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Adults, Students and Kids Summer programming



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eflections from the executive pastor

Of all the things in my job description, my favorite thing is discipleship. It's the most important thing and no matter where I've served in ministry or what my job duties were, discipleship has been the thing that matters most.

Multiplication, imitation, reproduction- these things are the fruit of discipleship, if not the proof of discipleship. Disciples make disciples. Period. I am a follower of Jesus Christ, growing in love for God and others. Growing implies that something is alive; something is living and dynamically developing. Life begets life. Healthy things grow.

A disciple is a follower of Jesus Christ growing in love for God and others.

I am a part of something bigger than myself- my immediate family, my extended family, the Marvin Church family, the Global Methodist Church family, THE Church.

Marvin Church, church growth is not the end. Life begets life. Healthy things grow. Since that's true, if that's true, then how are we

doina? In April 2024, we took the Renovo Spiritual Life Inventory to give us a snapshot of Marvin's spiritual health. This snapshot will help us decide how to best support our members in their discipleship journey. In 2021, we took a similar survey (REVEAL), and with the information from both Renovo and REVEAL, we will be able to see how we have changed during the last three years.

Demographic Data

To receive the most comprehensive and accurate data possible, we needed 200 survey participants to have a response rate representative of our church membership. We received 290 responses which is 36% of our stated average worship attendance.

81% were over the gae of 50

78% were married

18% had children at home under the age of 18

57% were female: 43% were male

45% had been at Marvin for 10 or more years

71% had an annual income of \$75K or more

44% took the survey in 2021

Discipleship Continuum

The concept of a discipleship continuum with four stages is one we have committed to as a congregation. This has shaped our understanding of the discipleship journey, and it has given us a shared language in the journey of transformation that is found throughout the discipleship journey. Our discipleship continuum is based on how Marvin's 290



Every church taking the Renovo survey receives a Spiritual Vitality Index (SVI) that measures the spiritual

participants

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2024 Renovo Survey Results	2021 Reveal Survey Results				
2% Exploring Christ	6% Exploring Christ				
40% Growing in Christ	50% Growing in Christ				
35% Close to Christ	29% Close to Christ				
23% Christ Centered	15% Christ Centered				

maturity of the congregants and the church's discipleship effectiveness. The factors that go into calculating this index are the church's role in providing ministry experiences that are catalytic for spiritual growth, the personal spiritual practices of our members and faith in action, which reflects our willingness to serve God. The SVI is a percentile score reflecting how a particular congregation compares to the results of other churches in the Renovo database. Marvin Church, our Spirituality Vitality Index is 83, compared to 71 in 2021. The SVI we received is a benchmark that helps us better understand the spiritual heart of our congregation as we move forward with our discipleship strategies.

Eight Church Archetypes Based on Spiritual Maturity and Church Effectiveness

From all the data generated by our survey results, we were given an archetype. The archetype is determined by ordering our church's effectiveness based on five best practices and the spiritual strength of our members on a coordinate graph.

The five best practices refer to the church and includes getting people moving on their faith journey, embedding the Bible in everything, creating ownership in each member for their own faith journey, pastoring and serving the community, and Christ centered leadership.

The spiritual strength refers to each member and includes prayer, reflecting on scripture, service and sharing your faith.

(Reflections continued on page 4)



Marvin Offering to Love Thy City of East Texas

There are so many exciting things on the horizon this summer! Marvin Methodist Church is one of the church partners participating in Love Thy City, an event which will take place from 1 to 6 p.m. on July 20 at Tyler's W.T. Brookshire Conference Center.

Love Thy City is a community-driven religious nonprofit that exists to inspire and encourage community healing and unity through Christian initiatives that uplift and empower citizens from all walks of life. Love Thy City's vision is "to exhibit our love for the city of Tyler through the demonstration of our love for God and the expression of love for our neighbors through spiritual gifts and tangible acts of service."

In honor of our commitment to Love Thy City's vision and mission, Marvin Methodist Church is making a gift of \$10,000 to Love Thy City of East Texas. The gift is from Marvin's Strategic Reserves Fund that was established by the June Flock legacy gift received by Marvin in 2022.

The event on July 20 will be a fun day of song and We are excited that Reverend Brian Lightner, Senior worship with free Christian counseling available, a Pastor of St. James CME, will preach in Pirtle Hall on prayer room, free food truck vouchers, a raffle of a/c window units, and Christmas in July aiveaways of Sunday, June 23 when the Marvin Family will be invited to participate in a love offering for this citybackpacks, bikes and food pantry items.

wide event. To learn more about "Love Thy City" or Love Thy City is made up of social partners, business to sign up to volunteer, visit www.lovethycity.org.

