

MERRIAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST



“Out of Control” a Daily Devotional

By Althea Debrule

“A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.” ([Proverbs 25:28](#))

One of the scariest things you can experience in life is a lack of self-control. The Scriptures are clear about how to use restraint when interacting with others. This daily devotional reflects on [Proverbs 25:28](#) and what happens when we are out-of-control.

No Self-Control

Today’s Scripture likens a lack of self-control to a city filled with ruins and no walls to protect it. Anyone or thing can wander into the town, capture it and have power over it.

Out-of-control people have no boundaries, nor have they set any limits to how they act or what they do. They insist on having their way in everything, regardless of how it affects others. Their lack of restraint feels like manipulation and intimidation to others.

Unfortunately, this makes them vulnerable to attack and leaves them helpless; yet in most cases, they cannot see that they are out-of-control. They become “wise in their own eyes” ([Proverbs 12:15](#)) and unwilling to rein in their anger and compulsiveness.

Daily Devotional Food for Thought

The only way to keep self-control is to surrender it to The Lord. Only He can work through a person to change the heart and mind, which will lead to the right actions ([Psalm 119:01](#)).

Seek The Lord for how to have self-control. Learn restraint by praying and spending time in God’s Word ([Proverbs 10:19](#), [17:27](#)).

Father, as I reflect on today’s Scripture, show me the areas in my life where I lack self-control; and then, guide me in yielding them to You.

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Worship Sermons

December 18th

["Love Came Down at Christmas"](#)

December 25th

["Christmas Day Service 2022"](#)

Children's Worship and Wonder
by Christina Stokes

December 18th

["Fourth Sunday of Advent"](#)

December 25th

["Christmas!"](#)

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.

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 January & February 2023

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 January, February & March 2023

January 1st	✝	Bob Pape
January 8th	✝	Betty Bohn
January 15th	✝	Pat Reed
January 22nd	✝	Jon Beaver
January 29th	✝	Mike Nichols
February 5th	✝	Anita Collins
February 12th	✝	Bob Pape
February 19th	✝	Betty Bohn
February 26th	✝	Pat Reed
March 5th	✝	Jon Beaver
March 12th	✝	Mike Nichols
March 19th	✝	Anita Collins
March 26th	✝	Bob Pape



BackSnacks Program

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

January 1st—Pam Boyd
January 8th—Pat Reed & Linda Railsback
January 15th—Rick Ferguson

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



Those Needing Prayer:

Continued prayers for **Joyce Campbell, Marilyn Near, Anita Collins** 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 and pray for our community of faith.

Prayer Requests

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

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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.



Boy Scouts Chili Supper

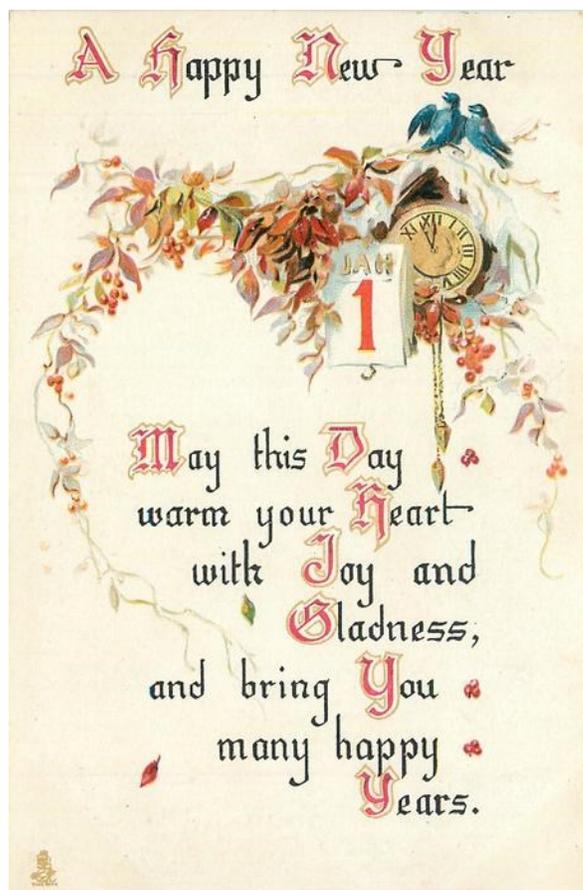
The Boy Scouts will be hosting a chili supper on January 31st at 7:00pm—8:30pm as a fund raiser.

Please mark this event on your calendar to help support our Boy Scout troops.

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	We have voted to call our next pastor, who will begin on February 12th.
10	The installation of Robin Colerick-Schinkle will be on Sunday, 02/19 .		





Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 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, Walt Bohn, Jeanette Howe, Emily Hooker, Bruce Roach, Bob Pape, Joel Beaver

Mike called the meeting to order.

Devotions: Betty-Three Symbols of Christmas (cradle, cross, crown)

Minutes of 11/15/22 Board Meeting: Mike asked the board to review the minutes; Motion to accept report by Bob Pape; seconded by Betty Bohn; board vote, approved.

Current Financial Report: Mike asked the board to review the current financial report; Motion to accept report by Joel Beaver; seconded by Dixie Wheaton; board vote, approved.

Committee Chair Reports:

Clerk: Betty-Nancy Hines passed away on 11/09/22. Nancy and Bob joined the church in 1961. Bob passed away on 7/08/15. Total membership is 138.

DWM: Pam-We continue to collect empty pill bottles for Unleashed Pet Rescue in Mission. Currently we are collecting gently used winter clothing items for donation to The Shawnee Community Services. Our December meeting will be conducted over lunch at the Olive Garden on 12/15/22 at 12:30 pm.

