

# The Marshall Christian

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September 2016

## Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

### September 4

#### Elders:

Lloyd Bentley  
Loretta Green

#### Deacons:

Tim Boedeker  
John McGraw  
Ginger McGraw  
Missie Kreisel  
Dane Branson

### September 11 & 18

#### Elders:

Paul Crews  
Vickie Wise

#### Deacons:

Linda Crews  
Wayne Wise  
Josh Hoffmeyer  
Lori Layton  
Seth Layton

### September 25 & October 2

#### Elders:

Buddy Hannaford  
Loretta Green

#### Deacons:

Jean Dowell  
Carla Fricke  
John McGraw  
Ginger McGraw

### Outside Communion:

### September 11

Mark Harvey  
Dan Brandt

### September 25

TBA

### Worship Leaders

September 4– Julie Hoffmeyer  
September 11– Mark Harvey  
September 18– Vickie Wise  
September 25– Dan Brandt

## “Isaiah 58:11 ...you will be like a watered garden...”

From 2007 to 2009 I served our denomination as an adult on the General Youth Council. In July of 2008 the GYC was responsible for planning and leading the International CYF event on the campus of Chapman University in Orange, California for 900 participants. We arrived two days early for the five day event, and we spent the morning of our first day there doing some mission work at an environmental center which had established a nature refuge in the center of an urban area. The center had reintroduced plants that were once natural to that area, but had been mostly killed off due to the number of new plants that were now there.

Just off of a set of walking trails were thousands of tiny orange flags marking the plants, some very small. They were marked so that volunteers and staff could water them by hand twice a week. This was our task – to fill buckets of water and carry them to the individual plants to water them, giving each plant about a quart of water. The staff member supervising the 16 of us on GYC explained that the water had to be poured slowly and allowed to soak into the ground to avoid run off and erosion.

At our first water break, the teens were beginning to feel as though this project was not very worthwhile and asked the staff member why a sprinkler or an irrigation system could not be put in to water the plants. He explained that such a system would also give water to the weeds and other unwanted plants in

the area and they would take over. It would also not guarantee that each of the wanted plants would receive the right amount of water, and the water from a sprinkler would cause erosion of the soil.

We went back to work on the project and in three hours finished watering thousands of plants. Some discovered a new appreciation for the individual plants and a few even began talking to the plants. Others mentioned that they silently said prayers for the plants as they watered them. That night in our worship, one of the teens commented that each of those plants were very special because of the care they had been shown. It reminded her of how God, who created all things and watches over all people and all things, knows, and cares for, and loves each of us individually.

How true. God did not use some assembly line to create us, but spent time creating us in God’s image individually. God does not use a more efficient, time saving, all encompassing method to nurture all people, but comes to us personally to know our own needs and desires. In the midst of all humanity and all creation God takes time to speak loving words of blessing over each of us. Just as the correct response of the plants we watered is to grow and mature, our best response to the care and love God gives each of us is to worship God, follow God’s will, and continue to grow in our relationship with God.

In God’s Grip,  
LOY



# September Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 1- George Green
- 3- Brent Marsh  
Dexter Shannon
- 4- Linda Alspach  
Micki Uhrig
- 5- Sue Ann Crawford  
Leanne Dehn  
Jared Porter  
Trafton Shannon  
Ethan Schupp
- 6- Jacob Kissner
- 7- JoNell Fizer
- 8- Brandon Blalock  
Nancy Jackson  
William Jackson  
Evan Stoll  
Martha Sweeten
- 10- Fred Hartley  
Dale Pontius
- 11- Rileigh Massey
- 12- Taylor Ehrhardt
- 14- Lin Hessel

- Phoebe Jones
- 16- Jean Dowell
- 19- Karla Hannaford
- 20- Emmy Dehn  
Roy Hinton  
Ryan Smith
- 21- Joshua Shannon
- 22- Chad Barnes  
Joanne McKinney
- 24- Jan Ravenhill
- 25- Ross Crawford  
McKenzie Thomason
- 27- Bailey Kueker
- 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 & Shirley Shannon

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

We're only six 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 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.



## Mid America Regional Assembly

Registration is open for our biennial Regional Assembly to be held October 7-9 at Central Christian Church in Springfield. The keynote speaker will be General Minister and President Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins. Other speakers include Center for Faith and Giving Director Bruce Barkhauer, Global Ministries missionaries Jim and Jayanthi Wilson, and NBA Initiative Director Ayanny Johnson 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.



