

The Marshall Christian

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July 2016

Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

July 3rd & 10th

Elders:

Dan Brandt
Buddy Hannaford

Deacons:

Carolyn Buck
Josh Hoffelmeyer
Chris Layton
Lori Layton
Seth Layton

July 17th & 24th

Elders:

17th- Youth
Ken Bryant
Virginia Bryant

Deacons:

Darlene Arnett
Tyler Clemens
Phoebe Jones
Cindy Miller
Nathan Sullivan
Tiffany Thornton

July 31st

Elders:

Buddy Hannaford
Loretta Green

Deacons:

TBA

Outside Communion:

July 10th

Dan Brandt
Julie Hoffelmeyer

July 24th

Tim Clemens
Kay Wise

Worship Leaders

July 3- Buddy Hannaford
July 10- Wayne Buck
July 17- Youth
July 24- Virginia Bryant
July 31- TBA

“Errors in Baseball and Love”

Four years ago this month, Rhonda and I had great seats for an afternoon Cubs game in Chicago. We sat in the sunshine behind the third base dugout, just 13 rows from the field. It was a perfect day for baseball; around 70 degrees with a cool breeze blowing in from Lake Michigan. We were sitting in the second oldest major league stadium (Wrigley Field, built in 1914), eating peanuts and hot dogs. Everything was perfect.

Then the Cubs ruined a perfectly good baseball day by playing the game. They made five errors during that game against Cincinnati – two on one play! These were major league baseball players being paid millions of dollars to play a game that millions of other people, from t-ball to college players, play for free and for fun. In addition to the recorded fielding errors there were base running blunders that resulted in outs, missed signs from the coaches, swings at pitches a foot out of the strike zone, and other mental mistakes. I’ve coached ten-year old teams who made fewer mistakes.

But of course none of the mistakes, errors, or miscues were intentional. These players were playing their best. They just had an off day. They were human, and humans make mistakes. When we make mistakes it is a good practice to step back, look at the mistake, and examine what caused us to make it. Errors are due to lack of knowledge, poor judgment, impatience, selfishness, ego, inatten-

tiveness, and so many other things. Some of our mistakes, or things we do wrong, we make knowingly, hoping that no one will notice or that we won’t get caught.



Other times we make bad decisions for good reasons, hoping for the best outcome, like when we give someone a second chance and that person lets us down. Some people have a tendency to make mistakes or errors in judgment due to their love for others. Scripture speaks to this. 1 Peter 4:8 says, “Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins.” The Message Version puts it this way, “Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically everything.”

I like that. As Christians maybe we are called to take chances in our love for others; chances that we know may result in being mistakes. In those cases, when the big “E” is flashing on the scoreboard letting everyone know we made an error, it is quickly erased, and taken off the official box score by love, because love covers those kinds of mistakes. In fact, love makes up for practically everything. So instead of being a baseball player who becomes afraid of another fielding opportunity after making an error, we should welcome the chance to make the same mistake as long as we continue to act in love.

In God's Grip,

LOY

July Anniversaries & Birthdays

5- Chester Barnes
 7- Jacque Dryer
 8- Amy Heuman
 Marshall Krause
 Lucas Milliron
 9- Cooper David Halsey
 11- Issam Amary
 Wayne McReynolds
 12- Abby Shroeder
 14- Richard Mincl
 15- Dan Brandt
 Helen Merchant
 16- Harold Heymeyer
 Sarah Wright
 17- Wayne Buck
 Lindsay Sullivan
 18- Sam Krog
 19- Kelsey Payne

20- Ginger Reis
 22- Norman Gibbins
 24- Jacob Shannon
 25- Jan Merritt
 28- Lynn Phillips
 29- William Pace
 30- Bryanne Payne
 31- Rachel Clemons
 Cynthia Crawford



Anniversaries

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

Drive Up Worship Services

Our summer Drive-Up Worship Service in the parking lot at 8:00 a.m. has begun and is going strong. We still need volunteers to sign up to greet and serve each Sunday through September 18.



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

On Sunday, October 16, we will take part in a special Sunday service. It will begin with a combined, short worship service 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. Bulletin inserts will continue to request volunteers and what services can be offered as well as helping us identify those whom we can help or offer assistance.

