

The Marshall Christian

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August 2016

Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

July 31 & August 7

Elders:

Wayne McReynolds
TBA

Deacons:

Zach Crews
Kevin Dryer
Jessica Parker
Tyler Clemens
Carla Fricke

August 14 & 21

Elders:

Fred Hartley
Julie Hoffelmeyer

Deacons:

Gwen Clemens
Annette Miles
Jeff Wise
Charles Marsh

August 28 & September 4

Elders:

Dan Brandt
Lloyd Bentley

Deacons:

Tim Boedeker
John McGraw
Ginger McGraw
Missie Kreisel
Dane Branson

Outside Communion:

August 14

Loretta Green
Wayne Buck

August 28

Tim Clemens
Fred Hartley

Worship Leaders

August 7- Buddy Hannaford
August 14- Paul Crews
August 21- Kris Milliron
August 28- Tim Clemens

“The Importance of the Table”

My opportunity to direct one of our church camps a few weeks ago included the experience of sharing meals with the campers and camp staff in the dining hall at Covenant Point Camp. In years past as a youth pastor I would share up to 150 such meals with children and youth at camps and retreats each year. During mission trips we would eat cereal for breakfast, eat sandwiches at work-sites, and dine out on the town in the evenings. I also had something I called “The Summer Lunch Program” where I would take teenagers out for lunch during the summer months in small groups and the “Friday Breakfast Bunch” where I would meet at 7:00 a.m. with high school and junior high youth on Fridays during the school year at a Panera’s before taking them to their schools in the church van. All of these meals gave me opportunities to get to know the youth better as we shared meals.

We often associate eating with business or fellowship, or so many other endeavors. A friend of mine once said, “You really don’t know a person until you’ve eaten pizza with him or her.” Maybe it’s something about breaking bread together, nourishing our physical bodies as the fellowship together fills us emotionally, or just discovering how people react when they

spill their drink or drop a chocolate doughnut upside down in their lap.

Maybe

this was part of Jesus’ reasoning behind calling us to gather at his table each Sunday. In the early church, worshippers would gather each week on the Lord’s Day to share Agape feasts in which they would eat, pray, worship, sing, and reenact the Lord’s Supper. There would be the typical table talk of life – how business was going, their crops, how Aunt Hannah’s leprosy was progressing, what the weather was like, the complaints about the government, the fastest runner in the local race, upcoming weddings and other social occasions, etc. But they would also set aside a time to rededicate themselves to God and to each other in the act of communion.

At the Lord’s Table we examine and confess; we remember and renew; we gain spiritual nourishment; and we pledge ourselves to Christ once again. We do this individually, and we do it together as the body of Christ when we gather around that table. Each Sunday as we come together in worship, I look forward to sharing the bread and cup with you.

In God's Grip,
LOY



August Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 1- Lucy Fletcher
- 2- Cindy Brandt
- 3- Bill Alley
Bruce Blalock
Colleen Brown
Margaret O'Dell
Michelle Scarff
- 5- Sarah Bentley
- 7- Dallas Coslet
Jerry Frerking
- 8- Jim Crawford
- 9- Phil LaGore
- 10- James Merchant
- 13- Diane Green
Bryce Payne
- 14- Wayne Shannon
Lawrence Soendker
- 15- Terry Cobb

- 15- Harrell Boedeker
- 17- Azlann Buck
- 19- Payton Ehrhardt
- 21- Heather McReynolds
- 23- Lisa Ballance
Linda Crews
- 24- Jill Clemens
Christine Estill
Shirley Jackson
Justin Schroeder
- 26- Lee Pointer
- 28- Gary Dowell
Darrin Schupp
- 29- Ty Pointer
- 31- Nate Sullivan



Anniversaries

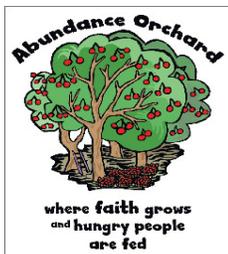
- 5- Brennan & Debbie Tucker
- 11- Doug & Kathy Swinger
- 15- George & Loretta Green
- 20- Issam & Wilma Amary
Bill & Nancy Jackson
- 21- Charles & Nellie Estill
- 29- Greg & Shirley Schultz
- 30- Rennie & Lisa Ballance

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

On Sunday, October 16, 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.

