

The Marshall Christian

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November 2016

Serving Schedule

November 6 & 13

Elders:

Buddy Hannaford
Julie Hoffelmeyer

Deacons:

Josh Hoffelmeyer
Lori Layton
Seth Layton
Ginger McGraw
John McGraw

November 20 & 27

Elders:

Paul Crews
Kathryn Jones

Deacons:

Linda Crews
Kevin Dryer
Hope Richards
Jessica Parker
Jeff Wise

Outside Communion:

November 13

Greg Schultz
Buddy Hannaford

November 27

Dan Brandt
Kathryn Jones

Worship Leaders

November 6– Buddy Hannaford
November 13– Vickie Wise
November 20– Paul Crews
November 27– Kris Milliron

Children's Church

November 6– Virginia Bryant
November 13– Jill Buck
November 20– Katie Shannon
November 27–Tiffany Thornton



“A Time to Pray”

The day we have all long been awaiting will soon be here! Soon the anxiousness and anxiety will be a thing of the past once November 8th has come and gone! Yes, November 8th will be my 58th birthday, and I really have appreciated the extra interest shown in it this year. The media outlets have been counting down to it beginning with “100 days until November 8th!” for more than three months now. I’ve never heard my birthday mentioned so much in the past!

Birthdays are always a good time to reflect on the past year and life lived thus far. For the past several years as I’ve reflected on my birthday, I’ve come to the realization that I’m living in the best time of my life. This year’s reflection is the same. I feel as though I’m enjoying life, I’m doing what I love to do, and I’m being what God wants me to be in the place God wants me to be. Even though some of my times for this annual reflection in past years have come on particular days when I may not have gotten enough sleep, or I’ve felt anxiety over a project or a major paper for a college class, or how I might be able to pay a bill or fix a problem with a vehicle, I’ve been able to look at the bigger picture and see these as small things within the scope of a year or a life.

That wasn’t always the case. I remember times earlier in my life when a special day like a birthday could be ruined by a flat tire, a hateful comment by a childhood friend, a

bill to pay with no money in my pocket, or deadlines within my job or school. The normal, natural little problems of life could cloud the picture I had of my otherwise wonderful life.



I remember spending my birthday ten years ago at a church youth leaders’ retreat in the woods. I sat on the porch of a cabin early on Saturday morning and watched leaves slowly falling to the ground. I watched individual leaves giving up their battle to hang on to the branches and finally being snapped off by the wind and begin floating downward. Then I was also able to focus on the mixture of the fallen leaves coating the ground in a carpet of many colors.

It’s important to be attentive to the moment at hand, to be present to the here-and-now, but it’s also meaningful to step back during the difficult times to realize that little setbacks don’t take away from a wonderful time of life. In fact, when you’re able to look back and reflect on it all later, the difficulties may be forgotten in time, overshadowed by the many positives. Or the little changes that are forced on us may just be God’s way of creating the tapestries of our lives, like thousands of individual leaves coating the ground.

In the upcoming season of gratitude and thanksgiving, take the time to be aware of what you have and how God has blessed you in all the days of your life.

In God's Grip,
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November Anniversaries &

2- Phil Perkins
 4- Norvelle Brown
 Ramona Green
 6- Butch Ash
 7- Jim Dryer
 Evelyth Hill
 Julie Hoffelmeyer
 8- Loy Hoskins
 Daniel McGraw
 9- Richard Bailey
 Linda Lawless
 11- Randy Quinn
 12- Les McKinney
 Robert Crawford
 13- Karl Caldwell
 Marge Ford
 14- Ali Evans
 Jeanne LaRue
 15- Charles Marsh
 Debbie Tucker
 16- Ralph Wenzel
 17- Marcia Phillips

17- AJ Utlaut
 20- Jeff Swinger
 21- Sharon Martinez
 22- Tanner Clemens
 Amy Clemons
 Cole Igo
 23- Jennifer Marquess
 Lou Soendker
 Anita Wright
 24- Leroy Wise
 25- Jason Amary
 26- Kendalyn Joliff
 Doug Kueker



Anniversaries

1- Blaine & Tiffany Thornton
 3- George & Michelle Porter
 7- Mark & Diane Harvey
 9- Carl & Margaret O'Dell
 12- Charles & Ruth Marsh
 19- Randy & Oleta Wilson
 24- Jack & Micki Uhrig
 30- Ken & Virginia Bryant

Fall Festival

Join us for the **Fall Festival in the fellowship hall, 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 to be awarded, chili, hotdogs, pies, and other foods. Wear your costume or just come as you are, but come...and invite your friends.

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

We will be hosting this year's Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Richard DeFord of Katy Trail Baptist Church in Sedalia will be sharing the message.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Our church has been assigned Saturday, December 17 to ring the bell for the Salvation Army giving at the entrance to Wal-Mart. Pairs of volunteers will be there from 10:00 in the morning until 6:00 that evening. A sign-up sheet will be up in the parlor in mid-November.

