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Culver Christian Church

Loving God , Loving People

A Word from Terry

Regret is something we all experience at some point in life. We may regret the decisions we made, the opportunities we missed, the words we spoke, or the people we hurt. Sometimes, we carry these regrets for years, allowing them to fill our hearts with guilt, sadness, and disappointment. However, dealing with our regrets is important because it helps us find peace, learn from our mistakes, and move forward with hope.

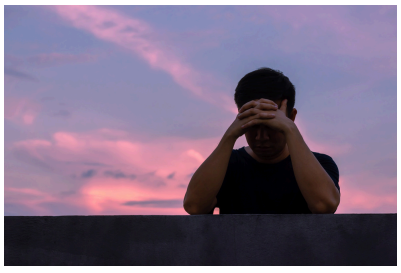
The Bible reminds us in Philippians 3:13–14: "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." This scripture teaches us that although we cannot change our past, we do not have to remain prisoners of it. God invites us to learn from yesterday and keep moving forward in faith.

Consider the story of Peter, one of Jesus' disciples. Before Jesus was crucified, Peter confidently declared that he would never deny Him. Yet, when fear overcame him, Peter denied Jesus three times. After realizing what he had done, he went out and wept bitterly (Luke 22:54–62). Imagine the regret and shame Peter must have felt. However, his story did not end with failure. After His resurrection, Jesus restored Peter and gave him another opportunity to serve (John 21:15–17). Peter's life reminds us that our mistakes do not have to define our future. Through God's grace, we can receive forgiveness, healing, and a new beginning.

In the same way, we must learn to face our regrets honestly, ask God for forgiveness when necessary, make amends where possible, and forgive ourselves. Holding on to regret cannot change what happened, but learning from it can change who we become.
Our past may teach us valuable lessons, but it should not steal our future. God offers us the grace to rise after we fall and the strength to begin again. Instead of spending our lives wishing we had done things differently, let us trust God, learn from our experiences, and make the most of the opportunities we have today. Remember, it is never too late to seek forgiveness, grow in wisdom, and take a step toward a better tomorrow.
I hope that you will join us during the month of November as we learn from Scripture how God can redeem our regrets.

We have finished our first month here as your minister. I want to thank everyone for making us feel welcome and for helping us get to know you. We are looking forward to a long ministry together as the Bride of Christ. Please pray daily for God's spirit to lead us, not according to our wants/wishes, but according to God's plan.

~Terry



Joyful News

Happy Yesvember, a month of Radical Positivity!

Do you feel radically positive? Or positively radical? Perhaps you feel just a bit… "blah"? You're not alone. The CDC reports that at any given time, an average of 12-20% of adults in the country report feeling anxious or depressed (and that's not even touching the numbers for youth and young adults who lived through the COVID years!).

If I seem at all well-adjusted to you now, please know that in the linear graph of my life, I've spent more than my fair share of time in the y-axis negative quadrants as well. I like to think I'm a more empathetic person for it, but that's only in hindsight. It never feels great when you're living through it–like last month, as my darling husband wrote in the newsletter, going through a bit of a depresh–but as the Psalmist tells us, when you're walking through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, remember that He is with us, walking alongside, encouraging us to keep going. (It helps to be surrounded by wonderfully encouraging people, too!)

For Yesvember, I've assembled a few of my time-tested tips and tricks to help one stay in a more positive mindset. Are these foolproof? Absolutely not! Some are silly, but are immensely helpful (to me, anyway) to remember that I'm not going through this thing called "life" alone; but also, that when we give away radical positivity and practice gratefulness, we leave very little room for complaint and depression. Give them a try, and see if they make a difference for you, too!

- Fake Smile Until It's Not Fake. If you've never heard of this concept, look up "Laughter Yoga," which is a deliberate practice where you start by fake laughing (loudly!), and eventually, due to the absurdity of the exercise, you unconsciously switch to genuine laughter. It works for smiling, too, which is a boon in any customer-facing enterprise!
- Remember to give genuine feedback. Got great service somewhere? Leave a two-sentence note and make someone's day!
- Clean off surfaces. This seems out of place, maybe, but I can't tell you how many times just seeing a clean table or kitchen counter has helped calm my cluttered mind and bring back focus.
- Be generous. I strive to be a person that can one day be described as "absurdly generous", and someday I'll get there. Not only does it feel good, but I can't tell you how many times I've been blessed in return by others' generosity. Connected? I'd say yes.
- Pick your battles. In life. In marriage. With the kids. At work. Is every issue worth arguing and having your opinion come out on top? A wise woman at work(Monica!) once said "Is it a Heaven or Hell issue?" meaning, unless it's an issue of eternity, it's probably okay to let it go and not nitpick every last little thing.
- Eschew offense and victimhood. This is pretty self-explanatory, but nothing is the thief of joy and contentment than stewing in self-pity and imagined injustice committed against yourself. Remember that we are victors in Christ, and we share in the inheritance as overcomers! No gossip, slander, annoyance or resentment holds more power than that.
- Forgive quickly and relentlessly (but not as a sucker). Christ forgave me, and continues to. He is relentlessly generous (!) in that regard. (Remember that forgiving is to release yourself from a burden of holding a grudge, not to signal that the action by the other person was acceptable.)
- GSD & MPH. This is my motto at work, and it's the simplest concept of all, but it's amazing how it just keeps me in the right mindset to stay positive; it stands for: Get Stuff Done, and Make People Happy. It doesn't really matter what else is happening, but if I'm doing those two things, I'm succeeding, and that may be the best motivator of all!

