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10:00 a.m. IN-PERSON

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"Praise is The Richest Food": A Devotional Message By Althea Debrule

"I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you." (Psalm 63:5 NIV)

Think about the richest food you've ever tasted! For me, it's Crème Brulee. The smooth and creamy custard topped with caramelized sugar is my favorite dessert! Today's **devotional message** speaks of how praise is like mouthwatering food that satisfies like none other.

Praising God is Like Eating the Richest of Foods

Re-read today's Scripture verse. Psalm 63:5 expresses the satisfaction you can receive from offering praise to God. It states that singing our praises to Him makes us fully satisfied as if we have eaten a creamy lip-smacking dessert! Praising and worshiping God makes us content and fulfilled, and there is no room for worry, doubt, or fear. We stuff our spiritual tummies with God's Love when we offer heartfelt adoration and worship.

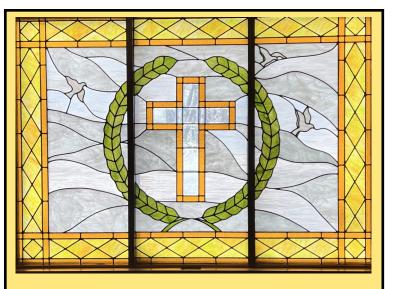
The custard in Crème Brulee contains heavy cream and eggs that are whisked gently in a double boiler over medium heat. Too much heat will burn the custard. Too little heat will separate the ingredients and make a watery mess. Acts of praise and worship are like making Crème Brulee. Too little praise will starve your spirit. If your religion is routine or overly structured, you can miss the mark and end up not pleasing God at all.

The secret to mouthwatering Crème Brulee is the balance of sugar and custard. The pudding is cold and firm while the sugar is warm, crisp and caramelized to a sheet of brown smoothness. You can enjoy not only the flavors but the textures which are enhanced by the contrasting temperatures. The desired outcome of our praise and worship of God is to develop a strong connection and deep bond with Him. We can bask in the balance He provides as we grow in the knowledge of Him.

Do you have a favorite mouthwatering dessert? How can the thoughts in this devotional message inspire you to develop a deeper bond with God through praise and worship?

Father, I desire a stronger connection with You. Let my praise exalt and glorify You and satisfy me as with the richest of foods!

Freedailydevotional.com



Video Library

Worship Sermons

September 25th

"Pursuit of Godliness"

October 2nd

"What is Taking You So Long, God?"

Children's Worship and Wonder by Christina Stokes

September 25th

"The Ark of the Covenant and the Holy of Holies"

October 2nd

"Entering the Promise Land"

Multiple options of how you may give your tithes and offerings

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

LITURGIST SCHEDULE For October, November & December 2022

October 9th **Emily Hooker** October 16th 华 Carole Prentice October 23rd Wayne Hooker October 30th Susan Neill Casey Nichols November 6th 슌 Donna Rankin November 13th November 20th Mike Nichols November 27th Jennifer Spiegel David Schwenk December 4th December 11th Katie Roach December 18th **Greg Spiegel** Katie Schwenk December 25th

ELDERS SCHEDULEFor October, November & December 2022

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Regional DMW Meeting

The October Evening Regional DWM Meeting will be held, Thursday 27th at First Christian Church, 125 S Pleasant St. Independence, MO at 6 pm. A sign up sheet will be available. Speaker TBD. More information as it becomes available.

Dinner will be provided \$6.

Registration needs to be submitted by the 24th. Men always welcome. Hope you will join us for an evening with other ladies from the region. If you have questions contact Connie Hennigh or Joyce Luke







MCC Outreach

MCC Outreach cooked & packaged 125 meals for JoCo Food Ministry on Thursday, September 29th. Serving Ham & Au Gratin potatoes, green beans, fresh veggies w/dip, roll & butter & a bag of cookies for dessert. Thanks to all those who provided the cookies and donations so we can continue to give back.









