

MERRIAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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“Worship God as You Work”

A short devotional

By ALTHEA DEBRULE

“Put God in charge of your work, then what you’ve planned will take place.”

([Proverbs 16:3](#) The Message)

No matter what you do, you can worship God as you work. God gives each of us a task to perform that’s called work. No matter the size or complexity, when we commit our duties and responsibilities to God, He manages the outcomes ([Proverbs 16:3](#)). Today’s **short devotional** focuses on how we can worship God amid the hustle and bustle of work.

Different Kinds of Work

There is an unlimited supply of the kind of work we can choose to do. As a result, our work can be exciting as we give it to God and let Him produce the outcomes through us. We are partners with Him in our work and don’t have to struggle with the tasks. He walks alongside us as we cooperate with His Will.

Worshipping God in Our Work

Work is not routine to God. He created it for enjoyment and satisfaction. The work we choose is not by accident. This short devotional encourages you to think of the jobs you have performed in the past or the one you have today. God wants you to take pleasure in your work. It is His provision for your daily needs.

When you work enthusiastically, you worship God as you work. Every time you commit a task to Him, and then perform it with your whole heart and the excellence He gives, He receives glory and honor.

Based on this short devotional, what ways can you worship God as you work today?





Video Library

Worship Sermons

January 15th

["The Body of Christ"](#)

January 22nd

["A Drink of Living Water"](#)

Children's Worship and Wonder
by Christina Stokes

January 15th

["Jesus in the Wilderness"](#)

January 22nd

["The Mustard Seed"](#)

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, March & April 2023

January 29th	✝	Heather Waite
February 5th	✝	Joyce Luke
February 12th	✝	Jan Pankey
February 19th	✝	Pat Reed
February 26th	✝	Nannette Ferguson
March 5th	✝	Susan Neill
March 12th	✝	Katie Roach
March 19th	✝	Emily Hooker
March 26th	✝	Caroline Young
April 2nd	✝	Michelle Land
April 9th	✝	Carole Prentice
April 16th	✝	Wayne Hooker
April 23rd	✝	Bryan Young
April 30th	✝	Betty Bohn

ELDERS SCHEDULE January, February & March 2023

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



Mark your calendar! Sunday February 19th is our 110th Anniversary AND the installation of Pastor Robin Colerick-Shinkle. We will serve lunch after worship and are planning some special activities to celebrate our anniversary. We would love for everyone to attend. Please RSVP at 913-432-2390 or by email at merriamchristian@gmail.com



Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Minutes recorded by
Donna Rankin, Board Secretary

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

2023 Chairman Greg Spiegel called the meeting to order. Gratitude to Mike Nichols for all he accomplished as Chairman of MCC Board in 2022.

Devotions: Jeannette-Proverbs 17:17 love at all times. Christ is our BFF.

Minutes of 12/13/22 Board Meeting: Greg asked the board to review the minutes; Motion to accept report by Mike Nichols; seconded by Bruce Roach; board vote, approved.

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

Committee Chair Reports:

Clerk: Betty-There were no changes in December. Total membership is 137.

DWM: Pam-We closed the year out with our annual December luncheon at the Olive Garden on 12/15. Ten ladies were able to participate. As the new year begins, we continue to collect empty prescription bottles taken to Unleashed Animal Shelter for their use. We are also requesting donations of any gently used warm clothing which will be taken to Shawnee Community Services. Our next meeting is 1/19, all women of the church are welcome.

Elders: No report.

H&G: Joel-Campbell Hall damper vent-McCarty was contacted after Bob noticed a problem with damper vent; damper directs heat between the sanctuary and Campbell Hall so it is very important that it works correctly; McCarty installed a new motor and it is working properly. Pastor Robin's office-Walt removed shelving; Dave Ramsey & Bob Pape patched holes in the wall and painted. It looks great! THANK YOU DAVE AND BOB for a great job! Pastor Robin's office door handle & lock-Dave discovered that the entry door from the main office was not working correctly; after he took it apart, cleaned and lubricated, it is working fine now. AED machine-we received notice that child & adult pads had expired; Bob ordered and will install when received. Discussion held that it would be beneficial to have AED machine refresher training. Michelle reported that Robin has a computer and new desk for her office.

Outreach: Pam-We finished our year of service in 2022 as follows: Cooked & packed 150 meals for JoCo Food Ministry on 12/29; Adopted 5 families at MPE for Christmas with \$50 gift card for every child for parents to purchase gifts and \$100 grocery gift card for each family; Packed & delivered 50 Harvesters backsnacks to MPE on weekly basis; 150 delivered over the Christmas break; Weekly deliveries for Meals on Wheels; Continued financial support of World Outreach (includes Disciples Mission Fund, Phillips Theological Seminary, JoCo Food Ministry); and Local Outreach (includes Salvation Army, KC Hospice, Crosslines, City Union Mission, Community & Family Services, Shawnee Community Services, Cancer Action, SafeHome, Sunflower House).

Membership: Jeannette-No game night until March; working on inputting membership surveys into Google contacts; working on new Directory-found software that will allow us to publish electronically and print. A REMINDER TO CONGREGATION to email their pictures or bring to

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church so they can be scanned.

Memorial: Emily-A total of \$5,200 has been taken out of the memorial funds to help with cost of sanctuary organ repair; total cost was \$8,187.80. Remainder of cost will come from organ repair fund account set up for donations. Emily Yeh is enjoying having the organ in good working order. An amount of \$11.62 was taken out of special music to make the amount “even” at \$5,200. The only funds now in Memorial are for special music as follows: Ross account \$1,201.79 and Davis account \$160 for a total of \$1,361.79. The following Memorial Accounts were used for the organ repair and now show a zero balance (a page added to the Memorial Books for each account): Ginny Bethel Smrtic, Flo Biehl, Leroy Wisner, Mary Ann Borchardt, Alpha Wickham, Robert (Bob) Owens, Opal Wylie, Joyce Hutchison and Jim Owens. Mike Nichols’ name has been added to the Board Chairman plaque in the upstairs hall.

