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September 25, 2021



SunCoast
Metropolitan Community Church

**SunCoast
MCC Stewardship Prayer
2021**

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COUNT YOUR
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BE A
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September 25, 2021



SunCoast
Metropolitan Community Church

**SunCoast
MCC Stewardship Prayer
2021**

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for the many blessings You
have bestowed on me and
all those I love –
especially the blessings of
the Community and
Ministries of
SunCoast MCC.***

***I am grateful for the time,
talent and treasure of those
who preceded me at
Suncoast MCC providing its
blessings for me
today. Grant me
wisdom as I contemplate my
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