## Homecoming Sunday – Sept. 25

Our congregation was founded on September 27, 1842. On September 25 we will celebrate the 174<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that event with special worship services and a fellowship meal following the 10:00 service. The Fellowship Committee will be providing fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn and rolls for the meal. Members are asked to bring a side salad or dessert. Help us contact all past members with a special invitation to return and join us in marking this milestone with the sharing of memories, worship, & fellowship, and breaking bread together.

## Drive-up Worship Service

September 18th will be the last Sunday of our Drive-Up Worship Service.



## Youth News and Upcoming Events

Youth group meetings will resume the week of Labor Day, beginning September 7th. Elementary (grades K-5) will meet from 5:00-6:30 on Wednesdays and Junior high (6-8) will be 7:00-8:30pm on Wednesdays, both at Covenant Presbyterian Church. The Senior high youth (9-12) will meet on Sundays from 7:00-8:30pm at First Christian Church. **Remember, if school is not in session (due to weather or breaks), there will be no youth group meetings. (This does not include early dismissals).**

Youth Ministry calendars are available in the Good News Station outside the Sanctuary; these cover activities and events through the end of the year.

Event registration deadlines are coming up quickly; these are for the Elementary Food Pantry trip, Festival of Sharing and the 2017 Mission Trip.

Festival of Sharing is October 15<sup>th</sup> at the MO State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, where youth from all across the state come to share hope and love with people in need. Each year Festival of Sharing hands out hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of aid; in 2015, youth packed 50,000 pounds of beans and rice,

unloaded/distributed 44,000 pounds of potatoes, checked prison packs and checked distributed 647 backpacks of love (for children in foster situations). **Registration is online; to sign-up, give \$15 to Kris by the deadline.**

Elementary children will be going to Kids Helping Kids Day at the Central MO Food Pantry in Columbia. There, they will tour the warehouse, learn about the Bud-dypack program and need, and package food. **There is no cost for this trip; let Kris know by the deadline. Children age 8 & under require a parent to attend.**

Mission trip registration deadline is in November; information will be sent home soon.

Watch for the Youth Wall-O-Money, arriving in the church parlor soon. This fundraiser will support the 2017 youth mission trip. Simply pick an envelope (or two!!) off the Wall-O-Money with the number that matches the amount of your donation. Place your donation inside, and give the envelope to Kris Milliron or to the church office. Your monetary support of the youth and their service is needed and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### SEPT. YOUTH CALENDAR

Wed., Sept. 7th - Elementary youth group, 5:00-6:30pm @ Covenant Presbyterian Church

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

Sun., Sept. 11th - Sr. high youth group, 7:00-8:30pm @ First Christian Church

Wed., Sept. 14th - Elementary youth, 5:00-6:30pm (**Sign-up deadline for Elementary Food Bank trip**)

Wed., Sept. 14th - Jr. high youth, 7:00-8:30pm

Sat., Sept. 17th - Elementary youth to Central MO Food Bank

Sun., Sept. 18th - Sr. high youth, 7:00-8:30pm

Wed., Sept. 21st - Elementary youth, 5:00-6:30pm

Wed., Sept. 21st - Jr. high youth, 7:00-8:30pm (**Festival of Sharing sign-up deadline**)

Sun., Sept. 25th - Sr. high youth, 7:00-8:30pm (**Festival of Sharing sign-up deadline**)

Wed., Sept. 28th - Elementary youth, 5:00-6:30pm

Wed., Sept. 28th - Jr. high youth, 7:00-8:30pm

Due to space needed for youth information, I will not be writing and article this month. See you in October, and hope you are enjoying your summer!



## Upcoming Sermons

Sept. 4 "Our All Knowing God"

Sept. 11 "Crying Out to God"

Sept. 18 "A Closer Look at Philemon" (*Last Sunday of Drive-Up Service*)

Sept. 25 "The Family of God" (*Homecoming Sunday*)

Oct. 2 "Experiencing Communion" (*World Communion Sunday*)

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

Psalms 79:1-9

Philemon 1:1-21

2 Timothy 1:1-14

1 Corinthians 11:23-26



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*Just a thought...*

*Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is who you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.*

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**Youth Director– Kris Milliron**

**Custodians– Ron & Carol Schupp,**

**Larry Smith**

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**Secretary– Hope Richards**

**Pianists– Donna Smith, Kay Wise,**

**Judy Morris**