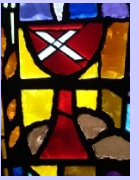


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God's Energy: Devotional Message for Today

By Althea Debrule

"For this I toil, struggling with all His energy that He powerfully works within me." ([Colossians 1:29 ESV](#))

Energy is an effort! Whenever we move or think, we exert power! God provides an endless supply of His Energy to help us accomplish His Purpose and Will when we plug into it. The **devotional message for today** ponders God's generous gift of infinite Energy.

Lifelong Vitality & Strength

In today's Scripture, the Apostle Paul speaks of the Energy that powerfully works in him as he labors to build up the faith of the Colossian believers. He stresses that this incredible strength is from God, and it operates vigorously in him as he toils.

The longer you live, the more you can appreciate the natural strength and vigor God makes available to sustain your life. People with high levels of Energy tend to brighten a room and make life seem easier. Their natural enthusiasm and vibrancy radiates and inspires others around them. On the other hand, folks who are weak with little strength can sap vitality from others—especially if they are down or have negative attitudes.

When we accept Christ as Lord and Savior, He gives us the Supernatural Energy of The Holy Spirit. Through God's Word, the guidance of His Spirit, and everyday life circumstances, we learn how to appropriate Christ's Energy to carry out every task, regardless of its size or importance.

We do not have to rely on our strength to get things done. As we REST in the STRENGTH and POWER of The Holy Spirit, we can do anything with minimal effort on our part ([Philippians 4:13](#)).

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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Worship Sermons

October 23th

["The Compassionate Samaritan"](#)

October 30th

["Refreshing Our Hearts"](#)

Children's Worship and Wonder by Christina Stokes

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["Solomon Builds the Temple"](#)

October 30th

["Jonah at the Big Fish"](#)

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 6th	†	Casey Nichols
November 13th	†	Donna Rankin
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 6th	†	Pat Reed
November 13th	†	Jon Beaver
November 20th	†	Emily Hooker
November 27th	†	Bob Pape
December 4th	†	Betty Bohn
December 11th	†	Pat Reed
December 18th	†	Jon Beaver
December 25th	†	Emily Hooker

Blood Drive



**GIVE
BLOOD
SAVE
LIFE**



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



Those Needing Prayer:

Requests for Family and Friends:

Nancy Hines for her continued recovery with her foot.

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 at Merriam Park elementary has begun. Packers schedule is posted in the food room and on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary.

November 6th — Pat Reed and Linda Railsback
 November 13th — Rick Ferguson

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

Again this year we ask your help in providing food for those in need to help prepare their family Thanksgiving Meal. We have put a scheduled together but, if you see an item on sales during a different week, please don't hesitate to purchase & contribute to our offering. Watch this offering grow in our sanctuary over the coming weeks.

Sunday, November 06—Cereal

Sunday, November 13—Boxed Potatoes, Canned Fruit & Vegetables

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.



Tuesday, November 8th
Jan Pankey

Tuesday, November 15th
Joan Tarwater & Linda Railback

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



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

VETERANS DAY

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DWM NEWS

Hi Ladies,

Joyce's having laptop issues so just a quick note.

Plan to attend our meeting this month. Have your list of things you are thankful for ready as Connie will ask.

Jeannette for Joyce Luke

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



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

