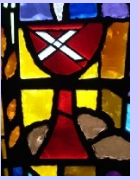


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“A Good Name”: Daily Devotional

By Althea Debrule

“A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.” ([Proverbs 22:1 ESV](#))

Why do we have names? From Genesis to Revelation, The Holy Bible is full of names for plants, animals, human beings, and everything else! Your moniker sets you apart from others. It helps people identify who you are. This **daily devotional** points to [Proverbs 22:1](#) and what it means to have a good name.

How do you get a name?

It was a significant thing to name a child in Bible times. A person was given a name to represent something distinctive or a noticeable physical characteristic, a unique circumstance or hope for the child’s future and destiny, as well as a quality the parents hoped the child would exhibit while growing into adulthood.

Many biblical names demonstrated the parents’ commitment to God such as Joshua (Yahweh is salvation) or Samuel (God has heard), and the Supreme Name, Immanuel (God with us).

Good Name vs. Great Riches

In many cultures today, an individual’s name often stands for the person. Honor or dishonor is attached to it. People live out their names as self-fulfilling prophecies, making it their lifelong goals to realize what the names mean.

Today’s Scripture passage suggests that clues to a person’s character are in the meaning of an individual’s name. An upstanding name reveals virtuous and upright qualities that are far more valuable than wealth and riches.

What is your name, and what does it mean? How can this daily devotional encourage you to choose an upright reputation over fame or fortune?

Dear Lord, as I discover and reflect on the meaning of my name, help me to put You first, and choose the right character rather than fleeting treasures.

How does the devotional message for today impact your thinking about God’s Energy?

Heavenly Father, Thank You that I don’t have to depend on my natural strength to get things done. I praise You for imparting Your Spirit’s Vitality when needed.

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Video Library

Worship Sermons

November 6th

[“Dem Dry Bones”](#)

November 13th

[“Our Journey of Discipleship”](#)

Children’s Worship and Wonder
by Christina Stokes

November 6th

[Shadrach, Mashach, and Abednego](#)

November 13th

[“The Light”](#)

Multiple options of how you may give your tithes and offerings

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

LITURGIST SCHEDULE November & December 2022

November 20th	✝	Mike Nichols
November 27th	✝	Jennifer Spiegel
December 4th	✝	David Schwenk
December 11th	✝	Katie Roach
December 18th	✝	Greg Spiegel
December 25th	✝	Katie Schwenk

ELDERS SCHEDULE November & December 2022

November 20th	✝	Emily Hooker
November 27th	✝	Bob Pape
December 4th	✝	Betty Bohn
December 11th	✝	Pat Reed
December 18th	✝	Jon Beaver
December 25th	✝	Emily Hooker

Scouts Chili Supper

The Scouts have invited our congregation to attend their Annual Scouts chili supper which will be held on November 29th at 6:00pm in Campbell Hall.

Blood Drive



Friday, December 2nd, 2:00 to 6:00. Please call Pat Reed at 913-631-0699 to sign up.



Holiday Schedule

Poinsettia Orders—We will start receiving orders for Poinsettia plants this Sunday November 20th and ending 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 decorate the church on Monday, November 21st. Anyone that wants to come and help is greatly appreciated.

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



Those Needing Prayer:

The family of **Nancy Hines** on her passing.

Joyce Campbell is having a medical issue right now.

Jewel, son of Marjorie Willard is undergoing next course of treatment for cancer

The people of Ukraine and other areas for their safety, and pray for peace. Please pray for our Nation.

Pray for Tall Oaks and the decision that is pending the future of this beloved camp.

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.

