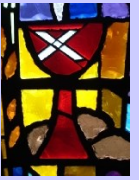


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Reboot Your Connection to God —A Daily Devotional

By Althea Debrule

"He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake." ([Psalm 23:3 ESV](#))

We can disconnect from God temporarily when we do not keep Him as the center focus of our lives. This **daily devotional** shares how God reboots the connection switch and restores our souls when we return to Him.

No Network Connection—This morning, I started my usual routine of opening the office to get ready for the day's activities. However, I was stopped in my tracks when I turned on the computer, and there was no network connection. Without working links to the email and other web-based software, I'm unable to access the tools needed to do the job!

The connection had worked in the past. So what happened? When the IT Technician came to troubleshoot, he ran several tests to find the problem including checking the computer hardware, software and the wall outlet connection to the server. After an exhaustive search, he went to the server room to reboot the switch, and it restored the link to the network!

Reboot Your God-Connection Switch—Our relationship with God is like a network connection to a computer. The Scripture in this daily devotional states that God restores our souls and places us back on the correct path when we reboot the switch resulting from a temporary disconnect with Him. A broken connection does not mean we've lost our salvation, but we may have drifted slightly, causing us to lose the joy and peace of our relationship temporarily.

If we no longer can link with God, we may not access His wisdom promptly so that we can respond adequately when in trouble or facing adverse circumstances. However, since the relationship is with God, we have confidence in its restoration.

So, how do we reboot the switch of our connection with God? Consider these steps as you ponder this daily devotional:

1. **Troubleshoot the problem.** Once you realize there's a loose connection, ask the Holy Spirit to show you where you've disconnected from God and gone off-center.
2. **After the "reveal," repent and seek God's forgiveness and restoration.** **No longer assume that your relationship is okay.** Examine your God-connection whenever there is a check in your spirit. Be alert and pay attention to the things you take for granted or the habitual "religious" routines you practice without thinking. How can you use this daily devotional to "reboot the switch" of your relationship with God?

Are you aware that there is a loose or broken connection? How can you tell when the relationship is strained or stretched? What emotions do you feel and how can they be an indicator of a loose connection?

Father, I no longer want to assume that everything is fine with our relationship without checking for loose connections? Use this daily devotional to focus my attention on those areas where I have drifted from Your best for me.

Freedailydevotional.com



Video Library

Worship Sermons

August 28th

["Centering Joy"](#)

September 4th

["The Hidden Life of Christians"](#)

Children's Worship and Wonder by Christina Stokes

August 28th

["Joseph's Gifts and God's Providence"](#)

September 4th

["Moses and the Burning Bush"](#)

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 September & October 2022

September 11, 2022 †	Pat Reed
September 18, 2022 †	Joyce Luke
September 25, 2022 †	Heather Waite
October 2, 2022 †	Bob Pape
October 9, 2022 †	Emily Hooker
October 16, 2022 †	Wayne Hooker
October 23, 2022 †	Carole Prentice
October 30, 2022 †	Susan Neill



Thank you so much for all you did for the lunch on Saturday. It was delicious! Such a wonderful thing the church does for the families. We really appreciate your hard work.

Thanks

The family of Jim Owens

DWM NEWS

Hi Ladies,

Just a reminder to attend our Third Thursday meeting on the 15th at 1:00 in the library. We are starting a new series about "Forgiving What You Can't Forget" and you don't want to miss the beginning.

Also at this meeting, we will be taking a head count for those who will be attending the Area Evening DWM meeting at 6:00 on the 22nd at Hillcrest Christian Church, 11411 S. Quivira Road. Contact me if you need a ride.

Finally, keep those empty pill bottles coming. And watch for bargains on hats, gloves, and books for the Christmas Bureau.

Joyce Luke
Treasurer/Service



Those Needing Prayer:

Requests for Family and Friends:

Anita Minshew in her time of concern.

Nancy Hines for her continued recovery with her foot.

Katie Roach's grandfather **Jack Kirkpatrick** has several kidney stones remove through surgery last week.

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.

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.

Thanks!

Visits with Jo Rudkin and Nona Davis

Several of us went to Jo Rudkin and want to report she is getting around well and looks very good.

Also visited Nona Davis, and she looks great. We had a wonderful visit with both Nona and Jo.



Free Hot Soup

Free Hot Soup serves our homeless community throughout the year. Water continues to be a high priority for these folks as the temperatures continue to sore this summer.

To offer a drink is a gracious act of hospitality. It places the other person ahead of one's self, and it is a simple and thoughtful expression of love.

Please donate and help show our love to this community in need.

Drop water off at the church, note on your offering through EasyTithe or on the memo line on your check.

