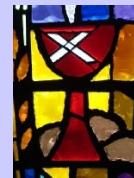


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I Can Do Everything in Christ's Strength: Daily Devotional

By Althea Debrule

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"I can do all things [which He has called me to do] through Him who strengthens and empowers me [to fulfill His purpose—I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency; I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses me with inner strength and confident peace.]" (Philippians 4:13 AMP)

Today's Scripture passage comes from the Amplified Bible version of Philippians 4:13. The detailed and expanded translation of the verse is the subject of this daily devotional.

Christ's Strength in Action

The Holy Spirit continues to teach me what it means to do things in Christ's Strength instead of my own. Here's a recent example of the Verse applied to my life. By urging of The Holy Spirit, I volunteered to hand-make several hundred items for a gala event in 17 weeks. I calculated how many pieces I need to complete each week to make the deadline, and thought, "No problem, I can do the project in plenty of time."

That was my head talking. I was trying to do the project in my puny strength! As I gathered together bits and pieces of the required supplies, I suddenly felt overwhelmed that I could not do any of it! "What have I gotten myself into!" That was my inward and outward cry.

The Holy Spirit whispered to me to read and meditate on Philippians 4:13 in the Amplified Bible. He taught me a much-needed lesson that since He caused me to volunteer for the project, it can only happen through my dependency on Christ's sufficiency and His Strength that will infuse me with peace as well as the ability to get the task done!

I will re-read this Scripture each time I make one of the items, and not worry about target dates, deadlines, and how many I have yet to finish.

How about you? What are you trying to do in your human strength? May this daily devotional encourage you to depend on Christ for everything you do.

Dear Father, Thank You for Your gentle reminder to seek Your Strength for all things You call me to do.





Those Needing Prayer:

Continued prayers for **Joyce Campbell, Anita Collins, Marilyn Near, Heather Waite and Noah Franklin (Pastor Robin's grandson).**

Pray for **Paul Goff** who has had a recent fall

Anita Minshew's daughter-in-law, GERALYN Minshew, needs our prayers, has had surgery and is recuperating.

Melinda Haas daughter of Carole Prentice and sister of Michelle Land who was injured in a horseback riding accident.

Heather Waite as she begins chemotherapy and radiation

Alice Goff would like prayers for her daughter **Lyn**, along with her neighbor's daughter **Molly** who is quite ill.

Lynne and Jon Beaver ask for prayer for friends **Paul Mockler** and **Lou Tutera**.

Joe Myer's brother, **Mark Myers** is receiving chemotherapy.

Celebration of the Bohn's new great grandbaby **Elizabeth Ann**.

Rachel and Jordan Petersen, friends of Caroline and Bryan Young, for their IVF Treatments to be successful.

Pray for peace everywhere. Please pray for our Nation.

Prayer Requests

Please contact Pastor Robin at (316) 312-4809 or Pastorrobin.merriamchristian@gmail.com with prayer requests.



Video Library

Worship Sermons

May 7th

["Finishing Well"](#)

May 14th

["Sandals of Faith"](#)

Children's Worship and Wonder
by Christina Stokes

May 7th

["The Good Shepard Knows His Sheep"](#)

May 14th

["The Good Shepard and the Lord's Supper"](#)

Sunday Funday Membership Events!!

The Membership Committee will begin hosting a fun fellowship time after worship on the 3rd Sunday of each month in Campbell Hall. A light lunch will be provided so a signup sheet has been placed on the main entrance table.

Mark your calendars and signup today!

May 21st—Bingo Brunch—This SUNDAY

June 25th—Pizza & Dominos

July 16th—Hot Dog with an ice cream social & Corn Hole

August 20th—Sloppy Joes & Scrabble

Helping Hands

Your Outreach Committee is pursuing an opportunity for MCC's own little free pantry "Helping Hands". Until such time, we would ask for donations of:

Men and women's body wash
Men and women's deodorant
Toothpaste and toothbrushes
Shampoo
Pancake mix and syrup
Pasta and pasta sauce
Peanut butter and jelly
Tuna
Canned fruits & vegetables
Boxed cereals
Rice

The grocery cart outside the church office can be used to drop off needed items.
Donated items will be delivered to local JoCo Food Pantries.