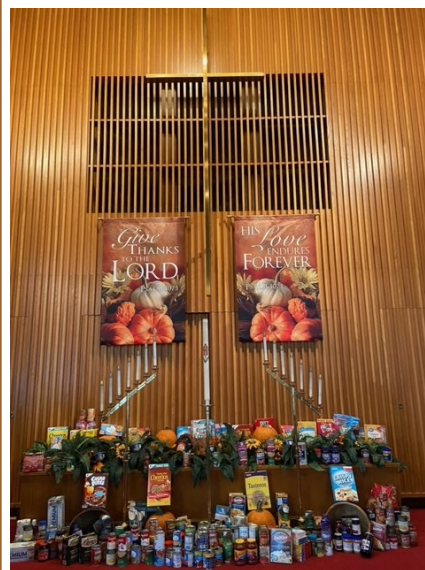
November 27th — Alice Goff & Anita Minshew
 December 4th—Carole Prentice
 December 11th—Wayne & Emily Hooker (3 weeks)

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 will create a short list of possible candidates.
	Greg Spiegel Bruce Roach Michelle Land Bob Pape Carole Prentice	7	The Search Committee will interview candidates on the short list.
3	Our Search Committee has met with our Regional/Area Minister for an orientation.	8	One Candidate will be recommended to the Congregational Board on _____.
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.

Cornucopia Food Drive



A BIG thank you to all who contributed to our Cornucopia offering for those needing help during this time of Thanksgiving. Requested boxes will be going to Merriam Park Elementary families along with grocery store gift cards to complete their meals. Remaining food

will be picked up by the Johnson County Christmas Bureau to be distributed at their upcoming Christmas Shop.

Good Job, CHURCH !



Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Minutes recorded by
Donna Rankin, Board Secretary

Present in Person: Mike Nichols, Greg Spiegel, Donna Rankin, Dixie Wheaton, Carole Prentice, Pat Reed, Pam Boyd, Rick Ferguson, Joyce Luke, Michelle Land, Betty Bohn, Jeannette Howe, Emily Hooker, Bruce Roach, Bob Pape, Jennifer Spiegel

Mike called the meeting to order.

Devotions: Bob-Rejoice

Minutes of 10/11/22 Board Meeting: Mike asked the board to review the minutes; Motion to accept report by Pam Boyd; seconded by Pat Reed; board vote, approved.

Current Financial Report: Mike asked the board to review the current financial report; Motion to accept report by Bob Pape; seconded by Betty Bohn; board vote, approved.

Committee Chair Reports:

Clerk: Betty-No change in October. Total membership is 139.

DWM: Pam-Service programs continue to be empty pill bottles for Unleashed Pet Rescue in Mission and can tabs for Merriam Park Elementary. Hat, gloves and children's books are being collected for the JoCo Christmas Bureau. We were unable to have our October meeting as the parking lot was being re-surfaced. We are all very thankful for this work. It looks amazing! Our next meeting is Thursday, 11/17 at 1 pm.

Joyce-The three boxes of children's books in the hallway were donated by Judy & Larry Yeager.

Elders: No report.

H&G: No report.

Outreach: Pam-Our Cornucopia of Giving program concluded last Sunday with an overwhelming amount of food donated by our congregation. Five boxes have been requested by Merriam Park Elementary which is considerably fewer than in past years. I have learned that they have additional community partners who are helping with this effort. We will also be providing five \$25 HyVee gift cards for these families to complete their meals. I reached out to JoCo Christmas Bureau and they are delighted to have the balance of the food for their Christmas Shop. Meals on Wheels and the Backsnack programs continue, thanks to members of this congregation for their time and dedication. Next month we will be cooking and packing meals at the JoCo Food Ministry.

Membership: Jeannette-Thanksgiving cards have been mailed to our shut-in members. Game Night is on 11/19 from 6 pm-8:30 pm with card games, snacks & drinks. In December we will fill tins with Christmas cookies for our shut-in members and will ask for help from the Elders to deliver them.

Memorial: No report.

Pastoral Relations: No report.

Worship: Dixie-Committee members Pat Reed & Dixie Wheaton met and discussed the following items of interest: Veterans Day recognition on Sunday 11/06/22, Hanging of the Greens service on 11/27/22 and discussion with Mike. Plan to decorate the church on 11/21/22 with the help of Rick and Bob and anyone else who can help would be greatly appreciated. Poinsettias can be purchased for \$10 each from 11/20 to 12/11/22. They will decorate the sanctuary and can be taken home after the 12/25/22 service. Christmas Eve Lighting the Candles service will be held at 5 pm and Christmas Day service at 10 am as usual.