Sanctuary Update

Progress continues to be made in the sanctuary. For several days, the construction crew worked to delicately, thoughtfully and meticulously remove the original woodwork and organ pipes from the sanctuary in preparation for the new organ. A crew from the organ manufacturer in Canada came to our sanctuary and helped remove approximately 1,000 organ pipes to take them back to Canada to be used for our new organ.

A special thank you to Garth Pattullo, Alan Wilkerson,





partners and 13 church partners, including St. James CME, Green Acres Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, and Marvin Methodist Church.

The Leadership Team is led by Marvin Church member Tim Brookshire, along with visioning pastor DeMarcus Pierson and other community and church leaders including Dr. Doug Baker and Reverend Brian Lightner.

Holly Hollenshead, and the Marvin Menders as they worked to carefully take apart the beautiful woodwork so that it can be safely stored for future use in our church. After the removal of the original woodwork and organ pipes, floor-to-ceiling scaffolding was constructed so that plaster repairs, paint updates, and audio/video equipment installation could begin. Thank you, Marvin Church, for your faithful and joyful commitment to the sanctuary maintenance and updates.



Reflections from the executive pastor (Continued from page 2)

There are eight church archetypes: Vibrant, Energized, Self-Motivated, Introverted, Average, Extroverted, Complacent, Troubled

Marvin Church, our primary archetype was Energized; our secondary archetype was Vibrant.

In her book Rise: Bold Strategies to Transform Your Church, Cally Parkinson describes the Energized Church as being full of spiritual activity that is rarely haphazard. It is carefully designed to promote transformation by using a variety of ways to address the needs of varying levels of spiritual maturity. In other words, the Energized Church may have a good definition of discipleship, they may even provide clear direction, but often lose or minimize the message about the why. Marvin Church, our why is to make disciples, followers of Jesus Christ who are growing in love for God and others that is visible and impactful.

Cally describes the Vibrant Church as full of the life that the Spirit gives (John 6:63). There are stories of transformation in the lives of her people that bear witness to a deep devotion to Christ, a profound love for all people, great appreciation for their church, and yes, the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit. However, the greatest distinction of the Vibrant Church is that it does a better job than any other archetype of opening the doors, of breaking through to people's hearts, minds, and souls so that the life the Spirit wants to give is unmistakable and embraced.

Oftentimes, the secondary archetype is either indicative of where the church is going or where the church has been. I suggest that in our case it indicates where we are going.

We exist to make disciples who make disciples who make disciples. That is the work of the Spirit, otherwise we labor in vain. Our commitment is to Christ. We are hungry for more of him. Our goal is not more people in our pews, not more people on our rolls, not more dollars in our plates- our goal is hearts on fire! We are the Body of Christ. We are his presence in the world, and each one of us marked by God's Holy Spirit. We pursue life together and in so doing, we paint a picture of life and health. Healthy things grow in every metric mentioned above, but those things are not the goal. Jesus Christ is the goal.

Marvin Church, there is work to be done. Good work. Hard work. The discipleship team is processing Marvin's Renovo Spiritual Life Inventory results, and we will provide a debrief of the results to the congregation. We will continue the work of the discipleship pathway, evaluating and implementing along the way. Please be in prayer as we go: Come, Holy Spirit!

"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will aive him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" Luke 7:11-13 (NIV)

In Christ,

Marc

New Marvin Staff Members



Rick Jett, our new Executive Director of Business Operations, comes to Marvin with a long and fruitful employment history at Henry and Peters Accounting Firm in Tyler where he was senior owner for 37 years.

Rick and his wife Michele were married at Marvin and have been active members for 44 years. Rick has served the church as Chair of the Administrative Council, Finance Chair and Chair of Trustees, and was instrumental in the writing of the church's new by-laws.



Our new Director of Facilities and Security, Carl Watson, comes to Marvin with a wealth of knowledge and experience in the management of facilities and operations. Prior to joining Marvin, Carl served as a District

Manager in sales and operations for the Sherwin-Williams Company, president of a commercial paint and drywall company, Director of Operations for St. Gregory and Bishop Gorman Schools, Habitat for Humanity of Smith County, and the East Texas Crisis Center. Carl is the proud father of Emma, a sophomore at the University of Arkansas.



