

The Marshall Christian

LIX

No. VII

July 2017

Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

July 2nd & 9th

Elders:

Vickie Wise
Dan Brandt

Deacons:

Ed Baker
Mona Baker
Gwen Clemens
Wayne Wise
Alisa Smith

July 16th & 23rd

Elders:

Buddy Hannaford
Wayne Buck

Deacons:

Cindy Brandt
Vince Buck
Linda Crews
Chris Layton
Lori Layton

Outside Communion:

July 9th

Dan Brandt
Carol Schupp

July 23rd

Lloyd Bentley
Wayne McReynolds

Worship Leaders

July 2- Vickie Wise
July 9- Dan Brandt
July 16- Buddy Hannaford
July 23- Wayne Buck
July 30- Wayne McReynolds

“Family Reunion Time ”

This summer I will be attending two family reunions. One will be on August 6 when the descendants of Thomas Hart Hoskins will gather at Hickory Hill Baptist Church outside of Henley, Missouri, near the 1841 homestead. When I was a boy, our family would come to this reunion when it was held in Eldon or Versailles or at Lake of the Ozarks State Park. Rhonda and I will be staying in a cabin on the Osage River in Tusculumbia for a few days after the gathering. It will be good to see all the cousins once again. It's always good to catch up and hear stories of our shared past along with information about our current individual lives.

The first family reunion I will attend will be in Indianapolis, Indiana July 7-13. That will be the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. In addition to attending worship services for spiritual renewal and workshops for education and training, there will also be the opportunity for me to reconnect with my larger church family. I have so many close friends in the congregations from the seven different regions in which I have served. Many of the campers from the camps I have been a part of for the past 25 years will be there and a good number of them are now in ministry.

At the assembly we will do a lot of the same things that happen at most family reunions. We'll share meals and share stories of our common memories. We'll hear about people we have lost touch with over the years. During one special worship service we will remember and honor those from the church family who passed away in the previous two years since the last assembly. There will be laughter and tears and hugs and

that special feeling of being with family that you just don't get to see very often.



There will also be business to be done – resolutions to discuss and vote on, reports from the various ministries given, the election of new leaders for the coming years, etc. I will be voting as a representative from our congregation. Please go to <http://disciples.org/ga/business> to look over the resolutions. If you have a strong preference on how our congregation should vote on any of these issues, please let me know. The discussions over some of the resolutions and other items to be voted on become passionate at times because we do not always agree. But, that's the way it is in families. We may not agree on everything, but we still love each other and we still respect each other and we just agree to disagree. After all... we're family.

In God's Grip, Loy

Fund Raiser for First Presbyterian Church

During the August 19 town-wide celebration for the solar eclipse, the Ministerial Alliance will be selling pulled-pork lunches on the grounds of the First Presbyterian Church to help them raise money to repair their ceiling and roof. The roof was damaged in last year's hail storm and in August a portion of their beautiful molded-tin ceiling collapsed in the sanctuary. They are in litigation with their insurance company to pay for the damage. Meanwhile, the damage has been left on the floor of the sanctuary and the congregation is meeting in their fellowship hall. The alliance will be helping them raise the money to begin making repairs.

July Anniversaries & Birthdays

7– Jacque Dryer
 8– Marshall Krause
 Lucas Milliron
 9– Cooper David Halsey
 11– Issam Amary
 Wayne McReynolds
 12– Abby Shroeder
 14– Richard Mencl
 15– Dan Brandt
 Helen Merchant
 16– Harold Heymeyer
 Sarah Wright
 17– Wayne Buck
 Lindsey Sullivan
 18– Sam Krog
 19– Kelsey Payne
 20– Ginger Reis
 22– Norman Gibbins
 24– Jacob Shannon
 25– Jan Merritt

28– Lynn Phillips
 30– Bryanne Payne

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
 Wayne & Vickie Wise
 19– Aaron & Sarah Wright
 23– Vince & Jill Buck
 26– John & Trish Fletcher
 Spencer & Carla Fricke
 27– Buddy & Karla Hannaford
 30– Vic & Lin Hessel



Thank you...

To our FCC friends for the many acts of kindness shown to Chester during his health struggles. He always enjoyed your visits and "Thinking of You" cards. Thank you Dr. Rev. Loy Hoskins and Willie Harlow for your comforting service. A special thank you to the Bereavement Committee for lunch and giving our family time together. God bless you all.

Alice Barnes

Single Ladies Luncheon

The Single Ladies Group will be meeting at 11:30 on Thursday, July 20 at Mazzio's for lunch. Contact Roberta Reed if you have any questions.