Mike-Emily Yeh will be visiting Thailand at the end of the year so a guest pianist/organist will be filling in. Laura Guy will provide the Christmas Eve service. Since it might be difficult to find a guest minister for Christmas Day, discussion was held regarding a service with music and readings. **Media:** Bruce-A vote was held on Facebook for the next bible verse to appear on the digital sign. It will be Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Discussion was held regarding ordering the outside banner. Advertising is being created to include in the local libraries. Discussion was held regarding obtaining results from the website and YouTube. Some additional work will be done on the website.

Personnel: Greg-Caleigh, nursery attendant, will be available on New Year's Day.

Trustees: Michelle-Funds down a little, but still earning in the current investment.

Search: Carole-Another interview is scheduled, and new profile received for consideration.

Mike-Even though we are without pastoral care presently, really appreciate everyone stepping up to help.

Old Business:

Mike-Repair of the organ is scheduled for tomorrow, 11/16.

New Business:

Mike-Overland Park Christian Church invited MCC to join in with them to have advent services. It was relayed to them that our advent services are planned, with a thank you for the invitation.

Mike-Ethical Guidelines for Congregational Conduct-it was brought to the Search Committee's attention that when the MCC profile was completed it was not "checked off" to enter into these guidelines. It was felt that MCC already complies with said guidelines. After discussion, Motion to enter into said Ethical Guidelines by Bob Pape; seconded by Michelle Land; board vote, approved.

Bob-Contacted by Rev. Bill Rose-Heim for permission to upgrade the buzzer system at the front door as a safety measure for Jessica, to be funded by the Regional Office. After discussion, Motion to approve Regional Office installation of door entry system by Rick Ferguson; seconded by Bruce Roach; board vote, approved.

Pat-request for information of visitors, also an updated Church Directory.

Jeannette-working on updated directory and has set up church calendar online on Google Calendars.

Emily-inquiry regarding setting up special offering for donation to organ repair costs.

Jennifer-Zoom for Sunday School has been replaced by Google Meet. The information will be emailed and put in the next newsletter.

Jeannette-met with Cub Scout Pack Master and will put their meetings on the calendar. Scout Sunday will be held February 5, 2023. Mike Nichols' information given to Scouts as new Charter Pack Member.

Open Forum:

Betty-Dorothy Kroh's birthday is Friday, 11/18, please send a card or call.

Carole-keep Anita Collins in prayers.

Motion to adjourn by Michelle Land; seconded by Bruce Roach.

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.



Fellowship Coffee Hour

NOVEMBER 6TH	MEMBERSHIP
DECEMBER 4TH	OUTREACH
JANUARY 8TH	HOUSE & GROUNDS
FEBRUARY 5TH	PASTORIAL RELATIONS
MARCH 5TH	MEMBERSHIP
APRIL 2ND	OUTREACH



Games Night!!

Join us for Game Night on Saturday November 19th at 6:00—8:30 pm. We will meet in Campbell Hall. All adults and kids are welcome!

This month is card games. Please bring a snack or a beverage to share.

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.



November 22th
November 29th
December 6th

Pat Reed & Christina Stokes
Carole Prentice & Anita Collins
Walt & Betty Bohn

Pick up meals at 10:30 am at the Merriam Community Center, 6040 Slater

DWM NEWS

Hi Ladies,

Nine ladies attended our November meeting and enjoyed a very good lesson about forgiveness. The discussion after was very good too. Sorry if you missed it.

We started November with \$2,173.08 and added income of \$53.00. Expenses were payment 5 of 5 to Disciples Mission Fund for \$50.00 and \$200.00 to the Johnson County Christmas Bureau which we voted on today. This leaves a balance of \$1,976.08.

Another thing, we voted today to have our December 15th meeting at Olive Garden for lunch at 1:00 PM. We did this last year. We will need to make a reservation, so please call me to reserve your seat. Everyone reading this is welcome to join us. Just call me at 913-631-1246. We would love to have a large crowd for lunch.

If you have coats, clothes, shoes, etc. you want to donate, bring your items to the Church and Connie and I will take the items to the Shawnee Community Services. They always have a need, and we probably need to clear out our closets.

Well, that's all for now. Have a happy Thanksgiving

Joyce Luke

Treasurer/Service

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



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