DWM NEWS

Hi Ladies,

Seven met on May 18th and finished our study on forgiveness. We will start something new in June. Mark your calendars to attend.

We ended April with \$1,874.08. Income from May's meeting was \$33.00 and \$85.00 was collected from the Blessing Boxes. If you could not attend today, I will accept your blessings money for several more weeks. The Blessing Box money will then be sent to our home office in Indianapolis.

Pam gave a report on the plans for the Regional Evening DWM meeting to be held at our church on June 22nd. The menu sounds delicious, and we need helpers to set up the tables, and serve the food and clean up afterward.. We also need a head count, so watch for a sign-up sheet.

My trunk is filled with 4 large bags of empty pill bottles which we received at the April Regional Evening meeting. These bags will be delivered soon. Thanks everyone.

That's all for now.

Joyce Luke
Treasurer/Service

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

May & June 2023

May 21th	✝	Connie Hennigh
May 28th	✝	Wayne Hooker
June 4th	✝	Joyce Luke
June 11th	✝	Betty Bohn
June 18th	✝	Heather Waite
June 25th	✝	Katie Schwenk

ELDERS SCHEDULE

May & June 2023

May 21st	✝	Pat Reed
May 28th	✝	Jon Beaver
June 4th	✝	Mike Nichols
June 11th	✝	Anita Collins
June 18th	✝	Bob Pape
June 25th	✝	Betty Bohn

DEACONS SCHEDULE

May & June 2023

May 21st	✝	Greg Spiegel
May 28th	✝	Joyce Luke
June 4th	✝	Wayne Hooker
June 11th	✝	Joan Tarwater
June 18th	✝	Jennifer Spiegel
June 25th	✝	Walt Bohn

New Church Directory

The Membership Committee is compiling all of the survey information to use in our new church directory. We would love to have everyone's contact information and updated picture included.

If you have not received a survey or would like to include a picture, contact Jeannette Howe at 913-558-6459 or jnethowe@gmail.com.

Multiple options of how you may give your tithes and offerings

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



Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Minutes recorded by
Donna Rankin, Board Secretary

Present in Person: Pastor Robin Colerick-Shinkle, Greg Spiegel, Donna Rankin, Rick Ferguson, Joyce Luke, Joan Tarwater, Emily Hooker, Michelle Land, Pat Reed, Jennifer Spiegel, Joel Beaver, Dixie Wheaton, Betty Bohn, Anita Collins, Mike Nichols, Barry Davis, Bob Pape.

Greg called the meeting to order.

Devotions: Mike-Faithful and Just God

Minutes of 04/11/23 Board Meeting: Greg asked the board to review the minutes; Motion to accept report by Michelle Land; seconded by Betty Bohn; board vote, approved.

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

Committee Chair Reports:

Clerk: Betty-Pastor Robin Colerick-Shinkle and husband Scott joined on 4/09, Easter Sunday.

DWM: Donna read Pam's report-We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1pm in the library; April evening Regional meeting was held at Independence First Christian Church with seven MCC ladies attending; plans underway for MCC to host 6/22 Regional evening meeting.

Elders: Bob-Plan to meet soon.

H&G: Joel Beaver-Bats have entered the church and gotten into the trim boards that go around the beams in the sanctuary ceiling. The area where they have entered is on the west side where the trim meets the brick. It will be sealed on 5/11 and a one-way exit door installed, estimated it will take 2-3 days for the bats to be gone. Bob-reported that a/c thermostat to run on Saturday evening for some reason changed to Sunday evening; it has been reprogrammed.

Outreach: Donna read Pam's report-We continue to support Free Hot Soup with cases of needed water; we supported Merriam Park Elementary School with a financial donation to their Fun Run which provides the opportunity for field trips as well as other activities for the children. We continue to pack & deliver BackSnacks on a weekly basis; have not received a response yet regarding summer food deliveries. Meals on Wheels continues weekly. We are continuing to explore the opportunity for our own onsite pantry "Helping Hands" to be stocked by congregation donations & Harvesters. Fourteen MCC members met to have some fun while prepping & folding 1000 bags for Harvesters & USPS Stamp Out Hunger program.