Those Needing Prayer:

Marilyn Near is back at her apartment and is recovering

Connie Harshner had surgery at Advent to place several pins and has returned to Shawnee Parc Assisted Living recovering. She would really like to have phone calls and visitors

> Shawnee PARC Nursing Home Attn: Connie Harshner Rm 105 7600 Antioch Shawnee, Kansas 66204 Cell phone #913-231-4132

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.



Tuesday, October 11th
Pat Reed & Chris Stokes

Tuesday, October 18th

Carole Prentice & Anita Collins

Tuesday, October 25th Walt & Betty Bohn

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



Hi Ladies,

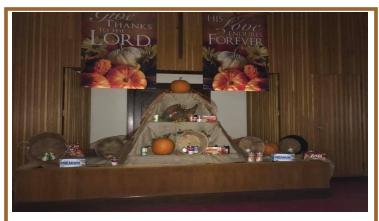
It's me with a reminder to attend our October Third Thursday meeting, on the 20th, in the library, at 1:00 pm. We have plenty of room and the lesson is very good. Also, we will be taking a head count for those wanting to attend the Regional Evening DWM meeting on October 27th at the First Christian Church, 125 S. Pleasant St., Independence, Mo.

Our service projects continue to be empty pill bottles for Unleased Pet Rescue in Mission, can tabs for Merriam Park Elementary, and hats/gloves and children's books for the Johnson County Christmas Bureau. The books can be used if in good condition. Also, old eyeglasses can be passed on.

We started September with \$2,186.08; added \$37.00 income; spent \$50.00; leaving \$2,173.08 to start October. We will not have any more expenses for funeral meals as the Church has taken over that role and has put it in the new budget to be voted on at the end of the month.

That's all for now.

Joyce Luke Treasurer/Service



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 next 5 weeks.

Sunday, October 16 - Pasta & Pasta Sauce

Sunday, October 23—Peanut Butter & Jelly

Sunday, October 30—Soup & Crackers

Sunday, November 06—Cereal

Sunday, November 13—Canned Fruit & Vegetables

Boo For Bears Merriam Park Elementary Event



October, 20th—5:30-7pm Expecting 400-500 kiddos

Weather permitting, the event will be outside.

Please bring bags of individually wrapped Halloween candies and place in

the grocery cart outside the church office These goodies will be given out to the kiddos attending the event.

We're also looking for volunteers who can help pass out these sweet treats.



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





Our congregation's Board has consulted with our Regional/Area Minister regarding our Search for a new Pastor.



Our Regional/Area Minister has sent profiles of candidates to the Search Committee; they are being considered



We have appointed a Search Committee. The members are:

The Search Committee will create a short list of possible candidates.



Bob Pape

Carole Prentice

The Search Committee vill interview candidates on the short list.



One Candidate will be recommended to the Congregational Board



We have completed a Congregational Profile, Position Description and

Our congregation will vote on the recommended candidate

We will join in worship with our Regional/Area Minister to install our new pastor.

information packet for

pastoral candidates.





Would you like to contribute to our newsletter? Would you like to receive a printed copy of the newsletter?

Email Jeannette Howe at jnethowe@gmail.com with your article and it will be added to the next edition which runs every other Saturday. Email or call Jeannette 913-558-6459 to be added to our print or email distribution lists.













Thank YOU!
Even with it being a Chief's game day, we had a great turnout for our Church Cook-Out!
Thank you to everyone who could join us and our fantastic cooks!!

Fellowship Coffee Hour

NOVEMBER 6TH MEMBERSHIP

DECEMBER 4TH OUTREACH

JANUARY 8TH HOUSE & GROUNDS

FEBRUARY 5TH PASTORIAL RELATIONS

MARCH 5TH MEMBERSHIP

APRIL 2ND OUTREACH





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.





Games Night!!

Join us for Game Night on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 6:00—8:30 pm. We will meet in Campbell Hall. Beginning in September, we will have a theme (listed below). All adults and kids are welcome!

October 15th—

Dress in your favorite Halloween costume for Chili and Bingo!

November 19th— TBA but it will be fun!

Join us in worship on Youtube.



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

