



## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

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VANCE AIR FORCE BASE OKLAHOMA

18 May 06

Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel Steven J. Nicolai  
Wing Chaplain  
195 Fields St  
Vance AFB, OK 73705

RE: Letter of Recommendation for Marshall Billingslea

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

I have had the privilege and joy of having Marshall Billingslea under my direct supervision for the past two years. Marshall has been an indispensable asset to the chapel and has established himself as a proven servant-leader who fully embodies what it means to "have the mind of Christ" (Php 2).

Marshall looks to the interests of others, not his own. Marshall has a heart for reaching out to those in need, especially individuals on the fringe of the church and society. His actions are motivated by how best to communicate the love of God to them and not how his actions might benefit himself or even his ministry. Additionally, both he and his wife, Tasha, are a pool of healing, love and laughter; they have embraced their three children with patience and nurture, and have touched the lives of countless foster children.

Marshall is sacrificial and humble. His ministry is empowered by his sense of calling and not by what he is expected to do; as a result, he has put in more hours than what is required of him, and he does so humbly and without drawing attention to himself. Never once has Marshall not responded to a need or the opportunity to go above and beyond his ministry description.

Marshall has many gifts that have enhanced our ministry at Vance. First he is a wonderful contemporary worship leader. His music abilities have enriched our praise ministry which has made for a richer worship experience. Marshall is also very creative and resourceful. His interactive approach in our religious education program is the most creative I've seen in the 16 plus years in the air force.

Marshall has demonstrated a true respect and appreciation for the various faith expressions of the protestant tradition, as well as the personal faith journeys that can be experienced in an ecumenical ministry like the armed forces. This experienced has re-enforced his own faith tradition while enabling him to relate to individuals who have come to the knowledge and love of Christ out of different Christian traditions. Marshall works well with others and enhances camaraderie; his efforts have been recognized by the Wing Commander of Vance AFB.

Without a doubt, because of his spiritual gifts and mindset, Marshall will enhance your ministries and outreach; in fact, without him, you will be losing the harvest opportunities that might lie before you. Without a doubt, Marshall will have an immediate and invaluable impact, and he will be a spiritual and pragmatic inspiration for all.

I will be leaving Vance AFB shortly; here is my future contact information (after 3 July):

Chaplain Nicolai  
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Sincerely



STEVEN J. NICOLAI, Chaplain  
Lieutenant Colonel, USAF

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November 28, 2006

MEMORANDUM FOR WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

FROM: Chaplain, Major Donald W. Ailsworth  
195 Fields Street  
Vance AFB, OK 73705  
COMM: 580-213-7211  
SUBJECT: Letter of Recommendation

1. Reverend Marshall Billingslea is without question one of the finest examples of a Godly man that I have ever had the privilege of knowing. He exemplifies the core values of integrity first, service before self and excellence in all that he does. I consider him to be in the top one percent of Christian musicians I have ever been associated with. He is much more than a song leader. He possesses a God given ability to lead a congregation into praise and worship. He is also an accomplished teacher of music and the Holy Scriptures and has authored and published numerous books.
2. It is my great pleasure to give him my highest recommendation for any ministry position to which he may be called.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald W. Ailsworth", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

DONALD W. AILSWORTH, Ch, Maj, USAF  
Wing Chaplain

# COMMUNITY SERVICE

# 2010

# Meeting needs in non-traditional way

## Billingslea's mission is reaching out

By **Brigitte Nash**  
Staff Writer

Enid's Marshall Billingslea has made helping people his life's work.

Billingslea, pastor of Anew Church in Enid, once was a leader in a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program with Salvation Army.

"We really do a lot of that here (at the church)," said Billingslea, adding about 25 percent of those who attend Anew Church are recovering addicts or ex-convicts.

"A lot of different programs will teach to search for a higher power.

Our focus is obviously on Jesus," said Billingslea. "I think people by nature are limited. We're human beings. We're mortal. But God is unlimited. He can reach us wherever we're at, whatever we're going through."

As pastor, Billingslea said he sees his mission as reaching out to Enid residents who are not having their spiritual needs met elsewhere.

"This church is kind of a combination of a rock concert and a movie theater," said Billingslea. "We're what we call a seeker-friendly church."

Billingslea's goal of reaching the community by holding non-traditional church services has proven successful.

He said in the past three years more than 300 individuals accepted Christ and in the last year 62

were baptized.

Similar to his past work in drug and alcohol abuse rehabilitation, Billingslea said Anew Church has programs to help people with addictions and other problems.

"I absolutely believe in accountability for people who struggle with anything," said Billingslea. "We have what's called life

groups. A lot of churches do that. Our life groups are small support groups. These are where people can come for accountability."



Enid's Marshall Billingslea (above and on cover) is pastor of Anew Church in Enid. (Staff Photos by BILLY HEFFON)

Billingslea's wife, Tasha, also has been making a life out of helping people and has worked for Youth and Family Services as well as the community intervention center.

Billingslea and his wife have reached out to children in need and in three years they were foster parents for 12 children.

"We adopted three kids from the state after being foster parents," said Billingslea. "We adopted our three about five years ago."