Be Blessed this month! -Rebecca

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Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Happenings

Hanging of the Greens & Soup	**November 22nd at 4 pm**
Thanksgiving	**November 26th**
First Advent Sunday	**November 29th**
Food Drive for Culver Community Improvement Group	**Nov 29th – Dec 13th**
Ladies Christmas Party & December Meeting	**December 7th at 7 pm**
Christmas Openhouse at Terry and Charlene's House	**December 13th at 4 - 6 pm**
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	**December 24th at 7 pm**

November Birthdays

Not Available for Internet



Library Corner

Your librarian likes to read and occasionally comes upon a series so good, I must share it. If you like historical fiction, we have kindred spirits along with our love for our beloved Jesus Christ, Savior and Master. To me this is the best way to learn history, and I learned a lot of history regarding the Irish during the potato blight which caused a terrible famine in the mid-eighteen hundreds. Author B.J. Hoff puts herself in the tattered and torn garments of the Irish people, poor and hungry. Many were forced out of their little homes by greedy landlords anxious to use the land for a more substantial living. The EMERAL BALLAD series takes most of two close families to New York City via a ship carrying trafficked little Chinese girls treated quite well versus the Irish travelers. The chief beauty of these books is dependence on the Lord with scriptures used throughout. I will leave you with this bit of information and give you the names of the five ballads: 1. Song of the Silent Hart, 2. Heart of the Lonely Exile, 3. Land of a Thousand Dreams, 4. Sons of an Ancient Glory and 5. Dawn of the Golden Promise — you will find them in our library with light blue circular stickers on their spines.

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Potluck Sunday
November 1, 2026

- After service at the Culver Christian Church
- Bring a dish or dessert to share



Saturday Ladies Fellowship
When: November 14th at 11 am
Where: Fireside Room
Bring: Brunch, potluck style
What: Come enjoy a time of food, fellowship & welcoming Charlene.

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Return Service Requested



Missions Corner

Thanksgiving Offering

Each November we traditionally select one of our missions to bless through our Thanksgiving Offering (over and above your normal giving). This year we are excited to announce our recipient will be MPerfectly.

This is a mission/ministry we added this year for monthly support. They are currently raising funds to expand their mission to provide housing refuge for women fleeing a bad situation, and teaching them life and work skills to get back on their feet.



About MPerfectly

MPerfectly is a faith-based education program for women, supporting them on their journey from trauma to triumph. Their mission is simple yet powerful: to equip women in recovery with the education, opportunities, and resources they need for long-term success.

They believe that when women are empowered to overcome their past and build a new future, they create a ripple effect of positive change that strengthens families, communities, and society as a whole. Through comprehensive life skills programs, participants gain essential knowledge in financial literacy, health and nutrition, communication, and career development. They also partner with Shepherd's House whenever possible.

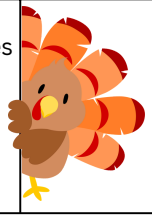
If you would like to share in blessing MPerfectly with funds towards expanding their ministry, please include a separate check in the offering box with Thanksgiving Offering in the memo. Envelopes are also available. Thank you!

Biblesticks Update

A huge thank you for all who have generously given donations for our BibleSticks fundraiser to support those in the world who don't have great resources to hear God's Word. More donations have come in since September — we raised $950, which will purchase 38 Biblesticks! Our goal was 30 this year, and we exceeded it. And they have someone who will match funds again, so that's double the blessing!

— Serving Him, Jessica Locke, Missions Chair

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Potluck Sunday* Jr church: Lola Nursery: Olivia	2 Ladies Meeting 7 pm (FS) Deacon Meeting 7 pm (3SR)	3 Kids Afterschool Program* 2:30-4 pm Youth Group* 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study 6 pm (3SR)	4 Ladies Bible Study 9:15 am (FS) Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm	5 AA meeting 7:30 am (FS) TOPS meeting 5 pm (FS)	6	7
8 Coffee & Goodies Jr church: Rebecca Nursery: Dylanne	9	10 Kids Afterschool Program* 2:30-4 pm Youth Group* 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study 6 pm (3SR)	11 Ladies Bible Study 9:15 am (FS) Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm	12 AA meeting 7:30 am (FS) TOPS meeting 5 pm (FS)	13	14 Ladies Fellowship 11 am
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22 Hanging of the Greens 4 pm Jr church: Lola Nursery: Leanna	23	24 Kids Afterschool Program* 2:30-4 pm Youth Group* 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study 6 pm (3SR)	25 No Bible Study Office Closed	26 Thanksgiving Office Closed	27 Office Closed Private Event 7 pm in FLC	28 Private Event 1 - 7 pm in FLC
29 Birthday Sunday First Advent Sunday Jr church: Olivia Nursery: Katy	30			Serving as Deaconesses this month: Lola Hagman Heather VanAlstyne 		

FS - Fireside Room * - Family Life Center
3SR - Three Sisters Room

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