Danielle Strain, our new Communications Coordinator, comes to Marvin with a background in journalism, mass communications, as well as public education and administration. Danielle and her

husband Jake moved to Tyler from the panhandle of Oklahoma in February 2023. They became members of Marvin in March 2023 and were married in the chapel at Marvin by Pastor Jacob Joiner.

We are excited to welcome Rick. Carl. and Danielle to the Marvin staff.



Thrive Young Adult Retreat

Young Adult Retreat

June 7-8

Lakeside group worship, private devotions, talk and games.

\$20 per person scholarships available Register on the website ijoiner@marvin.church



Willow Brook Country Club

Feat. Meagan Doran, Jaelyn Hooper and Kara Story

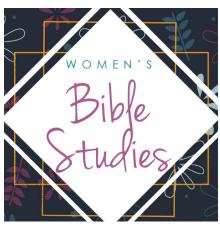
\$35 per person, Register on the website bstevens@marvin.church

Memorial and gifts as of May 9

In memory of Jill Ramey

ETERNAL FLAME: In memory of Hal Cameron Ann & Rov Lilly In memory of Mike Carpente In memory of Billie Chamness Sue Everett & Family In memory of Quintan Chamness

CHANCEL CHOIR ENRICHMENT In memory of Ovada Horne Donna & Ricky Roach In memory of Neva Kampfer Tyler Junior Garden Club Friendly Bible Class In memory of Bette King Flora Wilson Beth & Andy Guinn Robyn Rogers In memory of Barbara Osada Bitsy Wynne Sharon & James Wynne In memory of Sara Simons In memory of Pat Pinkerton In memory of Ken Terrell In memory of Jill Ramey Peagy & John Berry In memory of Jerry Tustison Friendly Bible Class FOUNDATION: Ann & Brad Brookshire In memory of Jill Ramey MISSIONS: In memory of Billie Chamness Odette & Bob Mace



Marvin Women

10 a.m. Tuesdays June 11-July 9

We will be studying life-changing stories of women of the bible.

bstevens@marvin.church



Ventures

Thursday, July 25 Globe Life Park Texas Rangers vs.

Chicago White Sox \$50 per person, Contact Brandy to sign up. bstevens@marvin.church

Anne & Garth Pattullo

In memory of Quintan Chamness In memory of Bill Moritz In memory of Barbara Osada

NEW ORGAN: In memory of Jill Ramey

YOUTH: In memory of Hal Cameron Betsy Adams In memory of Jill Ramey



Methodist Mission Week is June 1-7

Sign up now with the QR code, on the website or in the Atrium



Join us for Methodist Mission Week 2024, Hearts and Hands Around Tyler. Mission week will be collaboration of area Methodist churches who will be coming together to be the hearts and hands of Christ and to serve the community with love. There will be multiple projects throughout the community, with projects available for all ages and skill levels.



HABITATS OF THE HEART, JUNE | Benefiting Hwy. 80 Rescue Mission. We will be collecting full size deodorant sticks for both men and women and full size tubes of toothpaste (no toothbrushes).

SERVE NIGHT | There are no scheduled Serve Nights for summer 2024. Mark your calendar now for the next Serve Night- Sept. 16.



Alfred Njau visits from Tanzania

It was so much fun having our friend and missionary, Alfred Njau, with us all the way from Tanzania last month. I hope you got a chance to see and meet him personally. While he was here, in between Sunday worship services, he spoke in Pirtle Hall about how he got to Marvin Church, the many ways that he and his family have personally been supported and blessed by Marvin Church and how we are supporting him and the Amazing Grace church in Tanzania. He also shared about the projects happening, which include the building of a parsonage for Pastor Robert, the ongoing trench projects to help divert the rainwater away from the buildings to prevent future flooding and the building of the primary school next to the preschool.

HEARTS & HANDS around Tyler

Alfred and his church are hard at work, literally, with all the construction going on and spiritually, with the most recent conversion of Abdullah. Abdullah works for the government and helps with interference between the Muslims and the Christians in the area. His brother is an Imam in the village, and very influential, yet Abdullah has chosen to follow Christ because of the way he has seen the Lord working in his midst throughout the community, Alfred, the Amazing Grace church, and the YWAM teams. Praise God for the hands and feet of Jesus that are laboring hard and seeing fruit!



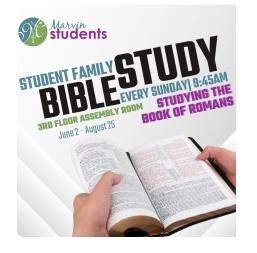
Marvin Students get set for summer!



