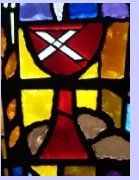


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“The Lord Your God is with You”: Daily Devotional

By Althea Debrule

“The Lord your God is in your midst, a Mighty One Who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing.” ([Zephaniah 3:17 ESV](#))

You can trust that God is with you, whether you are having a good day or a bad one, or you have obeyed or disobeyed. God is with you because He said He will never abandon nor part with you. This **daily devotional** reflects on God’s Amazing Promise to always be there for you!

The Lord Delights in You!

It’s mind-boggling to think that Almighty God takes pleasure in you and me. We are the “apple of His eye,” and He wants nothing more than to shower us with blessings. Meditate on the descriptions of God’s Love and Faithfulness in today’s Scripture passages. Our Wonderful, Awesome Savior delights in pouring His love over us with peace, rest and strength to live the life He called us to live! He causes us to sink down in His Love.

God Exults over You with Singing!

Imagine the voice of the LORD crooning a song over you! Of course, He has perfect tone and pitch. The melody is more beautiful than what the angels sing, and the verses are straight from His Word! I get goose-bumps just thinking about it! What does it all mean? We are special to God and He takes pride in His creation.

God is Mighty to Save!

Throughout Scripture and especially in the Psalms, God tells us that He is our dwelling place, refuge, fortress, and very present help. We can petition Him in prayer and He will save us, protect, and keep us.

You can trust personally that God has prepared a place of safety for you, and that place is in Him for all eternity.

Do you believe that The Lord, Your God is with You as described in this daily devotional? Are you willing to trust Him in all areas of your life?

Father, I believe by faith that you are filled with joy for me as You guide my steps day by day. Thank You for Your Love, Protection, and Delight!

Freedailydevotional.com

Important Reminder

Board Meeting is Sunday 12/4 immediately following Worship Service. The Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday(12/11) at 2pm in Campbell Hall.



Video Library

Worship Sermons

November 20th

[“Does God Still Move?”](#)

November 27th

[“The Hanging of the Greens Service”](#)

Children’s Worship and Wonder
by Christina Stokes

November 20th

[“Daniel in the Lions Den”](#)

November 27th

[“First Sunday of Advent”](#)

Multiple options of how you may give your tithes and offerings

- Write a check.
- <http://www.easytithes.com/merriamccc>
- Text giving: 913-444-6397

LITURGIST SCHEDULE December 2022, January & February 2023

December 4th	✝	David Schwenk
December 11th	✝	Katie Roach
December 18th	✝	Greg Spiegel
December 25th	✝	Katie Schwenk
January 1st	✝	Jim Walker
January 8th	✝	Betty Bohn
January 15th	✝	Connie Hennigh
January 22nd	✝	Carole Prentice
January 29th	✝	Heather Waite
February 5th	✝	Joyce Luke
February 12th	✝	Jan Pankey
February 19th	✝	Pat Reed
February 26th	✝	Nannette Ferguson

ELDERS SCHEDULE December 2022

December 4th	✝	Betty Bohn
December 11th	✝	Pat Reed
December 18th	✝	Jon Beaver
December 25th	✝	Emily Hooker

Blood Drive Update

Our Blood Drive hit a record today. We had 30 good donations and no deferrals. The Blood team we had today was from Topeka and everything went perfectly. God is good! I want to add that this team was with the Community Blood Center, although they were from Topeka.

Thank you from Pat for all the MCC people who came today to donate. We also have some former members. Most of the donors have become very loyal givers. God Bless them all!



Holiday Schedule

Poinsettia Orders—Please have your order made by Sunday December 11th. The cost of each is \$10.00 and we ask that you let us know how many you want and if they are in memory of someone.

We will have Christmas Eve Services at 5:00pm
Christmas Day Service will be at 10:00am



Those Needing Prayer:

Anita Collins had a procedure on her heart and went home on Tuesday. She had to go back to the hospital on Wednesday. She needs our constant prayers.

Paul Goff was to have cataracts removed and had a spell with his heart. He is at St. Luke's Hospital. Alice is hoping he will go home soon

Continued prayers for **Joyce Campbell, Marilyn Near** and **Jewel, son of Marjorie Willard.**

Pray for peace everywhere. Please pray for our Nation.

Please pray for Merriam Christian Church in this time of transition. Pray for our Search Team in their search for a new Minister, and pray for our community of faith.

Prayer Requests

Please contact Pat Reed at 913-631-0699 with prayer requests.



BackSnacks Program

The BackSnacks program Packers schedule is posted in the food room and on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary.

December 4th—Carole Prentice

December 11th—Wayne & Emily Hooker (3 weeks)

Bags are to be packed during the week and ready for delivery on Thursday mornings

WHAT PROGRESS ARE WE MAKING IN THE SEARCH FOR A NEW PASTOR?

1 !	Our congregation's Board has consulted with our Regional/Area Minister regarding our Search for a new Pastor.	5	Our Regional/Area Minister has sent profiles of candidates to the Search Committee; they are being considered.
2	We have appointed a Search Committee. The members are:	6	The Search Committee has narrowed their focus to a short list of possible candidates.
	Greg Spiegel Bruce Roach Michelle Land Bob Pape Carole Prentice	7	The Search Committee is in the process of interviewing candidates on the short list.
3	Our Search Committee has met with our Regional/Area Minister for an orientation.	8	One Pastoral Candidate has been recommended to us.
4	We have completed a Congregational Profile, Position Description and Information packet for pastoral candidates.	9 YES NO	Our congregation will vote on the recommended candidate on _____.
		10	We will join in worship with our Regional/Area Minister to install our new pastor.