Membership: Donna-Membership met on 5/2 with seven present. Topics discussed: gift for Mother's Day & Father's Day; First Sunday Funday Bingo Brunch on 5/21; MCC Anniversary T-Shirts; MCC Pictorial Directory, Devices for shut-ins; Visit with shut-ins; Newsletter change from twice a month to once a month.

Memorial: No report.

Pastoral Relations: Committee met.

Worship: No report.

Media: Jennifer-Still looking for a third camera person; average of 25 views on YouTube on Sunday; average 130 views on YouTube per week, up 76% from last month; average 300 website views per week.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Robin-It's hard to believe I have been a part of MCC for almost 3 months. I believe things are going well & I continue to learn more & more about MCC. I have

been attending committee meetings, making phone & office visits & a few hospital visits. I was able to attempt a visit to every one of our homebound & deliver a small Easter gift. In worship this past month we continued our celebration of Easter & looked at several of Jesus' Resurrection Appearances & what they mean for us. We had a celebration of our students & graduates on 5/7 & gave them a small gift from the church. This Sunday, we will have a special service honoring all the women for Mother's Day. I will be gone on Sunday, 5/21. Jeannette Howe will do the Welcome & Announcements, Mike Nichols the Pastoral Prayer, Caroline Young the Children's Moment & Rev. Dr. Bob Hill offering the Message and Invitation to Communion. I made a sign-up sheet for Fellowship Hour & hope that people will sign up to encourage fellowship time together after worship service. I had the opportunity to meet with Laura Guy who works with the Good Faith Network, an interfaith coalition of congregations within Johnson County to do faith-based organizing around justice issues in our community. She shared how they operate & what kind of issues they are tackling. My hope is that she will be able to come & share with more people to see if we would like to be part of the GFN. I had the opportunity to attend the DWM quarterly evening dinner at FCC Independence. In June, MCC will host & I will have fun leading the program. I was asked to officiate a funeral for Maple Hills this week for Deborah Marquez.

Personnel: No report.

Trustees: No report.

Old Business:

Michelle-her employer company would furnish skilled labor (not materials) to build a Helping Hands pantry onsite.

Greg-there will be more future discussion regarding location, etc. of pantry.

Propose compensation for music leader; more future discussion.

New Business:

Mike-photographer of anniversary photo donated service, provide receipt; will check on cost of printed copy.

Greg-concern regarding front door access.

Robin-suggest contact Merriam PD to visit for security check & recommendations.

Barry-communion service by Deacons.

Robin-newsletter be provided one time per month rather than twice, discussion held. Motion to make change of newsletter from bi-monthly to once monthly on third Saturday by Mike Nichols; seconded by Joel Beaver; board vote, approved

Open Forum:


Bob-as Mayor, provided a speech at crossover ceremony (MCC Troops) of Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts.

Rick-gas company reported that hot water heater in Moffitt House not working.

Bob-an "extra" MCC can be installed.

Pastor Robin closed with prayer.

Motion to adjourn by Michelle Land; seconded by Betty Bohn.



Blood Drive

**GIVE
BLOOD
SAVE
LIFE**

Our next blood drive is scheduled on Monday, July 24th 2:00pm to 6:00pm. Pat Reed will share more information on how to sign up.



Merriam Christian Church T-Shirts

The Membership Committee is selling special t-shirts to commemorate our 110th Anniversary. The shirts are \$10 a piece and will be available in sizes child Med—Adult XXL. The sign up sheet is on the credenza in front of the office. Orders are due by June 4th.



Fellowship Coffee Hour

The Fellowship Hour signup sheet is located on the credenza outside the office. Join in sharing this special time

- JUNE 4TH PASTORAL RELATIONS
- JUNE 11TH
- JUNE 18TH SUNDAY FUNDAY!
- JUNE 25TH
- JULY 2ND MEMBERSHIP
- JULY 9TH

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.



- May 23 Walt & Betty Bohn
- May 30 Rick Ferguson & Susan Neill
- June 06 Pam Boyd & Jan Pankey

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



We need bottled water to help support this organization who provide meals to those who are un-housed within our community. Bring to the church & we will make arrangements for delivery. Thanks, Church



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



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

