

The Marshall Christian

LIX

No. V

May 2017



Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

May 7th & 14th

Elders:

Paul Crews
Kathryn Jones

Deacons:

Tim Boedeker
Kevin Dryer
Jessica Parker
Hope Richards
Jeff Wise

April 23rd & 30th

Elders:

Fred Hartley
Julie Hoffelmeyer

Deacons:

Cindy Brandt
Vince Buck
Lori Layton
Seth Layton
Wayne Wise

Outside Communion:

May 14th

Fred Hartley
Julie Hoffelmeyer

May 28th

Tim Clemens
Greg Schultz

Worship Leaders

May 7th– Vickie Wise
May 14th– Kris Milliron
May 21st– Julie Hoffelmeyer
May 28th– Tim Clemens

“Church Camp Experiences”

We are now registering campers for our summer camps, conferences, and the CRY Festival. Interested parties should check with Youth Director Kris Milliron. As I prepare to counsel at the CYF Conference at Camp Ja-Ota in June, I realize that this will be my 73rd church camp to be on staff as a counselor, director or key-noter. At the end of camps we often talk about going back home and taking what we have learned back with us to incorporate those things into our daily lives. We also discuss how hard it is to describe the experience of church camp to someone who has never been there. It’s like describing a color to a person who has been blind since birth.

Here are a few of my favorite memories from summer church camp experiences: * How the stars above Black River Village near Carlsbad, New Mexico look closer to earth than any other place I’ve ever been. * Worship the last night of camp on the beach of the lake at Texoma Christian Camp (Oklahoma). * Sitting under canoes, waiting out a sudden rainstorm during an eight hour canoe trip down the Buffalo River (Arkansas). * A black rose on a cross formed by burning papers with our offerings written on them at Covenant Point Camp (Missouri). * The sight of faces flickering in the glow of a campfire at Camp WaJaTo (Kansas). * The sounds of worship songs echoing off the mountains at Petit Jean Lutheran Camp (Arkansas). * Campers pairing up and praying for one another at Rocky Creek Camp (Louisiana). * The seniors each getting their five minutes in the spot light as they talk about what camps have meant to them dur-

ing senior night at Southern Arkansas University. * Walking the hiking trails at Roosevelt State Park (Mississippi). * Standing under a shelter as a cool rain drives away the heat of a July afternoon at Cross Point Camp (Oklahoma). * Closing worship circles at Christian Hills (Kansas). * Watching the sun rise over Lake Catherine at Camp Couchdale (Arkansas). * Listening to birds singing during meditation time at vespers at Camp Tawakoni (Kansas). * The laughter at talent show night at the Rickman Center (Missouri). * Waking with dew on us after camping out all night at the Global Village at the Heifer Project (Arkansas). * Listening to the testimonies of children during JYF camps at Central Christian Camp (Oklahoma). * Candles floating in a swimming pool representing our prayers for the world at Ferncliff Camp (Arkansas). * The youth led worship services on a mountain bluff at Camp Christian (Oklahoma). * The leaves high in the trees dancing in the breeze at Tall Oaks (Kansas).

Again, these are experiences that are hard to describe. Summer church camp is more than small groups discussing and learning together. It’s more than the keynotes, or the fun in the swimming pool, or the time spent together with friends. At its very heart, summer church camp is about experiencing nature and God and other people all combined in a special way through various planned and unscripted experiences. I hope and pray that all of our children and youth get to have these types of experiences this summer.

In God’s Grip, Loy

May Anniversaries & Birthdays

4– Marlene VanHord
 5– Jim Kissner
 8– Ginger McGraw
 Aaron Wright
 9– Lin Alexander
 10– Lori Blalock
 Janice Kueker
 Lisa Merchant
 11– Betty Elsea
 12– Alan Branson
 13– Rebecca Shrader
 Ruth Marsh
 14– Ed Baker
 Danny Hoffelmeyer
 17– Vince Lutterbie
 18– Steve Estill

18– Ginny Farr
 19– Blaine Thornton
 20– Scott Arnett
 21– Jason Dehn
 Jane Hartley
 22– Debbie Arnett
 25– Edie Utlaut
 27– BLane Dryer
 28– Mia Shannon
 31– Dane Branson