Being a foster parent isn't always an easy job, and there is always a need for good foster parents, said Billingslea.

"It's awesome work, but you really get really attached to the kids," said Billingslea. "It's hard to part ways with them."

Now Billingslea, Tasha and their children, Korbin, Alex and Skyler, are serving the community through Anew Church, which has an attendance of about 200 and holds two worship services each Sunday to accommodate the crowd.

The church continues to reach out to individuals who feel out-of-place in a traditional church, he said.

"Just by seeing the need, we felt like there was a lot of people who miss out on the opportunity," said Billingslea.

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**DATE:** March 6, 2003  
**FROM:** Major Jim Edmonds, Corps Officer  
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**TO:** Whom It May Concern  
**RE:** Marshall Billingslea

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Please be aware that it gives me great pleasure to provide this letter of support for Marshall Billingslea.

Marshall ministered with The Salvation Army here in Enid for nine months (5/02 to 1/03). During that time his position was that of Program Director for our Corps Salvage and Rehabilitation Center. Most of the participants were in this program for drug and/or alcohol rehabilitation. This good program was certainly made better under the direction of Marshall. There were many life changing experiences during the time of his employment.

Marshall also began a Praise and Worship Band for our Sunday Worship. He taught music to all of the band members. In fact, all but one of the members had no prior musical experiences. This band continues to be a vital part of our Sunday Worship.

Mr. Billingslea also was a leader in our Youth Character Building Program. There were many aspects of this program. One of the areas involved teaching music to this age group.

Please know that this is a brief outline of some of Mr. Billingslea's responsibilities while he was a part of the team here at The Salvation Army. Know that I certainly recommend him for employment. He has shown the ability to work within a ministry oriented capacity. His responsibilities displayed his professionalism in the business world as well.

For more information regarding this individual, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. God bless you.

*"Go for Souls and Go for the Worst"*

JOHN GOWANS  
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# The Salvation Army

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February 13, 2002

RE: Letter of Reference for Marshall and Tasha Billingslea

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to show my absolute support and backing for Marshall and Tasha Billingslea. Marshall and Tasha have been working for me, at The Salvation Army in Chillicothe, MO, for about a year. Both holding different positions and different responsibilities they have worked well together and well as a part of the whole team.

Marshall first came on as our caseworker and then moved over to the Program director position. Marshall has shown the ability to effectively minister to and work with a wide range of people, young to old, men and women, and a variety of ethnic diversity. Marshall's major accomplishments since he has been here include: starting and developing of a teen Praise band, creating a Friday night evangelistic outreach meeting at a local hotel, developing a transitional housing program, and establishing an adult fellowship at our church.

Tasha was hired as our casework/outreach worker when Marshall moved over to the Program director's position. Tasha has done a wonderful job in organizing our social service program. She has brought a sense of accountability to our clients and yet still has been able to minister to our clients. Tasha also has done a good job of responsibly utilizing various resources, such as money, food, volunteers, etc

Marshall and Tasha have been quite a joy to work with, not that we have not had problems but both Marshall and Tasha have shown the ability to communicate issues and deal with them in a proper way. If I had to do it over I would hire them again and again. If you have any additional questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call. Thank you for listening and God bless you.

Yours and His,

Captain Jason Poff  
Corps Officer



# TMA



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## Trenton Ministerial Alliance

P.O. Box 391

Trenton, MO 64683

February 13, 2001

To whom it may concern:

I have known Marshall and Tasha Billingslea for about two years. We met shortly after they moved here to Trenton, MO to establish the Family Worship Center. I have found them to be warm caring Christian people. The driving passion in their lives is to serve God by serving people.

It has been the Billingslea's desire to discover a need in our community and then to fill that need. This is precisely what they have done in establishing the FWC Residential Crisis Facility.

As a local pastor and as president of the Trenton Ministerial Alliance, I often receive requests from people in need—people in crisis. The FWC Residential Crisis Facility has come to fill a vitally important need in our community. It provides a haven to where many people in need may be referred for practical assistance as well as spiritual guidance.

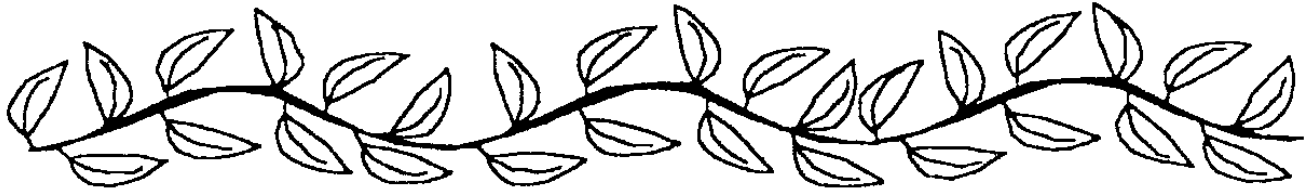
The FWC Residential Crisis Facility provides a much needed community service. I heartily recommend it and the ministry of Marshall and Tasha Billingslea in our community.