Summer Game Night

On Tuesday, July 12 we will have a game night in the fellowship hall. Bring your favorite board games or just show up ready to join in with others to play. Snacks will be provided. Invite your friends to join us 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Dear First Christian Church, thank you for making our mission trip happen and for allowing us to represent you in New Orleans. It was truly a life changing

experience, and we are grateful that you made it possible for us. – the teens and leaders of the 2016 New Orleans Mission Trip (Alyssa Robbins, Quiz Falls, Isabelle Guthrey, Ashlee Robbins, Casey Claros, Ashlyn Robbins, Brenen Sullivan, Deyjha Hill, Ashley Garner, Charlie & Jackie Guthrie, Rachel Guthrey, & Kris Milliron)

Thank you for hosting my dad's funeral service and for providing the wonderful lunch after the burial. The kindness and servants' hearts ministered to my family and me were appreciated. It was good to know how much a part of Marshall our parents were. God bless you, and all who helped on Thursday.

Ruth Barber
 (Daughter of Floyd Case)

I am writing to thank you for including me in the graduation service as well as the graduation gifts. It really means a lot and I appreciate it.

Sincerely, Bryant Eads

Until next month...



This month, I wanted Kris to have room to share her experiences with the youth on their mission trip, so I gave up my space in the newsletter— it's worth the read! I will be back next month. Hope you are having a great summer!

There's no such thing as coincidence. There are, however, many times throughout our days that God is visibly at work in our lives. What we tend to refer as coincidences are much, much more – they are God Moments. Did you ever stop and think about how often God Moments occur for us? It tends to leave us bewildered with just how active God is in our everyday lives. During our recent youth mission trip to New Orleans, we were able to spend seven days focused on each other, the residents of the city, and on God.

We worked with six different organizations in and around New Orleans; we spent our days in construction, cleaning and organizing, preparing and distributing food, sorting Mardi Gras beads for resale, handing out lunches and praying for and with people on the streets, and general maintenance and cleaning at a rescue ranch. Some of our work was labor intensive in the heat, others were mentally exhausting, but all our work was rewarding – for ourselves and for the individuals we served.

Yet the memories that will stand out the most and remain with us the longest are not the work or the heat and sweat, or even the organizations. We will remember the people. We will remember names and faces, hugs and laughter and tears. We will remember stories told – of loss, of devastation, of suffering, hurt and frustration. We will

remember stories of hope, faith, endurance, courage, and love.

It's funny; we go through our everyday lives spending time with our family, friends, co-workers, acquaintances and church family, yet not really knowing each other. We rush through our days, not taking the time to truly listen to one another. We may say "Good morning, how are you?" but secretly hoping to hear a 'fine' in reply, hoping we don't have to sit through a list of woes and heartache. Yet on this journey, we took the time to listen. To open our eyes, ears and hearts and truly listen.

Regardless of the person or the circumstance, we heard a message of hope. From Lewis, a homeless man, who was celebrating six months clean and sober. From Betty and Celestine, who both lost their homes and all possessions to Katrina, praising God for their ability to help others and give back to their city. From Bieu, a Vietnamese refugee and homeless addict, gratefulness for the Bible in helping him learn English. From Lori, abandoned and forgotten as a child, who now finds hope in rescuing the abandoned and forgotten.

These are just a few of the dozens of people who 'laid down their lives for their brothers and sisters', who risked their lives and their safety and their sanctuary to tell us their stories, to help us grow and learn from their memories. Back to my initial point: of all the dearest moments and memories that we hold closest to our hearts from our mission trip, none of them were planned. None were scheduled or organized or on our to-do list. Yet they were certainly part of a mission - a mission that put us in the right time, the right place, and with the right people. This was not OUR mission trip; this was God's Mission. To change OUR lives.

There's no such thing as coincidence.

Kris Milliron

WE NEED



To help with Vacation Bible School on August 1-4th. See the sign-up board in the church parlor for vol-

Youth Summer Fun Day
For all Elementary Youth
Sunday, July 10th,
2:00-3:30 p.m. @
Covenant Presbyterian Church
Watch for more information coming soon regarding lots of fun, water, games, food and fellowship for all.

Upcoming Sermons

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| July 3 | "Lessons from Galatians: Bear Each Others' Burdens" (<i>Independence Day Weekend</i>) Gal. 6:1-6 |
| July 10 | "The God of Justice" Psalm 82 |
| July 17 | "Go and Do; Sit and Listen" @ 8:00 Drive-Up Luke 10:38-42 |
| | The youth will share a presentation on their recent mission trip at the 10:00 service |
| July 24 | "Burying the Deceit" Colossians 2:6-15 |
| July 31 | "When God Roars" Hosea 11:1-11 |

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chapter of your life if you
keep re-reading the last one.*

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Larry Smith

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Secretary– Hope Richards

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Judy Morris