ANNIVERSARIES

11– Jim & Lisa Merchant
 16– Brad & Hope Richards
 31– Mike & Ramona Green

Looking Back at Our History

Homecoming Sunday on September 24 will celebrate the 175th anniversary of our congregation. Here is a look back at an important event in our church:

Although the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has four important founders, Alexander Campbell and Barton W. Stone are the two best known. Both of these famous church leaders visited Missouri on occasion. Campbell visited Missouri at least four times – in 1845, 1852, 1853, and 1859. Thomas M. Allen of Columbia, the founding minister of Marshall First Christian Church, accompanied Campbell throughout the state in 1852 and kept detailed records including the following excerpts printed in the *Millennial Harbinger*:

Traveling through central Missouri from the Mississippi River to St. Joseph, Campbell visited many of the earliest congregations to preach. He arrived in St. Louis in late October and the traveling party went from there to stop and speak at Disciple congregations in Hannibal, Paris, Madison, Huntsville, Keytesville, Brunswick, Carrollton, Haynesville and St. Joseph. Then on a return trip to St. Louis they stopped in Camden Point, Liberty, Platte City, Independence, California, Wellington, Lexington, Dover and Waverly.

At 11:00 on Thursday, December 9, the group arrived in Marshall, Missouri and found a large audience gathered at the Christian Church. Thomas Allen had organized the congregation in 1842, only three years after the city's founding. Campbell preached in the congregations' modest frame church, just off the courthouse square on North Jefferson Avenue. He addressed the waiting audience at the morning service, Allen preached to them in the evening, and Campbell spoke again the next morning. They received contributions of \$1,140 for Bethany College. Campbell stayed in the home of Elder Stewart Harris, a charter member and one of the congregation's first elders.

The trip continued with stops at Arrow Rock, Fayette, Columbia, Fulton, Jefferson City, Georgetown, Union, and Manchester before arriving back in St. Louis on December 26.

Presentation by Christian Church Foundation

Following the 10:00 worship service on May 21, all are invited to the fellowship hall for a presentation by Kirby Gould, Vice-President of Christian Church Foundation. She will share with us an overview of the services provided by the Foundation, which focuses in the area of the stewardship of accumulated resources. The Foundation helps churches with policies and investments, and individuals who desire to remember the church or other charities in their estate plan. Kirby will discuss "legacy planning" which prepares individuals to be good stewards of what they might give, and the church to be good stewards of what they will receive. There may even be a fun quiz involved! The presentation will last 45 minutes and Kirby will stay around to answer any questions.

Drive-Up Worship Services

Our summer Drive-Up Worship Service in the parking lot at 8:00 a.m. will begin May 7 and last through September 17. We need volunteers to greet and collect the offering each Sunday. A sign-up sheet is available near the east entrance.



Graduation Seniors

We will be recognizing our graduates next Sunday. Please notify the church office as soon as possible with any information on seniors.

Elders and Deacons

Current Elders and Deacons are reminded that there is a sign-up sheet in the office for you to choose dates to serve. If you are not currently an Elder or Deacon and would like to serve the Church, please notify Ken Bryant. The term begins July 1.

Youth News

. "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." - Galatians 6:2

Rarely has this verse meant more to me personally than during this past month, yet again reminding me why I do this work.

Early in April, after a full work-day, I had a meeting scheduled at church, followed by an all-night CRY Cabinet meeting (thankfully here in Marshall!). Minutes prior to the meeting, I received a call that someone dear to me and my daughter had died suddenly. Furthermore, my daughter was present at the time and instrumental in providing emergency care and treatment. Needless to say, this made for a difficult evening for both of us, as well as many friends and co-workers.

With the briefest of explanation, I was emotionally, mentally and physically absent throughout parts of the evening. Without question, the youth and other adults proceeded with the meeting, effectively completing all items on the agenda (although I had no doubt that this team was more than competent to successfully run without my presence).

The love and support of this team of youth and adults – their ability to 'bear one another's burdens' - is what moved me throughout this evening and into the night. They saw my pain, and without question embraced me and carried my burdens.

Too often, teenagers are perceived as shallow, drama-filled 'kids' who are impulsive and self-centered. These perceptions may seem true at just a glance. Yet when there is trust and respect given, and one takes the time to look into their lives and their hearts, these young people have so much to give.