Special Offering this Month

The Thanksgiving Offering is received each November in Disciple congregations. It is used to benefit the colleges, universities, and seminaries affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). From the beginning of the Christian Church, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning. Thanksgiving offering will support the training of new ministers in our seven seminaries and students in our 14 colleges, including Drury, William Woods, Culver Stockton, and Columbia College right here in Missouri. We will be collecting this offering on November 13 and 20.



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.

Jell-O and Pudding for Holiday Project

As a congregation we will be collecting boxes of Jell-o and/or pudding mixes for the Saline County Community Holiday Project. You can bring your boxes to add to the stack that is being built in the foyer. Our goal is to collect 600 boxes by the 5th of December.

Movie Night!

Join us in the parlor on Saturday, November 5 at 6:00 p.m. as we will be watching the movie "The Bucket List" starring Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman. A film clip from this 2007 movie will be used in the sermon the next day. Please be aware that it is rated PG-13.

Youth News

October has been a busy month!! In addition to weekly youth group meetings where the children are learning about being the 'light' and sharing Jesus' light, the Jr. high are actively involved in the Bible, and the Sr. high are digging into the Beatitudes, we have been active outside the walls of the church as well. The children and youth attending the Regional Assembly in Springfield, the Festival of Sharing in Sedalia and participated in S.O.S. Sunday, pumpkin carving at Covenant and the FCC Fall Festival. We also went trick-or-treating for the Community Food Pantry and delivered our donations, toured, and volunteered our time at the Food Pantry.

We sure have much to be thankful for, and will be preparing to do so with our first annual "Gift Back" dinner in early December. This is an opportunity the youth have embraced to share their gratitude to their families, congregation members, and community service men and women; they will be hosting a dinner and entertainment on December 9th; watch for your invitation to arrive soon!!

- Wed, Nov.2 Elem. youth, 5-6:30
Jr. high youth, 7-8:30
Sun, Nov.6 Sr. high Leadership
Team, 6:00-7:00
Sr. high youth, 7-8:30
Wed, Nov.9 Elem. youth,5-6:30
Jr. high youth,7-8:30
Sun, Nov.13 Sr. high youth,7-8:30
Wed, Nov.16 Elem. youth, 5-6:30
Jr. high youth, 7-8:30
Deadline sign up Mission trip
Sun, Nov.20 Sr. high Leadership
Team, 6:00-7:00
Sr. high youth, 7-8:30
Deadline sign up Mission trip
Wed, Nov.23 & 27 **No youth groups**
Wed, Nov. 30 Elem. youth, 5-6:30
Jr. high youth, 7-8:30

Thanksgiving Dinner

The Fellowship committee will be hosting our Church's Thanksgiving dinner on November 13th, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The menu will include Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn. Please bring a salad or dessert to share if attending.

Lillie Bates CWF Circle

The circle met October 13th at the Church. The group put together 31 Hygiene bags to be distributed thru Festival of Sharing. The ladies held a short meeting to discuss the Fall Festival. It was decided to meet at the home of Roberta Reed to fix treats for the festival, with Doris Ash hosting the meeting. The group also discussed what they would do for the annual Chili Super and Silent Auction. The next meeting will be November 15th With Jean Dowell hosting. Reported by, Roberta Reed-Secretary

We would like to thank everyone that came and worked in our yard. Also, the food that you brought was wonderful! Eloise especially enjoyed the youth that came to help. God Bless!

Bill & Eloise Rutledge

Thank so much for being a part of SOS and contributing your time and efforts to help keep us in contact with our friends at First Christian Church. May the Lord bless you and His spirit be with you each day.

Your Friend, Bill Alley

Nativity Festival

The Ministerial Alliance will be hosting a Nativity Festival on Saturday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 4, 1-7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. There will be wassail and snacks served, many unique nativities to see, and entertainment. If you are interested in showing your nativities please register at mma.nativity@gmail.com or call 660-287-2897. Donations will benefit the Marshall Ministerial Alliance Transient Fund.

Purchasing ads at Mexico Lindo

By the first of next year, an ad company out of Sedalia will be installing 22 new table tops with ads for area businesses and churches, at the Mexico Lindo restaurant. During discussion at the last board meeting it was suggested that we seek funds from members who are interested in helping fund the \$1,080 needed to purchase the table top ads. We have a start on the fund raising, and invite anyone who wishes to participate to write 'table top ad' in the memo portion of a check, then turn it in to the office or simply place in the offering plate. The most unique feature of the ad is the inclusion of a QR barcode. When a picture is taken of this on a smart phone, the phone will be directed to our church website.

Upcoming Sermons

- Oct. 30 "Blessings and Woes" (All Saints Day)
Nov. 6 "Your Spiritual Bucket List" (Faith in Film: "The Bucket List")
Nov. 13 "Is it Something...or Nothing?" (Veterans Day Weekend)
Nov. 20 "Stone Soup" (Thanksgiving Sunday)
Nov. 27 "The Hope of Advent" (Hanging of the Greens, 1st Sunday in Advent)

- Luke 6:20-31
Psalm 39:4-7
Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Joel 2:21-27
Isaiah 2:1-5

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ing schedules, bulletins
and newsletters, and infor-
mation about our groups,
ministries, staff, etc.

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