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SUNDAYS:  
8:30 a.m.  
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# Merriam Christian Church Disciples of Christ

## “THE BREAD OF LIFE”

I have a question for you. “Is it true that when I unintentionally sin that God will forgive, but when I willfully sin, the Lord is angry with me? If so, should I approach Him to make it right again?”...

Let me first say that there are all kinds of sins, types of sins, but nevertheless, they are all sins! However, a sin is a sin, and nothing else but a sin! We are all sinners, and if we truly are Christians (believers in Jesus Christ our Savior) we are only saved through His Love and Grace! The PROBLEM WITH SIN IS THE “I” BETWEEN THE “S” and “N”...

Yes, there are different kinds of sins. Hear me now, because one of the meanings or interpretations of sin has to do with missing the mark or target of trying to be like Him (Jesus). Naturally, there are consequences as a result. Then, there are transgressions, which have to do with knowingly breaking a commandment, and WILLFULLY DOING IT!...

And God will forgive all of it “IF” and “when one “Honestly” confesses it. But mark these words that if you confess it and “intend” in your heart to do it again, you will hinder your relationship with Jesus. But I really so believe that “IF” you come

humbly with sincere remorse, God will receive you and forgive you. As you may know, the Bible teaches in Psalm 51:17 that “a broken & contrite heart He will not despise.” May the Good Lord take a liken’ to you and your kin! Remember, “The chief end of man-kind is to Glorify God!” This is truly, “The Bread of Life!”...

I hope to see you this coming Sunday in the House of the Lord!...Until then!

Love ya,  
Rex

## NEEDED: SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The start of school is just around the corner and we need to gather school supplies.

Needed Items:  
24-count crayons  
Wide line paper  
#2 pencils  
2-pocket folders  
Glue and Glue Sticks



Monetary donations to Make A Difference are also good.

Any questions, please see Carole Prentice

## WANTED

Membership Committee is in need of 2 Letter Trays. If you have any extras please let someone on the Membership Committee know.



# DWM NEWS

## CWF/DWM NEWS

Seven ladies attended the meeting on Aug. 3rd. Thanks to Pam Boyd for zucchini muffins with cream cheese and blackberry jam. Delicious with our coffee.

Treasurer Ann Dickerson reported a balance of \$4554.96. We voted to send \$300.00 to the Make a Difference Fund.

Seventeen women attended group meetings in July. Seven cards were sent by Sunshine Chair Alice Goff. Service for Aug. is school supplies.

Upcoming dates to put on your calendar:

- Mexican Potluck on Sept. 7th, 6 PM with the TV, Edith Mendosa. Sign up in the office to attend and for a taco ingredient at your group meeting.
- Sept. 8-9 is Fall Retreat at Tall Oaks. Early Bird date is Aug. 10th and final date to sign up is Aug. 30th. You can sign up to go for the day without staying all night. See the bulletin board in Campbell Hall for details.
- Sept. 22 is the date for Church Women United meeting. It is at 9:30 AM at Grace Covenant, 119th and Highway 69.
- Sept. 28 is the Evening DWM/CWF meeting. We will carpool with details coming later.

Anita Collins  
President



### TALL OAKS GALA

October is Breast Cancer awareness month CWF Sarah Group is assembling a chemo/cancer basket for the Tall Oaks Gala.

Cap, hat, scarf, journal/notebook, coloring & puzzle books, pen & pencils, colored pencils & markers, crayons, lotion, lozenges, tea & drinks that contain ginger, peppermint, or lemon. Also, other snacks, water bottles/cups, socks, gloves, Meditation CDs, baskets/containers.

These are just a few suggestions. I know you have many more. We would like to have these items by August 21st. A cash donation is welcome, and we can purchase items. This basket is aimed for ALL types of cancer. Please leave items in the library, and if you have any questions, please contact Connie Hennigh 816-589-2005. Thanks, & remember you DO NOT have to belong to Sarah Group to contribute.



### “BUY NOTHING” PROJECT



Hello Merriam CC friends! Would you be interested in off loading some things? Do you need something that's antiquated, or hard to find, or just that you just can't afford right now? Let's try a Buy Nothing column!

What is “Buy Nothing”?