We received a message from our contact "We are so grateful for any and all donations. Your water donations have been a lifesaver" They can continue to use water and in addition need Adult Bug Spray & Body Wipes. Some examples:





HELP US HELP KIDS

We will once again partner with the Merriam Park Elementary School & Harvesters providing the weekly Back Snack Program deliveries during the 2022-23 school year. We anticipate deliveries starting in October. There will be a sign up sheet on the credenza outside the office for you to sign up to help pack. A calendar will be put together once we see how many of you will

HELP US HELP KIDS
Thank You
Pam Boyd



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!

September 18th—
Pizza Party and Dominos

October 15th—
Dress in your favorite Halloween costume for Chili and Bingo!



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 will send profiles of potential candidates to the Search Committee.
2 👤👤👤	We have appointed a Search Committee. The members are: Greg Spiegel Bruce Roach Michelle Land Bob Pape Carole Prentice.	6 👤👤👤	The Search Committee will create a short list of possible candidates.
3 👤👤👤	Our Search Committee has met with our Regional/Area Minister for an orientation.	7 👤👤👤	The Search Committee will interview candidates on the short list.
4 👤👤👤	We need to complete a Congregational Profile, Position Description and Information packet for pastoral candidates.	8 👤	One Candidate will be recommended to the Congregational Board on _____.
9 YES NO		9 YES NO	Our congregation will vote on the recommended candidate on _____.
10 👤		10 👤	We will join in worship with our Regional/Area Minister to install our new pastor.

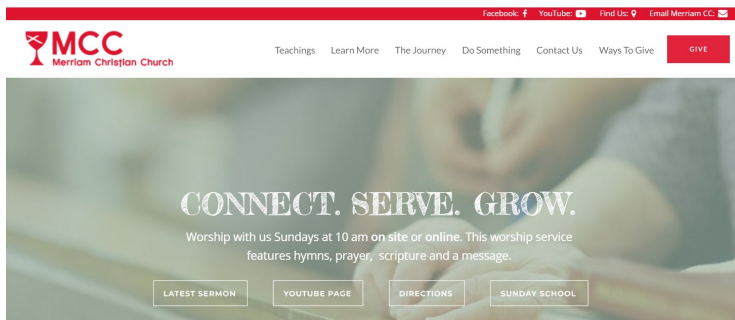


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Would you like to receive a printed copy of the newsletter?

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.

MERRIAMCC.ORG

Our new website at merriamcc.org is LIVE!! Click on the blue link to see all of the new content and updates.



What to expect when you come to Merriam Christian Church on a Sunday morning.

When you come to Merriam Christian Church on a Sunday morning, the parking lot and main entrance is located on the south side of the church. There is an hour of small group study (9 am) and a worship service (10 am) each Sunday morning.

Childcare is available for all events on Sunday morning.



Welcome to the Journey

Merriam Christian Church has been a spiritual presence in the community for 109 years. Where there has been a need that the church could help with, whether physical, spiritual, or communal, MCC has consistently responded with faith and commitment. These pages show something of the journey the church has been on here on the corner of Johnson Drive and Merriam Drive. As we remember the ways we have been a part of this community over the last century, we look to the future with hope and optimism to where God is leading us tomorrow.

[CONTACT US](#)



Looking for a place to get married?

Merriam Christian Church has a beautiful space and traditional features to make your wedding a day to remember. From the center aisles, the colorful stained glass windows and the gorgeous wood rafters, our sanctuary provides the decorative backdrop you are hoping to find.

[TELL US ABOUT YOUR WEDDING](#)



Fellowship Coffee Hour

OCTOBER 2ND	PASTORAL RELATIONS
NOVEMBER 6TH	MEMBERSHIP
DECEMBER 4TH	OUTREACH
JANUARY 8TH	HOUSE & GROUNDS
FEBRUARY 5TH	PASTORIAL RELATIONS
MARCH 5TH	MEMBERSHIP



Church Cook-Out

Who's ready for our cook-out? We are! The Membership

Committee has planned a cook-out on September 25th after worship at the Disciples Place. We will have hamburgers, hotdogs, ice tea, lemonade and coffee. We asking the congregation to sign up to bring side dishes and deserts.

The signup sheet will be outside the Church office.

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.



Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, September 13th
Walt & Betty Bohn

Tuesday, September 20th
Rick Ferguson & Susan Neill

Tuesday, September 27th
Jan Pankey & Pam Boyd

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



It's our turn to help FEED THE NEED.

Your Outreach Committee will be cooking &

packing 125 meals on Thursday, September 29th for the Johnson County Food Ministry. Cookies are needed. A sign up sheet is outside the office.

If you would like to help us prepare this meal, please contact Pam Boyd.

Thank you!

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



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