Dear Carole Prentice,

Amazed. Inspired. Grateful. That's how your generosity makes me feel. Thank you for your kind donation to Sunflower House! Gifts from donors like you provide the financial support needed to educate the public about how to recognize and report child abuse, and to give children who have been physically or sexually abused a place to tell their stories and begin the healing process.

With your most recent donation of \$257.00 that we received on 11/18/2022 we are able to continue this important work. Thank you for being there for children in need; it is greatly appreciated.

Warmly,
Judi Rodman, President and CEO

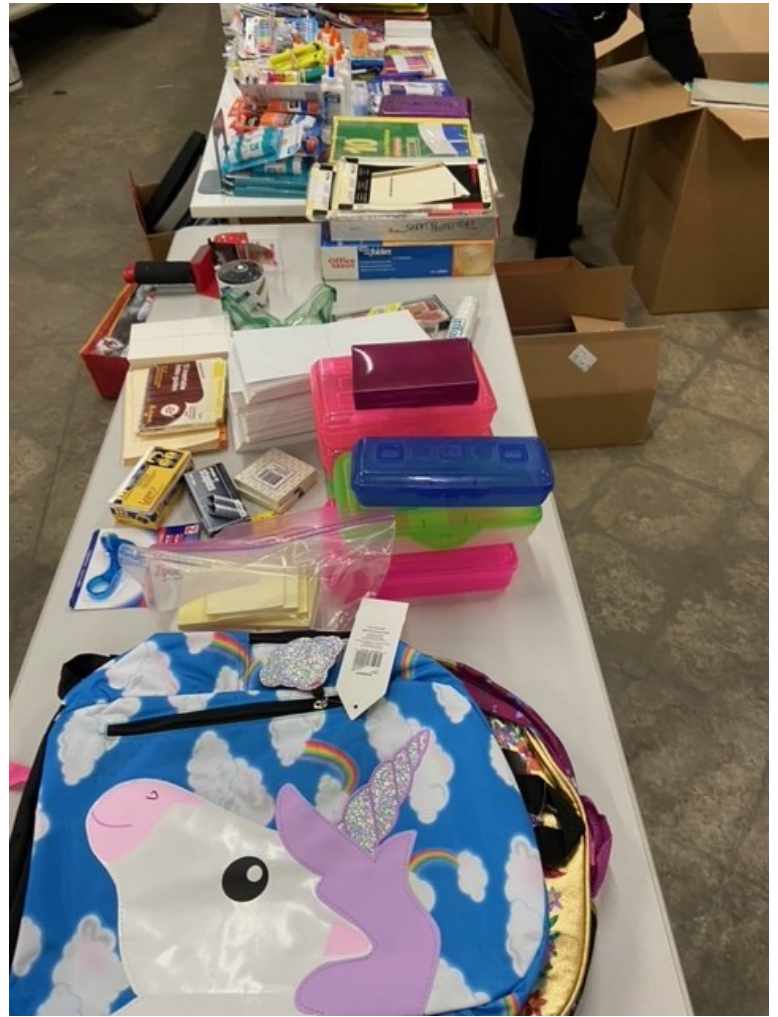
Warm Clothes Needed

Do you have warm clothing and shoes, that you no longer wear? Bring your coats, shoes, sweaters, sweats, any size, to church. We will donate them to Shawnee Community Services to keep our neighbors in need warm.

Stuff a Truck Event

Carole Prentice and Pam Boyd represented MCC at the "Stuff a Truck" event for the metropolitan area Caring for Kids organization on Thursday & Friday.

AB May & Channel 5 helped with the logistics.



JoCo Food Ministry

Thursday, December 29 we will be cooking & packing 150 meals.

- there will be two sign up sheets for "HELP"
- 1 - help prepare & packing meals
 - 2 - bring cookies to church for the dessert.

Fellowship Coffee Hour

DECEMBER 4TH	OUTREACH
JANUARY 8TH	HOUSE & GROUNDS
FEBRUARY 5TH	PASTORIAL RELATIONS
MARCH 5TH	MEMBERSHIP
APRIL 2ND	OUTREACH
MAY 7TH	HOUSE & GROUNDS



December 6th	Walt & Betty Bohn
December 13th	Rick Ferguson & Susan Neill
December 20th	Jan Pankey & Pam Boyd
December 27th	Joan Tarwater & Linda Railsback

Pick up meals at 10:30 am at the Merriam Community

Adopt-A-Family

Adopt A Family for Christmas

We anticipate five families needing help this year. Size of families is not known, at this time. We've found that gift cards (i.e Target, Walmart) are preferred so parents can do their own shopping. If you want to purchase card(s) or make a donation it would be greatly appreciated. If you're writing a check or using easyTithe, please note "Christmas Families" on memo line. December 14th deadline.

Thank You, Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Our Sunday School class meets from 9:00 - 9:45 each Sunday. Following our class time we have a 15 minute break to prepare for Morning Worship at 10:00. We have a nice group and if you haven't started back now would be a good time. Hopefully you will also find this a good support group in many areas.

DWM NEWS

Hi Ladies and Gents,

It's me again. Reminding you of our December meeting on the 15th for lunch at the Olive Garden on 95th Street just east of Metcalf. We must have a group number, so if you wish to go, please contact Connie at 816-589-2005 or Joyce at 913-631-1246. We did this last year and had a good time. Lunch will be on your own, but you can order whatever you want to pay for. LOL. Men are welcome.

Also, we will continue to collect empty pill bottles for Unleashed Pet Rescue in Mission. They are very appreciative of our contribution. And we will take winter clothing for donation. Just bring to the Church and Connie and I will handle the delivery to Shawnee Community Services on 67th Street.

Well, can't think of anything else. Please sign up for lunch.

Joyce Luke
Treasurer/Service

Join us in
worship on
[Youtube](#).



DON'T FORGET TO SHARE services & study sessions with family, friends and neighbors