The Buy Nothing Project began when two friends, Rebecca Rockefeller and Liesl Clark, created an experimental hyper-local gift economy on Bainbridge Island, WA, in July, 2013. Since then, it has become a worldwide social movement, with groups in 20 nations.

How does it work?

Buy Nothing: Give Freely. Share creatively. Post anything you'd like to give away, lend, or share among neighbors. Ask for anything you'd like to receive for free or borrow. Keep it legal. Keep it civil. No buying or selling, no trades or bartering, no soliciting for cash.

Examples:

"I'm looking for tomato cages. Call me at ##### if you have some."

"I need to borrow Christmas lights for my daughter's upcoming wedding. Please let me know if you have extra. I can return them!"

"I bought a whole case of motor oil last year and don't need it. It's 10W-30. Send me an email at ----- if you'd like some."

How do I participate?

Send an email to Patty (merriamchristian@gmail.com), or leave a note on her desk for the newsletter. If this works out well, I'll try to make it a bit more structured. Ask me if you have any questions.

In His Service,  
Amy DeCoursey



### OUR GANG CLUB

Ten enthusiastic members met on July 20 to watch the movie "God's Not Dead". A very interesting and meaningful film.

Watch for announcements about the next meeting on August 17th.

If you have suggestions, desires or requests regarding activities, PLEASE relay them to Francis or Wendy.



# Prayer List



**Those Needing Prayers:** Rex Heavin, Mary Kincaid, Nona Davis, Lee Kroh, Nancy Hines, Marge Willard, Gloria Graham.

## Requests for Family and Friends:

Ann Dickerson's nephew, Bryan Dickerson  
Eva Roebuck as she moves to Cleveland  
Irene Heavin's son, Steve Wise  
Carol Vann's sister, Beth Burtch  
Jo & Don Rudkin's son-in-law, Frank Doan  
Francis Shafer's niece, Shelia Shafer  
Connie Harshner's sister-in-law, Nancy  
Heather Waite's nephew, Tyler, new job  
Bev McDonald's daughter, Aubrey, new job  
Pat Reed's neighbors new baby, Sage Lorain

## Praises:

Wendy Manthe welcomed a new niece, Makaya  
Lucy Walker, heart cath showed no blockages  
Don & Jo Rudkin - 60th Wedding Anniversary  
Leroy & Mary - 71st Wedding Anniversary

## Those in Greif:

Irene Heavin on the passing of her sister, Lois Beavins

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Names added to the prayer list will remain on the prayer list for one month. Let the office know if a prayer request needs to stay on the list for longer or shorter than one month.

## MCC LICENSE PLATES STILL AVAILABLE

If you missed getting a Merriam Christian Church license plate, there are plenty left---and they are still free!! See Francis and he'll fix you up.  
Thanks, Francis



Watch for the next newsletter the week of August 19, 2017



## MEALS ON WHEELS

August 8: Joan Tarwater & Susan Neill  
August 15: Rick Ferguson & Anita Collins

## Calendar

Sunday - August 6  
8:30 Early Worship  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Worship  
Monday - August 7  
8:00-5:00 DS Bus Lines  
Tuesday - August 8  
8:00-5:00 DS Bus Lines  
7:00 Board Meeting  
Wednesday - August 9  
7:00 Bible Study  
Sunday - August 13  
8:30 Early Worship  
9:30 Sunday School  
10:45 Worship  
Tuesday - August 15  
12:30 Esther  
Wednesday - August 16  
7:00 Bible Study  
Thursday - August 17  
1:00 Our Gang Club  
7:00 Scouts - Adults Meeting  
Friday - August 18  
2:00 Newsletter Deadline

## JOHNSON COUNTY FOOD MINISTRY MEALS FOR 2017

March 30  
June 29  
August 31  
November 30



## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Correction to Address:

Terrence Bryant  
10307 W 70th **Terrace** #202  
Shawnee, KS 66203  
913-226-5636



Allen & Jackie Watts no longer have a home/land line phone. So you can reach them at:

Allen - 913-634-8437  
Jackie - 913-449-9837

# **This Space For Rent**

As you can see, our Newsletter has grown so we have some space open in our newsletter. So, if you have information for the newsletter, please send it to Patty at [merriamchristian@gmail.com](mailto:merriamchristian@gmail.com). Thanks!