HIGH SCHOOL LAKESIDE BIBLE STUDY

Join us from 6-8 p.m. every Wednesday for Bible study, food and drinks, games, and water activities.

From May 29 to July 31, we will meet at 17636 Yacht Club Way for a time of fellowship, food and fun, but on June 12 and July 10 we will meet at 15488 Joseph Road.



STUDENTS FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Parents and students are invited to join us as we study the book of Romans. We will meet at 9:45 a.m. every Sunday from June 2 through August 25 in the third-floor assembly room.





One For Israel

During Christmas we took up a love offering for One For Israel, and they have recently sent out their quarterly update. In their update, they detailed how they were able to help meet the ongoing needs of the people in Israel with the help of our giving. Thank you, Marvin Church, for your generosity. WE are reaching the nations, TOGETHER!

If you would like to support their ongoing efforts, you can give directly to Oneforisrael.org. Please continue to Pray for Israel. Come Holy Spirit!

Here are just a few of their bullet points detailing ho the One For Israel ministry is doing so far this year.

- 265,712 visitors to our Hebrew evangelistic sites wird gospel content
- +130 seekers per month inquiring about the gospe
- 5,626 first time and new user Hebrew New Testam app downloads



MIDDLE SCHOOL JAM

You don't want to miss Middle School Jam. Every second and fourth Friday between June 14 and Aug. 9, we will meet from 6-8 p.m. for dinner, games and hands-on Bible learning experiences. For more information, you can pick up a flyer from third floor.

Student Ministry summer intern

We are excited to welcome Mill Walters to our Marvin Student Ministry team. Mill recently completed his freshman year at Wheaton College where he is studying pre-dentistry and plays football for the Wheaton Thunder. During his time at Marvin, Mill will be helping lead Bible study, engaging with our students and growing in his faith and leadership skills.

OW	• 3,271 times the Hebrew New Testament Bible was read or listened to online
with	 326 physical Bibles delivered
pel	 6,768,400 views of Hebrew YouTube content, 2,015 comments, and 66,317 subscribers
ment	 33,871,386 views of English YouTube content, 29,705 comments, and 71,603 subscribers



Congratulations Class of 2024!



KYRA ANDERSON

Tyler Legacy High School Kyra is exploring her options before committing to a path after graduation.



BRYNN BALLARD

Grace Community School Brynn will attend Tyler Junior College to pursue a degree in health sciences. She is a Grace honor graduate.



Students

HUGH BARNETT

Hugh will attend Texas Tech University to pursue a degree in finance.

CHANCE DAVIS

Grace Community School Chance will attend Tyler Junior College and complete his general studies before committing to a major.



SARA FRY Tyler Legacy High School Sara will attend the University a degree in nursing. She is the recipient of the UMHB . Academic Scholarship, a 2024 Skills USA TX State Champion, and Academic All-District

of Mary Hardin-Baylor to pursue tennis for UMHB.

ELLA GAERTNER

Whitehouse High School Ella will attend Kilgore College

to pursue a degree in athletic training and sports medicine. She is the recipient of the Kilgore College athletic trainer scholarship. Ella will play on the college club soccer team and be a student athletic trainer.



CAMDEN HOWARD

Tyler Legacy High School Camden will attend Texas A&M University to pursue a degree in sports management and business. He is the recipient of the Lauren Lewis Memorial Scholarship, Tyler Legacy Dugout Club Scholarship, and a member of the Baseball Academic All-State Team.



MADI JONES

Bridgemark Center for Learning Madi will attend Pima Community College and complete her general studies before committing to a major.



RACHEL KNARR

Tyler Legacy High School Rachel will attend the University of Texas at Austin to pursue a degree in communications.



CLAIRE MALONE

Claire will attend the University of Arkansas to pursue a degree in business. She is the recipient of the New Arkansan Non-Resident Tuition Award Scholarship.



WILL MARTIN

Tyler Legacy High School Will will attend Texas Tech University to pursue a degree in engineering.



MORGAN MILLER

Tyler Legacy High School

Morgan will attend the Mays Business School at Texas A&M University to pursue a degree in business. She is the recipient of the Tyler-Smith County A&M Club Scholarship.





ADDY BURLISON

Tyler Legacy High School

Addy will attend the University of Oklahoma to pursue a degree in nursing. She is the recipient of the National Presidential Service Award and the University of Oklahoma Merit Scholarship.