Looking Back at Our History

Homecoming Sunday on September 24 will celebrate the 175th anniversary of our congregation. Priscilla McReynolds of the Library Committee offers us this look back at our history in the years 1867 - 1914:

Following the Civil War, the congregation was served by Elders Waller, Pinkerton, Duncan, Davis, and others. Then, R.M. Messick followed as minister, and he molded the church into a more perfect whole. At that time the membership was 300. He was succeeded by J.A. Dearborn, who is remembered as the pastor under whose ministry a brick church was built, including an organ. It was a spacious and elegant building, costing \$18,000, and was completed in 1885. The old frame building was sold and moved to the Jumbo Johnson Milling Company. It was still in use by the Missouri Valley Feed Store in 1960.

The Pauline Class was organized in 1874 and made up of elderly ladies. It was taught for 52 years by Dr. M.T. Chastain, a prominent physician, and continued until 1948. The local Christian Women's Board of Missions was organized in 1878, three years after they had been organized nationally. The name was changed to Christian Women's Fellowship in 1950 and to Disciple Women fifty years later. George Platterburg was the minister in 1886 when the first of three state assemblies was held in Marshall. In 1894, a local Junior Endeavor Society (the forerunner of Christian Youth Fellowship) was organized by the minister, J.B. Mayfield. The Dorcas Class was organized in 1895.

In 1897, B.T. Wharton began a 17 ministry to the congregation. During the latter part of his ministry, the cupola was removed and the front of the building was extended, making the auditorium look like a vast cathedral. The basement was enlarged, kitchen and dining room equipment added, and many class rooms built. Rest rooms and a pastor's study were also constructed. About \$22,000 was spent all together. It was a beautiful church home and the church took on new life and prosperity.

Youth News

This past month, myself and 6 high school youth went on an 'alternative mission trip' to the Ozark Mountains in southern Missouri. (Rachel had the 8 mid-high youth on another adventure with the same organization). Oh, what an experience this was!! Together, we spent several days in the wilderness, hiking, carrying 50+ lb. backpacks, sleeping under crude tarp structures, setting up and tearing down camp, cooking our meals, charting our courses, and much more. Through all this, plus daily group reflection and debriefing, personal reflection time, devotions, and prayer, we were challenged physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually, both individually and as a group.

There is no doubt that this trip will be remembered by all of us. Myself – I will be learning, and growing, from this experience for months, even years, to come. As with all youth events, I fancy myself as the 'youth leader' the 'adult' the 'caretaker' even. And as with all youth events, I'm usually the one claiming to have learned the most, gained the most.

This trip was no exception. It's safe to say that we all hit 'rock bottom'. We were physically exhausted, emotionally drained, mentally defeated, and spiritually

afraid. We were trying to survive, literally and figuratively, on our own; afraid to trust God with our very lives. We were, as the verse states, "wasting away", yet not recognizing that we were being renewed. We were looking "at what can be seen" instead of seeing "what cannot be seen". This was far from our typical 'feel good' mission trip of serving others who are less fortunate. We were forced to serve ourselves, to create our own sense of satisfaction and happiness. And it was much harder than any of us imagined.

Fortunately, this group of friends quickly became family. We were able to lift each other up, carry one another's burdens, and be the source of strength in each other's weakness.

We were able to find strength in ourselves that we never imagined possible. And we were able to focus on God, see God, and know God. Many, many times on this trip, I went from leader to led, from caretaker to the one being taken care of, from the adult to the least capable. I felt vulnerable, humiliated, out of control, afraid, weak, burdened and defeated. As much as I tried to hide these feelings, we all were so exposed to one another that there were no masks.

Through all the feelings and all the emotions that transpired, this small group of teens did what they do best; they became the body of Christ.

Grateful,
Kris Milliron

We have 10 youth and adults (to date) who are attending church camp/C.R.Y. this summer. Please take the time to write a note or a 'thinking of you' card for our campers attending camp. Drop them by the church office, or put in collection plate. Please deliver them at least one week prior to camp to ensure they are received.

CYF Camp – June 29 – July 4

Adrienne Layton

Junior Camp – July 6-10

Conner Reyes,

Aiden Dryer, Caiden Reyes

Chi Rho – July 11-15

Cierra Johnston

1,2,3, GO! – July 21-23

Jaxon Clemens, Tanner Clemens

JYF – July 24-28

Chase Johnston, Jacob McClain

Chi Rho – July 24-28

Kayla McClain

CRY Festival July 17-20

Ashlee Robbins, Brenen Sullivan, Ashlyn Robbins, Adrienne Layton, Matalin Page, Casey Claros, Kris Milliron, Gwen Clemens, Tim Clemens

Upcoming Sermons

July 2	"The Cost of Freedom" (<i>Independence Sunday</i>)	1 Corinthians 9:19-23
July 9	Rev. Richard Blake of the Christian Prison Ministry of Missouri to preach	
July 16	"Hope in the Word"	Isaiah 55:10-13
July 23	"Living Beyond the Tough Times"	Romans 8:12-25
July 30	"Where Are the Streets of Gold?!?"	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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Vacation Bible School Time!

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held at Covenant Presbyterian Church on Yerby Street. From Monday, July 31 through Thursday, August 3 each day will be begin with supper being served at 5:00.

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.

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Church Staff

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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