

# The Marshall Christian

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November 2015

## Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

### November 1

Elders:

Julie Hoffelmeyer  
Kris Milliron

Deacons:

Tim Boedeker  
Georganne DeMoss  
Jean Dowell  
Kevin Dryer  
Katie Shannon

### November 8 & 15

Elders:

Vickie Wise  
Kathryn Jones

Deacons:

Darlene Arnett  
Nancy Jackson  
Tiffany Thornton  
Wayne Wise  
TBA

### November 22 & 29

Elders:

Ken Bryant  
Virginia Bryant

Deacons:

Carolyn Buck  
Brenda Coffman  
Phoebe Jones  
Bailee Merchant  
Jessica Parker

### Outside Communion:

#### November 8

Vickie Wise  
Loretta Green

#### November 22

Marshall Krause  
Luane Miller

#### Worship Leaders

Nov. 1 TBA  
Nov. 8 TBA  
Nov. 15 Virginia Bryant  
Nov. 22 Kris Milliron

## “Take it One *holi*Day at a Time”

I was in a store recently and noticed that among the DVDs for sale was a boxed set of a few of Charles Schultz’s television holiday specials. There was “It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown”, “A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving”, and “A Charlie Brown Christmas” all packaged together. That is often what happens when we reach this time of year. Many of the holidays become clumped together. We see store displays for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas pushing against each other and competing for space. I wouldn’t be surprised to see a werewolf in a pilgrim’s hat and Santa suit on a television commercial this time of year.

Such is the case even in this newsletter! We just had our Fall Festival a couple of weeks ago and now you will see information on our All Saints Day recognition (remember that Halloween or All Hallow’s Eve – came about as a celebration of the night before All Saints Day), as well as Thanksgiving events, and even the beginning of Advent at the end of November with the Hanging of the Greens service. Add to the mix an elec-

tion day, Veteran’s Day recognition, a date to set our clocks back, the chili supper and silent auction, and preparations for Christmas and we have a pretty full month!

Still, each season and each event has its own purpose and therefore deserves its own special time and recognition. “*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.*” (Ecclesiastes 3:1). So please carefully read the information about each event and consider attending and being part of these times of fellowship, remembrance, giving of thanks, and preparation for what God has prepared for us in the future.

In God’s Grip, Loy



**FALL BACK!**  
**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**  
**WILL END ON NOVEMBER 1**  
**SO BE SURE TO SET YOUR**  
**CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR BE-**  
**FORE COMING TO CHURCH**  
**FOR SERVICES ON THAT**  
**SUNDAY.**



## November Anniversaries & Birthdays

2- Phil Perkins  
 4- Norvell Brown  
     Ramona Green  
 6- Butch Ash  
 7- Jim Dryer  
     Evelyth Hill  
     Julie Hoffelmeyer  
 8- Loy Hoskins  
     Daniel McGrew  
 9- Richard Bailey  
     Linda Lawless  
 11- Randy Quinn  
 12- Les McKinney  
     Robert Crawford  
 13- Karl Crawford  
     Marge Ford  
 14- Ali Brandt  
     Jeanne LaRue

15- Charles Marsh  
 15- Debbie Tucker  
 16- Ralph Wenzel  
 17- Marcia Phillips  
     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  
 26- Fred & June Shaffer  
 30- Ken & Virginia Bryant

### FCC Youth Group Information

During the month of October, all three youth groups will be participating in a couple of fundraisers. First, they will be selling Sonic Drive-In Value Cards. These coupon cards have over \$15 in valuable savings, and sell for only \$5! Proceeds from sales will go towards youth activities in Marshall and area communities. Also, please join the youth in the REFRESH, REFILL, RESTORE fundraiser. Please help yourself to a specially marked Powerade bottle, located in the church parlor. In the summer of 2016, the youth will be going to New Orleans, Louisiana for their Mission Trip. There, we will spend a full week completing environmental, human care, grassroots and construction work, as well as growing closer to each other and to God. None of this can be possible without your generous financial and prayerful support. Please take a Powerade bottle and enjoy the **REFRESHING** beverage. Then rinse and **REFILL** the bottle with pocket change and bills, returning it to FCC once full. Your support will make a difference in helping us **RESTORE** New Orleans!!

There will be a Christmas tree set up in the FCC youth lounge beginning Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. We are collecting Jell-O and pudding for the Holiday Project this year. Also, any non-perishable food donations, as well as gently used toys, clothing, etc. may be placed under the tree for those in need.

