

# The Marshall Christian

LIX

NO. VIII

September



## Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

### August 27th & Sept. 3rd

Elders:

Kris Milliron  
Kathryn Jones

Deacons:

Carla Fricke  
Missie Kreisel  
Ron Schupp  
Katie Shannon  
Leroy Wise

### September 10th & 17th

Elders:

Buddy Hannaford  
Greg Schultz

Deacons:

Tyler Clemens  
Jean Dowell  
Hope Richards  
Shirley Schultz  
Makenzie Thomason

### September 24th & October 1st

Elders:

Dan Brandt  
Lloyd Bentley

Deacons:

Ed Baker  
Mona Baker  
Gwen Clemens  
Alisa Smith  
Kevin Dryer

### Outside Communion:

#### September 10th

Greg Schultz  
Kathryn Jones

#### September 24th

Lloyd Bentley  
Dan Brandt

#### Worship Leaders

Sept. 3- Julie Hoffelmeyer  
Sept. 10- Buddy Hannaford  
Sept. 17- Tim Clemens  
Sept. 24- Dan Brandt

## “Demisemiseptcentennial”

Demisemiseptcentennial almost sounds like something a person might mutter under his or her breath as a curse. Instead, it is another name for a 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary and is literally: one-half (demi) times one-half (semi) times seven (sept) times 100 years (centennial). It sounds strange and seems to be a round-about way of getting there, but .5 x .5 x 7 x 100 does equal 175 (since one-fourth of 700 is 175).

That is the anniversary of the founding of our congregation which we will celebrate on September 24.

It was only three years after the founding of the community of Marshall that Thomas M. Allen of Columbia gathered at the county courthouse with 27 Marshall citizens to form First Christian Church on September 27, 1842. You might think that it would have been a Sunday, but it was in fact, a Tuesday. Those pioneers gave up precious time on a day of work to gather for something important. Maybe they did so because it involved the signing of official papers to be filed at the courthouse. Aaron Bruce and Stuart Harris were the first officers.

This family of faith would meet for worship in that same courthouse for a decade before saving the funds to build their simple frame building in 1852 at a cost of \$2,000. This was the building in which Alexander Campbell preached twice in November of

1852. The modest frame building served until the Civil War. Records were destroyed then and the early history was lost.

The church has occupied four buildings – the frame building before the war, then a larger frame building on the present location, followed by a brick building and the remodeled present structure. Aaron Bruce gave the land we now occupy.

While a church is often known by its location, a church is not a location, nor a building. A church is the fellowship of the members of the congregation. That fellowship includes times spent together in joy as well as times spent untied in worship, service, ministry, mission, study, and prayer. That fellowship includes the unity of the members in communion as well as in services of child dedications, baptisms, weddings, funerals, and more. That fellowship also includes the long list from membership roles of the past – beginning with those 27 founding members – through today’s roles. All who we have been; all that we have done in God’s name; all that we have learned and lived and loved for 175 years...that is what we celebrate at our demisemiseptcentennial. Happy anniversary, First Christian Church of Marshall!

In God’s Grip, Loy

## September Anniversaries & Birthdays

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|--|---|
| 3– Brent Marsh<br>Dexter Shannon   | 16– Jean Dowell                           |
| 4– Linda Alspach<br>Micki Uhrig  | 19– Karla Hannaford                       |
| 5– Sue Ann Crawford<br>Leanne Dehn<br>Jared Porter<br>Trafton Shannon<br>Ethan Schupp  | 20– Emmy Dehn<br>Roy Hinton<br>Ryan Smith |
| 6– Jacob Kissner   | 21– Joshua Shannon                        |
| 7– Jonell Fizer  | 22– Chad Barnes<br>Joanne McKinney        |
| 8– Brandon Blalock<br>Nancy Jackson<br>William Jackson<br>Evan Stoll<br>Martha Sweeten | 24– Jan Ravenhill                         |
| 10– Fred Hartley<br>Dale Pontius   | 25– Ross Crawford<br>McKenzie Thomason    |
| 11– Rileigh Massey   | 27– Bailey Kueker                         |
| 14– Lin Hessel   | 28– Betty Kennedy                         |
| 14– Phoebe Jones   | 29– Jennifer Dehn<br>Hope Richards        |
|  | 30– Rosie Bentley                         |



## Anniversaries

- 5– Wayne & Priscilla McReynolds  
7– Dennis & Linda Carter  
12– Steve & Diane Green  
14– Phil & Beth LaGore  
22– Ralph & Evelyn Wenzel  
Wayne & Sherry Shannon

### Memories and Prayers

For our upcoming celebration of the anniversary of our congregation on September 24, the planning committee is seeking your input in two key areas. We plan to put together a memory book which will include peoples' memories of the church in past years – ways the congregation has helped you, inspired you, caused you to smile or laugh, etc. We are also seeking your written prayers for the church. We plan to use them as part of the "Prayers of the People" on Sunday mornings. You may request that your name not be shared. Please add your memories and your prayers by mailing bringing them to the church office.