Sincerely,

Rev. Andy E. Pruitt

President, Trenton Ministerial Alliance

*"May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."* JOHN 17:23 (NIV)



## NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER

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Nov. 1, 1998

To whom it may concern,

This letter is being sent on behalf of reference for Marshall Billingslea. My first opportunity to work together in ministry was 17 years ago in North Carolina. He has served on staff at 6 churches since and has been with our fellowship for almost 1 year as the Associate Pastor.

His responsibilities have included Adult Bible study training, young adult Sunday school class, Sunday school Superintendent, youth ministries, monthly newsletter mail outs, Evangelism training and visitation, occasional Worship leading, and regular preaching in Sunday services.

Although this position was "part-time", his primary focus was to support the Sr. Pastors ministry and gave full attention to this purpose. He is willing to serve where-ever the Lord would call him and will always give 100 %. The people loved him in this church and will continue to pray for his success in ministry. We recommend him with no reservations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "V.R. Hamilton".

V.R. Hamilton

Senior Pastor

New Life Christian Center

Unionville, Mo.

# ASSEMBLIES OF GOD



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NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT

February 2, 1990

The Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Headq.  
Dunn, NC 28334

TO THE ATTENTION OF: REV. DON SAULS, GEN. SUPERINTENDENT

REFERENCE: MARSHALL BILLINGSLEA - CREDENTIAL APPLICATION

Dear Brother Sauls:

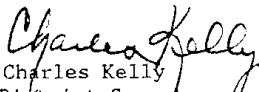
Christian greetings!

This is to certify that Marshall Billingslea received a Christian Worker's Permit from the North Carolina District Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc. on September 28, 1983. He maintained credentials with our fellowship until October 12, 1984 when he resigned his credentials to pursue ministry with a non-Assemblies of God church.

When Marshall Billingslea resigned his credentials he was a minister in good standing with our fellowship. I have no problem in recommending him for credentials with your denomination.

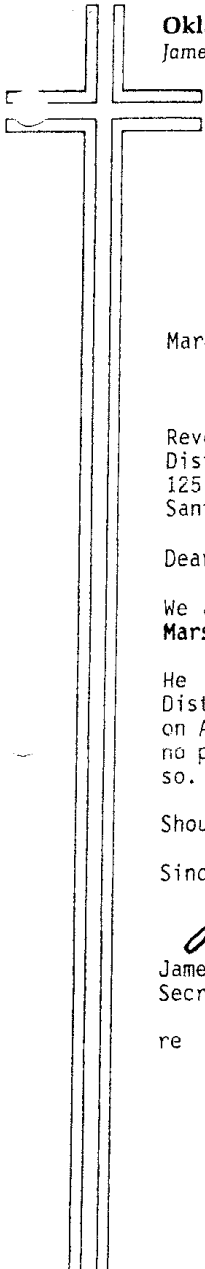
If I can be of further help or assistance to you in this matter, please let me know.

In Christian fellowship,

  
Charles Kelly  
District Secretary

CK/ph





**Oklahoma District Council of The Assemblies of God**  
James C. Girkin, Secretary & Treasurer

March 8, 1991

Reverend Donald E. Annas  
District Secretary  
125 Bethany Drive  
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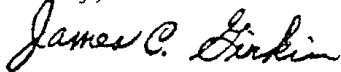
Dear Brother Annas:

We are writing in response to a telephone call my office received from **Marshall D. Billingslea**.

He informed us that is applying for recognition of license with your District. Brother Billingslea resigned his Christian Worker credentials on April 18, 1988, due to his ministry in a non-Council church. We have no problem with your District granting him credentials, if you wish to do so.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



James C. Girkin  
Secretary-Treasurer

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# Credentials

Know All People By These Presents, that Marshall Billingslea  
a member of North Haven PENTECOSTAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH was  
on May 4 19<sup>90</sup>, examined for the ministry, and upon His testimony to a definite call by  
the Holy Spirit to the work of the ministry, and upon Him manifest qualifications as a license minister  
was granted by the Ordaining Council of the Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church, a permanent license which  
grants to Him the right to all the privileges of a permanent license minister in our Church, and introduces  
Him with recommendation to all other Christian churches at large. We do therefore, pray God's bless-  
ings upon Him and His work and that He be received in the name of Jesus.

Signed by

  
Preston H. Heath



Rev. Brian Frizzell  
862 S. Campbell St.,  
Springfield, Missouri.  
65806  
(417) 865-3106



To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is being written to give a high recommendation to Mr. Marshall Billingslea. I have known Marshall for approximately one year and a half and have worked very closely with him in ministry at Pleasant Valley Church in Springfield, Missouri. We shared the pastoral ministry of the church in which his major work was with the youth ministries.

Marshall has proved himself to be diligent and cooperative. Integrity and ambitiousness are two characteristics that he possesses. He has displayed tremendous loyalty to the ministry and to relationships. He has a very positive outlook on life and with that attitude works well with other people.

I can honestly say that in all my involvement in staff relations in church settings Marshall has been one of the most pleasant individuals that I have worked with. I believe that he and his wife have tremendous potential for being used of the Lord in a great way.

Sincerely Yours,

Rev. Brian Frizzell