On Saturday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> we will be taking the Elementary youth group to Columbia for a day of fun and fellowship. Please sign your children up for this trip by notifying Kris Milliron no later than Wednesday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be no cost to go on this outing.

Mark your Calendars!! Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> will be a special evening filled with fellowship, food, music and the Spirit of Christmas!! Everyone is invited and encouraged to join us for a Round Table Sing and Christmas Performance at Covenant Presbyterian Church. We will enjoy a meal together with our friends in Christ, sing Christmas Carols, and enjoy an extra-special Christmas Pageant and Musical Performance by the youth. This is sure to be an evening you won't want to miss!! Watch for more information to come.

## Upcoming Youth Activities

Sunday, Nov. 1 Sr. high youth, 7:00-8:30

Wednesday, Nov. 4 Elementary youth, 5:00-6:30  
 Jr. high youth, 7:00-8:30

Sunday, Nov. 8 Sr. high youth, 7:00-8:30

Wednesday, Nov. 11 Elementary youth, 5:00-6:30  
 Jr. high youth, 7:00-8:30

Saturday, Nov. 14 Elementary youth group to Columbia, 10:00am – 3:00pm

Sunday, Nov. 15 Sr. high youth, 7:00-8:30

Wednesday, Nov. 18 Elementary youth, 5:00-6:30  
 Jr. high youth, 7:00-8:30

Sunday, Nov. 22 Sr. high youth, 7:00-8:30

Tuesday, Nov. 24 Christian Ed./Youth Committee meeting, 6:00pm

Wednesday, Nov. 25 NO YOUTH MEETINGS – Happy Thanksgiving

Sunday, Nov. 29 NO YOUTH MEETING – Happy Thanksgiving



### 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 pyramid that is being built in the foyer. Our goal is to collect 500 boxes by the first of December.



### Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Our church has been assigned Saturday, December 19 to ring the bell for the Salvation Army giving at the entrance to Walmart. 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.



### Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

This year's Community Thanksgiving Worship Service will be at St. Peter Catholic Church on Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Robert Pallen of Bethany Baptist Church will be sharing the message.



### All Saints Day Recognition

On Sunday, November 1 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.



## Dear Members and Friends of First Christian Church,

I hope you have been thinking how you can help with our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Supper and Silent Auction. **The Chili Supper and Silent Auction will be Friday, December 4, 2015** and is again scheduled to precede the Marshall Chamber of Commerce's Downtown Christmas Parade. We hope you have been thinking how you might contribute to this project that benefits so many people in our community.

Proceeds from the chili supper and silent auction help fund our local Outreach Program which helps The Marshall Senior Center, The Lighthouse Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, HEAT, The Community Food Pantry, Parents as Teachers, Mary Montgomery Hospice, Saline County Learning Center, Cub Scout Pack 45, CASA, FCC Youth Ministry, FCC Benevolent Fund, and the Ministerial Alliance. Last year, we made over \$7000! *We were so pleased that we were able to increase our giving last year as a result of this event!*

We'd like to encourage you to think about what you might contribute to the Silent Auction and get that information to me by using the forms that will be in the parlor and sunroom. Here are some ideas to get you thinking:

**Food items:** fresh or frozen cobbler, lasagna, cakes, cinnamon rolls, smoked meats, home canned green beans, tray of Christmas cookies, farm fresh eggs, frozen packages of beef, casserole of the month, and more

**Tickets:** Chiefs, MU, Lyceum, New Theatre, and more

**Crafts:** Woodwork, quilts, Afghans, counted cross stitch, jewelry, whittled items, handmade cards, Christmas decorations, & more

**Services:** auction your time to help put up/take down Christmas decorations, help with tax preparation, give a lesson doing something at which you excel (piano, guitar, golf), and more

**Gift Cards and Gift Certificates:** a gift certificate to your business, ask for a gift card at a discount from a store you patronize, and more

**Gently used items:** collectible, home décor, tool, toy, instrument, appliance, and more.

**Baskets:** pick a theme (MU, snowmen, gardening, wine) and fill a basket with fun items

Our members have come up with GREAT, creative ideas that make our Silent Auction fun to browse and that help to attract people to our chili supper, too.

The following are some ways to help with the Chili Supper & Silent Auction. Please consider helping in as many ways as you can.

\_\_\_ Contribute items for the Silent Auction (fill out a form; bring the item and form to the office as soon as possible)

\_\_\_ Make a dessert for the chili supper (Sign up on the poster that will be in the parlor)

\_\_\_ Take tickets to sell when they become available in late-October

\_\_\_ Volunteer to post flyers around town (They will be available in the office in late October.)