## Looking Back at Our History

Homecoming Sunday on September 24 will celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our congregation. Priscilla McReynolds of the Library Committee offers us this detailed look back at our history in the years 1914-1957:

Harvey Baker Smith came to serve as our minister in 1914. With his winsome smile, silver tongue, and friendly handclasp, he soon won his way into the hearts of the people. Mrs. Smith was outstanding in music. She started the White Christmas programs in 1914. In 1915 an annual memorial service was held in honor of departed members. The Marshall Christian, a church paper was begun in 1915. An orchestra was added for a short time in 1915 as well.

In 1918 the Smiths moved to Hutchinson Kansas, and John Alexander came as our minister. He was followed by Melvyn Thompson in 1924. In 1925 an Easter Sunrise Service and the first Vacation Bible School were held. In 1926 the parsonage burned and the church bought the parsonage at 835 Eastwood for \$8,500.

In 1926 the growth of the membership was such that the building had to be enlarged again. The Annex was bought, and an improvement campaign was carried through, beautifying the building throughout. The chancel was remodeled, bringing the choir from the balcony to the chancel area. A Wicks Direct-Electric action organ with chimes was purchased and installed. A new lighting system was added, along with special lighting equipment for the colorful presentations of the religious pageants. The remodeling project was completed in 1927.

Rev. Thompson accepted a call to Kansas City and Byron Hester came as a new minister in 1930. When he left three years later, Harvey Baker Smith returned to Marshall as minister. Boy Scout troops and packs were organized in 1934 and partnered with the church. Lillie Bates Circle was started in 1939 by Mrs. Smith. A centennial celebration was held in 1942, and the church debt was reduced to \$7,000. In January of 1943, the notes were reduced to \$1,500. At Easter, it was announced that a complete payment of our debt had been made.

In 1944, a letter was received from John McGraw telling of his experiences in the South Pacific along with a \$25 bond for the church. Rev. Smith suggested this money start a Memorial Building Fund. The new educational building was started in 1956. The cornerstone was laid on September 16, 1956, and was ready for use in May of 1957. Open house was held July 1957, and the dedication was held in September of that year.

## Tid Bits...

### Celebrating 175 Years

Our congregation was founded on September 27, 1842. On September 24 we will have our annual Homecoming Sunday. This year we celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the congregation with a special combined worship service at 10:00 followed by an all-church picture. Bringing the message on that historic day will be Rev. Dr. John Imbler, Executive Director of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society in West Virginia. The service will include various music specials including the organ. A fellowship meal will follow the picture, and will include a short program of videos from the past, music, presentations of proclamations and congratulations, and fun for all. The Fellowship Committee will be providing brisket, pork loin, potatoes, green beans and rolls for the meal. Members are asked to bring salads and desserts. 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.



**Has begun! Can't wait to see you there!**

## Mid America Regional Assembly

Registration is open for our Regional Assembly to be held October 20 & 21. We will gather in Sedalia to celebrate as a region and to participate in the Festival of Sharing. Friday the 20th is Clergy Day when clergy will have their choice of boundary or MissionInsite training sessions. All are welcome on Saturday for Festival activities and then the introduction of our new "settled" Regional Minister Team members. Both days will include Mid-America bicentennial celebration presentations, and the weekend will conclude at the Salt Creek site, the first Disciple congregation in Missouri.

Saturday's events begin at the state fairgrounds and include an 8:00 a.m. worship, quilt auction preview, mission opportunities (bagging rice and beans, processing Church World Services kits, processing Missouri Packs, etc.), a speaker from Heifer International, display booths, lunch, and quilt auction. At 1:30 we will gather at Sedalia First Christian Church for business and a regional bicentennial presentation. Birthday cake and conversations will follow. Those wishing to drive to the Salt Creek site (near New Franklin) will gather at 4:00 for a celebration music, stories and reflections.

## DO YOU LIKE TO COLOR????

Join in the fun of the *First*



*Christian Church 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary COLORING CONTEST!* Beginning August 27, pick up the coloring sheet for your age division any Sunday in the parlor before/after worship services or from the church office any weekday during open hours. All family members are encouraged to participate. Deadline to turn in the completed coloring sheet to the Church Office is September 15. Entries will be displayed beginning September 17, with winners announced and prizes awarded in each age division at the FCC 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on September 24.

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, visits and prayers during this difficult time. A special thank you to Loy Hoskins and Willie Harlow for their visits and services. Your prayers and thoughts were greatly appreciated.

Charles Estill

### Upcoming Sermons

Sept. 3	"Being the Visible Church" (Labor Day Weekend)	Matthew 16:21-28
Sept. 10	"The Presence of God in the Law"	Psalms 119:33-40
Sept. 17	"A Love Song for Sour Grapes" (Last Drive-Up service)	Isaiah 5:1-7
Sept. 24	Rev. Dr. John Imbler (Disciples of Christ Historical Society) to preach (Homecoming Sunday – 175 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	
Oct. 1	"Remember the Lamb" (World Communion Sunday)	Matthew 26:17-30

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they are, we see  
things as we are.*

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