Welcoming Freshmen to Missouri Valley College

Friday, August 19th will be Welcome Day for the freshmen at Missouri Valley College this year. Once again our church will have a table to hand out information about our church services and ministries. We need volunteers to make several dozen cookies (this works well to draw the freshmen to our table). We also need volunteers to be at the table to hand out the cookies and information and to talk to the students from 9:00 in the morning until 3:00 that afternoon. If you are able to give your time or cooking talent, please contact the church office to let us know. The cookies will need to be at the church by the morning of the 18th.



Vacation Bible School!

It is time for that wonderful, fast-paced week that is known as Vacation Bible School! The theme this year is Abundance Orchard, and it all takes place at the church August 1-4. Three-year olds through 6th graders are invited to be part of it all as students, and everyone older than that is

welcome to come help out. Things will kick off each night at 5:30 with a meal in the fellowship hall, followed by stories, games, crafts, Bible lessons, singing new songs, and lots of time spent with friends learning about the abundance of God's love. VBS will last until 8:00 each night. This year's offering will be collected each night and sent to the Society of St. Andrew, which works across the nation helping to provide food to hungry people. Call the office to let us know if you plan to come and then register on your first night.

Church Picnic on August 7

Following the 10:00 worship service on Sunday, August 7 you are invited to join us in Indian Hills Park at the North Point shelter for a family church picnic. Bring your own food and drinks or enjoy some hot dogs that we will be grilling. Please bring some friends and your own plates, cups, utensils, napkins, etc. Also feel free to bring any games to play.



Kickoff Sunday – Aug 21

On August 21 we will have our annual "Kickoff Sunday" to help kickoff the new start of another year of children's and youth ministries, women's groups, choir practices, new ministries, and much more. To enhance the 'kickoff' theme, everyone is encouraged to **wear clothes supporting your favorite football team** – high school, college, or pro. Put on your jerseys, t-shirts, warm-ups, sweats, etc., and come find a seat in the bleachers (pews) of the stadium (sanctuary) on game day (Sunday morning)! Come to the tailgate party (coffee and snacks) in the parlor between worship services.

The Less I Have, the Richer I Am

There is something about me that most of you do not know. Women won't understand, and men will be in disbelief. The thing is...I HATE to shop! A fun day with the girls for me will never include the phrase "and go shopping" in it. But with everything else, there comes a time when we have to break down and do things we prefer not to do. A few weeks ago, I got bamboozled into going out for a day and night on the town with a friend. Now don't get me wrong, I weighed out the pluses and minuses, and decided a day with a friend was well worth having to Ooooo and Ahhhhh over things. An hour into our trip, we had almost reached our destination. We were at a four-way light, patiently waiting our chance to turn into the mall entrance. Standing beside the driver's door was a man holding a sign that read "In need of food and Money". I asked my friend to roll down the window so that I could give him a few dollars. She told me that there had been a special on the news only a week or so ago, and

that most of the people who did this were cons who made more in a day than we made in a week! I asked my friend again...to roll down the window. As I handed the man the money he said, "Thank you, God bless", shook my hand, and walked back towards the next car in line. Did I get taken advantage of? Maybe. But, the way I try to look at life is this. Who am I to judge if someone really needs my help, or if they are really in need? When I gave to that man standing on the corner, I gave from the goodness of my heart. That is how God will judge my actions. If the man taking the money didn't really need my help, then HE will be judged accordingly as well. I will never pass up a chance to help someone, even knowing that sometimes it may be a hoax. When you do things for others in the name of our Lord, you will never go wrong. I am overly sensitive, too trusting, and softhearted. These will always be my weaknesses. But these are traits about me that I don't care to change. On this particular day, I was out \$5. To me, that was a few gallons of gas, admittance to a matinee movie, or a frozen pizza. To him, it could have been the difference between starving and

surviving.

Let God be the one who puts judgments on our actions. We are neither to be the judge or jury of our fellow man.

I rested well that night... and I assure you, better than I would have if I would have left him standing there with his hand out to me...and I didn't take it.

Learning and Leaning,
Hope



There are no Board minutes to include in the newsletter since there were no Board meetings in July.

Many thanks for all the cards and words of sympathy upon the passing of our mother, Anna Wise. We feel blessed to be a part of such a caring church family.

Leroy & Kay Wise,

Upcoming Sermons

July 31	"When God Roars"	Hosea 11:1-11
Aug. 7	"Journey in Faith" (<i>Picnic Sunday</i>)	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Aug. 14	Leslie Robb LeSieur & Eric Holmes from the Mid America Center for Ministry (Rev. Hoskins on vacation)	
Aug. 21	"Seven Requirements for Team Success"	1 Corinthians 1:10
Aug. 28	"Laments of Faith"	Psalms 71:1-6

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ministries, staff, etc.

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