning of the school year so they can stand strong together throughout the year.



My own experience with this event began at a high school across the street from the church I was serving in Las Cruces, New Mexico in 1993. That was the first of 16 straight years of gathering with students around a flag pole at a school and praying with them. Most often I was at high schools, but through the years I also attended this event at middle schools, junior high schools, colleges, and even elementary schools. In one community we started an evening rally to either follow the morning gathering or on the night before to remind students about it. We would have 500 students show up for inflatable games, free hot dogs, water, ice cream, drawings for prizes, live praise bands, a speaker, and worship. Teenagers from dozens of different churches would come.

Each time I attended these events, I thought of what our churches and the world would be like if all Christians could set aside one day during the year to do this. Remember to take time to pray today.

In God's Grip,
LOY

October Anniversaries & Birthdays

1- Lloyd Bentley	18- Ron Absher
2- Priscilla McReynolds	Makenna Parker
3- Correy Jackson	19- Paul Crews
4- Angela Gaba	Matthew Green
5- Anna Gass	20- Nic Ess
8- Rennie Ballane	22- Lois Mencl
Ryan Layton	23- Shane Bishop
Pete Moles	Beth Hanes
9- Torey (Miller) Spitzig	Cole Perkins
10- Gaines Branson	Cathy Swinger
Darrell Kueker	24- Jessica Green
11- Kevin Halsey	Jimmy Shannon
12- Wilma Amary	25- Tyler Clemens
Mindy Kissner	Brad Pistel
13- Dan Bishop	27- Shaquina Shannon
15- Ron Schupp	28- Stephanie Green
16- Louise Buck	Rebecca Perkins
Jack Uhrig	Collin Porter
17- JW Clemens	Donna Smith
Rhonda Hoskins	30- Gwen Merchant
Matt Kueker	
Rob Ravenhill	



Anniversaries

3- Justin & Heidi Joliff
Brad & Stephanie Pistel
4- Harold & Virginia Heymeyer
13- Tim & Jennifer Marquess
24- Kevin & Megan Halsey
25- Roger & Bryanne Payne
28- Lloyd & Rosie Bentley

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

We're a few weeks away from October 16, the day we will take part in a special Sunday service. It will begin with a combined, short worship service in the sanctuary at 8:30 for everyone, 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 fellowship meal. Volunteers



are asked to contact the church office or to sign up on the chart in the parlor. We also are seeking help to identify those whom we can help or offer assistance.

Special Offerings this Month

It is the vision of Reconciliation Ministry to build just communities by breaking down the walls within our church which separate us. We envision a Church in which all communities are accountable to one another and God. The goal of the *Reconciliation Ministry Offering* is to foster life-giving community within our church and in relationship with the whole family of God. This offering will be collected on **October 2 and October 9**.

Blanket Sundays are times of special offering when more than 8,000 congregations and groups across the U.S. host Church World Service events and offerings to provide funds to help people in need around the world. They provide hope in the form of blankets to survivors of storms, earthquakes and other disasters. For over 60 years CWS has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future. Each \$8 donation will place a blanket in the hand of someone needing warmth, shelter, comfort, or the knowledge that someone out there cares. This offering will be collected on **October 16 and 23**.

All Saints Day Recognition

On Sunday, October 30 we will celebrate All Saints Day in our worship services. During the worship we will be recognizing loved ones that have passed away since this time last year. As individual names are called, the families will be invited to stand, a candle will be lit, and the bells will toll in honor of them. We will be remembering all members of the church and immediate family of church members that have notified us.

Make a Joyful Noise



It is almost here...cooler weather! Ok, so some days have been a bit cool already. But...not the snuggle in a sweater under a blanket kinda feeling! I know some reading this will be upset that the hot weather has slipped by us once again. But there are those of us that look forward to the snowflakes hitting our faces, snow boots, yards that look like a winter-wonderland Christmas card and temperatures that barely reach the 50's. Yes, I will miss the activities that came with summer— swimming, gardening (wait, did I really say that?), and sitting outside at night sipping drinks in the back yard. But I can hardly wait to put up Christmas decorations, bake cookies, make a batch of Chex-Mix, make a snow angel, shake snow off of my boots and make some snow cream! Seems like God created just enough different seasons for all of us to get a little bit each of what we like. See, I tolerate Summer. I have grown accustomed to Spring, and am learning to embrace Fall. I use to ONLY love Winter. Then I realized, not allowing myself to open up and TRY to like things that I really didn't care for, left me with a whole lot of time to be miserable in my surroundings! Once I started really trying to make the most of each season, something strange happened...I started liking them. As with everything in our lives, it is easy to appreciate only what we like as individuals. But if we take a moment to find the good in all the diverse things we encounter, we may find enjoyment in things we never imagined.

Learning and Leaning, Hope

Elders Gathering is Sedalia

Our church elders have been invited to attend a gathering at First Christian Church in Sedalia on Thursday, October 13. We will leave the church at 5:00 drive to Sedalia where we will meet with elders from First Christian Churches in Sedalia and Warrensburg for a meal, fellowship, prayer, and a round table discussion on the role of Elders in the church. This is an invitation for all elders, both those presently serving on the board and those who are not. Please contact the church office by Wednesday, October 5 so that we can report numbers they can expect from Marshall.

Lillie Bates CWF Circle

The circle met September 20 in the Fellowship Hall. Those present were Roberta Reed— hostess, Jean Dowell, Moan Baker, Alisa Smith, Grace Miles, Beth Hanes, Rosie Bentley, Doris Ash and Madelyn Cox. Those attending brought their favorite salads to be shared by the group with the hostess providing sandwiches and a dessert. A bible reading was presented by the hostess to the group from Matthew 5:1-12. The group then worked on projects for the upcoming year, with discussion and ideas from those present.

*Reported by ,
Roberta Reed-Secretary*

Fall Festival

Join us for the **Fall Festival on October 30, 5:00 – 7:00 pm for food, folks, and fun!** There will be plenty of carnival style games to be played, prizes, chili, hot-dogs, pies, and other foods. Wear your costume or just come as you are, but come! We're asking each committee and fellowship group to oversee a game or food booth. Contact the church office with your choices. If you need to order any items from Oriental Trading (prizes or carnival type games), turn your order in to the office by Oct. 17th so that we can place one order.

Mid America Regional Assembly

Our biennial Regional Assembly will be held October 7-9 at Central Christian Church in Springfield. The keynote speaker will be General Minister and President Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins. This year's assembly will be a Mission First gathering which will include mission breakout sessions, small group gatherings, and hand-on mission work opportunities. There will be a youth program for high school and middle school youth, which will also include mission work. You can register online at Christian Church of Mid America Region.

Upcoming Sermons

Oct. 2	“Experiencing Communion” (<i>World Communion Sunday</i>)	1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Oct. 9	“Who Is My Neighbor?” (<i>Reconciliation Sunday-Faith in Film: Woodlawn</i>)	Luke 10:25-37
Oct. 16	Service Outside the Sanctuary (SOS) Sunday	1 Peter 4:10
Oct. 23	“What if...?” (<i>Laughter Sunday</i>)	2 Chronicles 7:12-15
Oct. 30	“Blessings and Woes” (<i>All Saints Day</i>)	Luke 6:20-31

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we're unbeatable together!*

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