\_\_\_ Help set up for the event on Wednesday, December 2

\_\_\_ Help cook the chili and soup on Friday morning, December 4 (Contact Virginia Bryant)

\_\_\_ Help work the chili supper and silent auction or help on the clean up crew. (Sign up on the poster in the parlor.)

\_\_\_ Donate money or food for the chili supper expenses. (Contact Virginia Bryant)

\_\_\_ Help advertise the Chili Supper & Silent Auction (word of mouth, send emails, post on your Facebook account)

Let's work together to make this the most successful event yet! Our community is counting on us.

Ginger

## Youth Sing

FCC Elementary Youth will be singing at Covenant Presbyterian on November 8th, and at FCC on November 15th. We hope you will be present to support them as they sing songs of love and joy.

## Thanksgiving Dinner

*The fellowship dinner for November will be our Thanksgiving Meal and it will be held following the 10:00 worship service on November 15.*



## Fire Extinguisher on Hand...

Being a student of this thing called life, I wake up each day with a different and new understanding of the things around me. So far this year has been no exception.

I am beginning to realize that each year all my activities are merely a repeat of last year's events. Ok, throw in a few different outings, a few different lunch dates, and of course some new outfits! But in general, it is the same calendar of events...just one year later! The thing is, each year you learn to appreciate them more. Last year I was a single girl dating a great guy. We went through the upcoming holidays together, and in between all the running and scurrying he asked me to marry him. A calendar year later...I am his wife. And with each new holiday that comes my way I realize how much better it is because I have him to share it with. See? Appreciated more.

Lunch dates with my daughter use to be a time when we would grab food quickly between my jobs so that we could get to the studio on time. We would order a taco or two, a bowl of queso dip, and scarf it down like we were in basic training. She

moved to Blue Springs a year ago, and although I still see her almost daily, it is difficult to stay caught up on each others lives....until our lunches. Now, we take the time to sit back, relax, do some laughing, and work on keeping our bond strong. Lunches...appreciated more.

My paycheck comes, and as soon as it hits my bank I send out checks to cover those lovely monthly bills that we all have. Ughhh...working all week to give it all away can be frustrating! Then, someone comes into the Church office. They have no food, or no power. They can't feed their kids, much less buy clothes to keep them warm. They may be homeless- living with family or friends a few days at a time until they can find a permanent place to call home. In moments like these I think of my paycheck. I think about the dinner I just shared with my husband, the new shirt I bought, the car I drive and the house I live in. I think about how God has ALWAYS made it possible for me to be sheltered and fed. And soon the knowledge that my paycheck is only mine for a few hours before it is given away...much appreciated.



In life, we can do one of two things. We can focus on all of the negatives that come our way. How easy is that to do? Finding the bad in people and things is so simple that most of us can do it, and ...usually do! When we have only negative thoughts filling our minds, our lives begin to be nothing but a big cluster of downfalls and struggles. Or, we can focus on the positive. We can take the circumstances set before us and find that one silver lining that keeps us going. We can complain we had to spend our last dime on a utility bill, or be grateful we had enough to keep the power on. We can be upset our children move away, or we can be thankful that they still find time to keep in touch. We can complain about the price of groceries, or be glad we have the means to go grocery shopping. And, we can grumble about life in general, or smile big because we are still living it!

Each day we get to start anew. I pray we all strive to be more kind, giving, loving, grateful,... and much more appreciative.

Learning and Leaning, Hope

### Upcoming Sermons

Nov. 1 "Raised Gates and Opened Doors" (*All Saints' Day*)  
 Nov. 8 "What We Owe to Those Who Gave" (*Veteran's Day*)  
 Nov. 15 "A Reversal of Fortune"  
 Nov. 22 "Giving Thanks in All Circumstances" (*Thanksgiving Sunday*)  
 Nov. 29 "Preparing for 'Those Days'" (*Hanging of the Greens*)

Psalm 24  
 Luke 23:32-46  
 Ruth 1:6-18  
 1 Thess. 5:16-18  
 Jeremiah 33:14-16

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*Just a thought...*

*Every Person's life on earth ends the same way. It is only the details of how we live and how we die that distinguish one person from another.*

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Stop by our new and improved church website at [www.fccmarshallmo.org](http://www.fccmarshallmo.org) to check out upcoming events and activities, serving schedules, bulletins and newsletters, and information about our groups, ministries, staff, etc.

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**Youth Director– Kris Milliron**  
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**Larry Smith**  
**Financial Secretary– Ken Bryant**  
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