I will never forget this evening

spent with a dozen or so teens; some I've known for years, some just a few months. Yet each of them were there to hold my hand, dry my tears, listen to my stories, bear my burdens, and fulfill the law of Christ...by being Christ.

Graduate Recognition Sunday with Reception

The Christian Education Committee will be honoring our 2017 graduates at the 10:00am worship service on May 7th, with a reception immediately following the service in the church parlor. If you know anyone in our church family that will be graduating from high school or college, please contact the church office. At this time, we would like to congratulate Kaitlin Clemons, Casey Claros, and Nicholas Hartley, who all are graduates of Marshall High School.

A huge THANK YOU to all who helped with the Youth Sunday Service and the luncheon and cake auction. Whether you actively participated and assisted, bought a cake, attended the luncheon and Youth Sunday service, prayed for the youth, or supported the youth program in other ways, you are appreciated. To all the youth who attended and participated: FANTASTIC JOB!!! You always put so much work into planning and creating a powerful and spiritual worship service. Thank you for inviting me into your lives, to lead and learn with you; you all truly are an inspiration. A special thank you to my church family of First Christian Church. Your continued support of the youth program is invaluable. None of this could be possible without your love and support of myself and of the youth.

Grateful, Kris Milliron

Sun., May 7th -Sr. high youth group, 7-8:30pm
(last meeting for summer)

Wed., May 10th -Elementary youth group, 5:00-6:30pm
@ Covenant
(last meeting for summer)

Jr. high youth group, 7:00-8:30pm @ Covenant

Fri., May 12th Bueker Middle School 8th grade graduation, 7:00pm

Sun., May 14th Marshall High School Graduation, 2:00pm

Wed., May 17th Jr. high youth group, 6:00-8:00pm @ Covenant – COLOR WARS
(last meeting for summer)

Thurs., May 18th - Elementary youth to Children's Peace Pavilion, 3:30-8:30pm

May 27th – June 2nd Mission Trip

Attention Widows and Single Ladies!

All single ladies of the Church are invited to a luncheon May 18, Thursday at noon. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Please try to attend. This is an opportunity to fellowship with each other and lift up your spirit through a natural Christian love for each other. If you have any questions call Roberta Reed at 886-7520.

Lillie Bates

A group of ladies from Lillie Bates took lunch to Dorothy and Jeanne LaRue in Columbia on April 18th. The group enjoyed visiting with the LaRue's. Dorothy and Jeanne send everyone of the Church God's love and blessings.

Reported by Roberta reed

Upcoming Sermons

May 7 "The Story of Your Life" (*Graduate Recognition Sunday*)

May 14 "The Influence of a Mother" (*Mother's Day*)

May 21 Kirby Gould of Christian Church Finance to preach while Pastor Loy is on vacation

May 28 "A Day to Remember" (*Memorial Day Weekend*)

Romans 12:1-2

2 Timothy 1:3-7

Acts 10:44-48

First Christian Church
130 North Jefferson Avenue
Marshall, Missouri 65340

Return Service Requested

Non – Profit Organization
U.S. Postage Paid
Marshall, MO
Permit No. 166

Did You know... Three years after the founding of Marshall in 1839, Thomas M. Allen held a meeting and organized a church with 27 people. Some thought the exact date was September 27, 1849. Allen was a farmer, and evangelist and preacher, a founder of many churches in Central Missouri, and a correspondent in Christian Journals. In 1851 he was the founder of Christian College at Columbia Missouri's first chartered college for women.

contact information:
firstccoffice@yahoo.com
Phone: (660) 886-3338

**Visit our
Church Website!**

Stop by our website at www.fccmarshallmo.org to check out upcoming events and activities, serving schedules, bulletins and newsletters, and information about our groups, ministries, staff, etc.

We're on the Web!
fccmarshallmo.org

Church Staff

Senior Minister– Rev. Dr. Loy Hoskins

Music Director–Hope Richards

Youth Director– Kris Milliron

Custodians– Ron & Carol Schupp,

Larry Smith

Financial Secretary– Ken Bryant

Secretary– Hope Richards

Pianists– Donna Smith, Kay Wise,

Judy Morris