JARED GALEON

Tyler Legacy High School Jared will attend the University of Texas at Tyler to pursue a degree in nursing. He is a top 5% Tyler Legacy graduate.



A.J. MALDONADO

Winona High School

A.J. will attend the University of Texas at Tyler and complete his general studies before committing to a major. He is a member sity of Texas at Tyler Academic Excellence and Dylan's Journey Memorial scholarships.



COLTON RICHARDS

The Brook Hill School

Colton will attend the University of Miami to pursue a degree in architecture. He is the recipient of the President's Architecture Scholarship.



VBS July 15-18, 2024!



June 26 - VBS Work Night, dinner & childcare provided July 9 & 11: VBS prep day - B.Y.O.L.10 a.m.-2 p.m., July 10 - VBS work night 6-8 p.m. dinner & childcare provided



Summer is here!

Summer is here and we are PUMPED! We love spending time with our kids and families at the summer spots. We continue the Pop Up tradition every Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m. Check out our Pop Up dates and join us with your kids, neighbors, families, and friends for a time of fellowship together!

With summer here, it also means camps and fun for kids! We will kick off June with our JC & Me Camp that partners with Mission Week. We have 50 kids that will serve our community with field trips to Breckenridae Village, The Hamptons, East Texas Food Bank, and more. Kids participating in JC & Me Camp will see movies, go to iJump and have a special visit from The Creature Teacher. It's going to be loads of fun! Immediately following JC & Me Camp, we will be taking a group of kids to Trinity GMC Church Camp, June 10-14. We are excited to see our kids arow in their faith at camp!

Another big opportunity for our kids to experience Jesus in a powerful way is Vacation Bible School. This year we are so excited to "Start the Party" from 8:30 a.m. to noon July 15-18. VBS is for kids who have completed kindergarten to fifth arade, but we offer a Preschool VBS for the volunteers who have littles. In order to kick off a great VBS experience, we need about 150 volunteers. Please consider joining our awesome VBS team for a spirit-filled week of fun and excitement. Check out the upcoming dates for VBS and register or donate today!



Spiritual Health Snapshot

In April of 2024, Marvin Church took the Renovo Spiritual Life Inventory, the goal of which is to give a snapshot of our spiritual health that then helps us make decisions on how to help our members arow. We took a similar survey (REVEAL) in 2021 with a promise of taking it again in three years to give us an adequate look at where we are and how we have changed. We needed 200 respondents for our dataset to be scientifically valid we received 290 responses. The debrief of the survey results is underway, but the initial comparisons are in the diagrams to the right.

The working definition of a disciple at Marvin Church is a follower of Jesus Christ arowing in love for God and others. Disciples make disciples. And healthy things grow. So, move us towards health and life. Lord Jesus, we are hungry for more of you.

Exploring Christ "I believe in God. but I am not sure about Christ. My faith is not a significant part of my life. 2% Compared with Total Sample

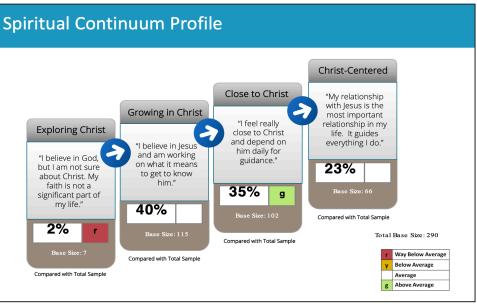
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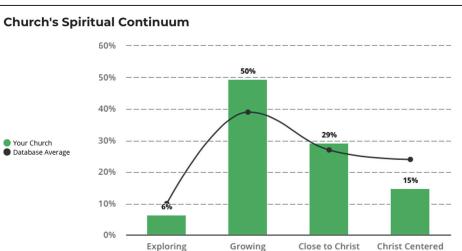
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		April budget		April actual		YTD budget		YTD actual	
Gifts received/other income	\$	372,369	\$	225,412	\$	1,590,269	\$	1,319,902	
Expenditures	\$	403,239	\$	315,125	\$	1,570,159	\$	1,372,783	
Excess/(shortage)	\$	(30,870)	\$	(89,713)	\$	20,110	\$	(52,881)	

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Welcome to Marvin



Shawn and Anne Odenhal



Sandi Patty comes to Marvin in October

7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 | With five Grammy[®] awards, four Billboard Music Awards, three platinum records, five gold records and 40 Dove Awards, Sandi Patty is the most awarded female vocalist in contemporary Christian music history.