Pastoral Relations: No report. The present Search Committee will become Pastoral Relations Committee effective February when Pastor Robin Colerick-Shinkle joins MCC.

Worship: No report. Pat-suggests bread and challis be carried to the communion table by an Elder.

Media: Bruce-New MCC brochures completed and printed; plans to interview Pastor Robin, along with adding her information to new brochure and website; would like to digitize the MCC historical archive; Facebook will have a poll for new verse on digital outdoor sign; adding children’s ministries to Facebook; website facts-886 unique visitors, 1,150 total visits, 209 visits in past 30 days; social media activity has increased 200%, search increased by 9.41%; international views from China, Germany and UK; YouTube views average around 45 views for video.

Personnel: No report

Trustees: No report.

Old Business:

Jeannette-The committee organizing new pastor installation and 110th anniversary festivities for 2/19 met 1/8 and discussed the following: potluck meal, historical pictures, slideshow in sanctuary, Mayor proclamation, name tags, invitations. Committee will be meeting after worship service each Sunday prior to 2/19.

Greg-Pastor Robin has an installation service she would like to use, she is eager to be involved in the 2/19 service, she will be provided with information.

Greg-Would like to schedule a Board Retreat in January for board, committee chairs and members to have discussion about goals & plans for 2023. Discussion held, Retreat scheduled for 1/21 at 10 am in Campbell Hall.

New Business:

Report that seal on front door needs repair. Joel will ask Jon Beaver to look into it.

Open Forum:

Pat-Concern about MCC bylaws & guidelines; discussion held.

Donna-Suggestion that we have additional “coffee hours” after worship service. Prior to Covid shutdown, it was held every Sunday and people really enjoy the fellowship.

Greg-Scout Sunday is 2/5 and discussion held regarding additionally having Laity Sunday on 2/5.

Mike-Civil air patrol group has indicated interest in using space at MCC for meetings.

Mike Nichols closed with prayer.

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



Those Needing Prayer:

Continued prayers for **Joyce Campbell, Marilyn Near, Anita Collins** and **Jewel, son of Marjorie Willard.**

Anita Minshew's daughter-in-law, Geralyn Minshew, needs our prayers, facing more surgery.

Anita Minshew's neighbor and friend, Patty Sheely, very ill with cancer.

Harriet, another neighbor of Anita Minshew, asks for prayers, ill with cancer.

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.



Boy Scouts Chili Fundraiser

The Boy Scouts will be hosting a chili fundraiser on February 5th at noon.

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

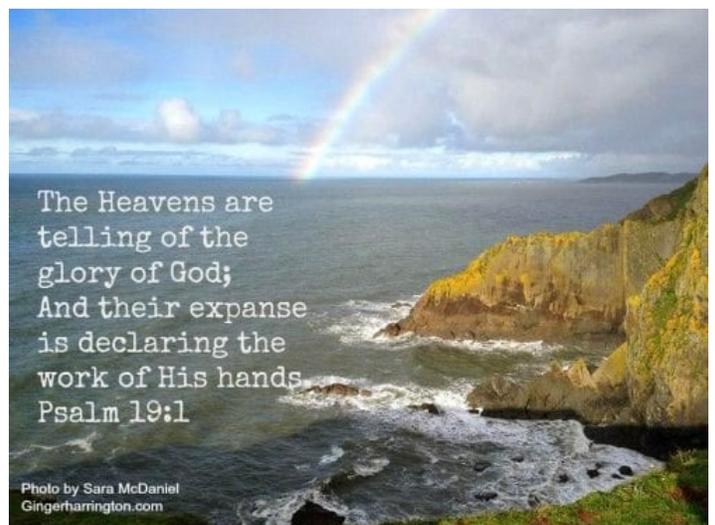
WHAT PROGRESS ARE WE MAKING IN THE SEARCH FOR A NEW PASTOR?

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 <u>February 12th</u> .
10		10	The installation of <u>Robin Colerick-Schinkle</u> will be on <u>Sunday, 02/19</u> .

New Church Directory

The Membership Committee is working on a new church directory. Surveys have been sent out so we have updated information from everyone to include in the directory.

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



Fellowship Coffee Hour

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



BackSnacks Program

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

Jan 29th Week—Carole Prentice
Feb 5th Week—Wayne & Emily Hooker
Feb 12th Week—Pam Boyd

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

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 31st Jan Pankey & Pam Boyd
February 7th Joan Tarwater & Linda Railsback
February 14th Pat Reed & Christina Stokes

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

DWM NEWS

Hi Ladies,

Winter has returned. However, eight of us braved the chilly wind to attend our January meeting on the 19th. Our lesson was quite good, and I am sorry some of you missed it. Hopefully more can attend in February.

Another bag of empty pill bottles was delivered to Unleashed Pet Rescue in Mission. Thanks everyone and continue saving all medicine bottles, even over-the-counter pills. Another thing, the "Least Coin" container is about 75% full. We need to gather more pennies to fill it up. "Fill it Up". "Fill it Up".

February is usually our "Blanket" month, but we voted to postpone it until March due to all the other things happening in February. Our Church birthday and installing a new minister.

Our income this month was \$44.00, and we had no expenses. This brings our balance up to \$1,870.08.

That's all for now. Stay warm and stay safe.

Joyce Luke
Treasurer/Service

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



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