Elders: No report.

H&G: Joel-Main Entry Bathroom-Bob made repairs to faucet and shut-off valves. Nursery Bathroom-Bob replaced the fill valve in the toilet. A/C unit inspection-McCarty called stating we needed to have the new A/C unit inspected. Ricky met the City Inspector on 12/8/22 and the inspection was completed and passed. Furnace No. 6-Bob replaced two vent pipes that had rust and holes. He tightened screws that hold the inducer motor in place. All working fine now. Parking Lot light pole and LED lights-we are waiting for a third bid, everyone is busy. Other Repairs-Bob installed a new emergency light in Campbell Hall; Bob adjusted one of the entry doors into the sanctuary; Bob installed a new thermostat for the basement furnace. As usual, BOB AND RICKY spend a considerable amount of time serving this church and the Lord. THANK YOU BOTH for all your help keeping our facility operational!

Organ repair-This has been completed and Emily reports she is very happy with it.

Outreach: Pam-JoCo Christmas Bureau picked up the extra food items from our Cornucopia and were delighted to share these items with their shoppers. THANKS TO OUR VERY GENEROUS CONGREGATION, we will be presenting 5 families at Merriam Park Elementary with holiday greeting cards containing not only gift cards for them to shop at local stores for their children's Christmas gifts; but, also a gift card to a local grocery store for them to purchase whatever they need to help make their holiday bright. We will be cooking and packing 140 meals on 12/29 at the JoCo Food Ministry. We continue to support Meals on Wheels by delivering every Tuesday. Weekly BackSnack Program continues at Merriam Park Elementary. We are currently packing and delivering every Tuesday.

Membership: Jeannette-The following events being planned: No game night this month; We will bake cookies for our shut-in members and prepare cookie tins next Sunday and would ask the Elders to help deliver them; We will gather information and pictures for a new church directory.

Memorial: No report.

Pastoral Relations: No report.

Worship: Dixie-Committee members Mike Nichols, Pat Reed & Dixie Wheaton met and discussed the following items of interest: Families lighting Advent candle will be 12/4 Schlueter, 12/11 Nichols and 12/18 Schwenk. Last Sunday for ordering poinsettia 12/11, to be delivered 12/15. Sunday 12/25 change to white paraments. Christmas Eve service at 5 pm lighting candles at the end of service. Christmas Day service at 10 am, readers and candle lighters for service. Take down Christmas decorations week of January 2-7.

Media: Bruce- No meeting held. Continue with projects and Facebook posts.

Personnel: No report.

Trustees: No report.

Search: Carole-Pastor Robin excited to be coming to MCC. Discussion held regarding some new furniture and paint for her office. Search Committee will become Pastoral Relations Committee.

Old Business:

Emily-status of organ repair expense and donations. A drop-down for this will be added to EasyTithe.

New Business:

Mike-Honored to have served as Board Chair and very grateful for everyone stepping up during our time without pastoral care.

Mike-MCC will celebrate 110th Anniversary on 2/19/23. Membership Committee will be making plans in addition to several others who have indicated they would like to assist. Bill Rose-Heim will be invited to attend. Additionally, the installation of Pastor Robin will be held.

Mike-Greg will be organizing the 2023 committees. Discussion held regarding committees meeting at their convenience, not necessarily the first Tuesday of the month.

Mike-Suggestion there be a Board Retreat held in January for Board and Committee members, which would consist of a two hour planning session for setting goals for the upcoming year.

Bruce-Suggestion that all committee chairs be supplied a key to the church.

Carole-Staff bonuses can be given to them individually by placing in the offering tray. Cards, money gifts should be designated directly to Emily, Caleigh, Chris.

Discussion held regarding paint, furniture and computer for Pastor's office. House & Grounds will clear shelves in office and paint with Pastor Robin's paint choice.

Michelle will purchase a laptop. Motion to allow up to \$1,000 for purchase of a laptop by Mike Nichols; seconded by Joel Beaver; board vote, approved. Michelle will review if the office chair and desk need to be replaced.

Mike-Would like to explore the possibility and ideas for MCC doing a project in the church or out in the community, after a brief worship service on the fifth Sundays in 2023.

Open Forum:

Jeannette-Board members please sign up for devotions for 2023 meetings.

Bob Pape closed with prayer.

Johnson County Food Ministry

JoCo Food Ministry was served 140 meals prepared by Pam Boyd, Emily Hooker, Jan Pankey, Carole Prentice & Donna Rankin on Thursday. Thanks to everyone for your cookie donations.

Way To Go CHURCH!



Welcome Robin Colerick-Schinkle!

Please help us welcome Robin Colerick-Schinkle on February 12th. This will be her first day as our new minister! This is an exciting time for Merriam Christian and after several months of the Search Committee interviewing candidates, working diligently and lots of prayers, we are proud to have Robin join our Merriam Christian family.



Fellowship Coffee Hour

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

THANKS

Merriam Christian Church:

The Christmas cards, kind words and gifts were appreciated.

Thank you,
Chris Ammerman

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.



January 3rd Pat Reed & Christina Stokes
January 10th Carole Prentice & Pam Boyd
January 14th Walt & Betty Bohn

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

Blessings

DWM NEWS

Hi Ladies,

I hope you all had a nice Christmas with your families. I wish the best to all in the new year.

No news to speak of. The weather bounces from one extreme to another. At least we did not get the snow some parts of the country did.

Our January third Thursday meeting will be on the 19th, weather permitting, at 1:00 in the library. Hope to see a dozen smiling faces. Or more. LOL

That's all for now.

Joyce Luke
Treasurer/Service

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