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Worship Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday Children's Bible Adventure

Happy New Year!

I am not a huge fan of New Year's Resolutions. We make these huge promises to ourselves, like how we're going to go to the gym more, or eat healthier, or spend less and save more. We start out on a good path for a few weeks in January working towards our goals, and we feel really good about ourselves! But then we get distracted, we get off of our plan, and by February we're back to our old habits. US News and World Report noted just a year ago that 80% of New Year's resolutions fail by February. So I'm not a fan of these resolutions that don't bring lasting change, as well intentioned as they are.

But there is a desire for real, lasting change underneath those resolutions, isn't there? Why else would we make resolutions if we didn't actually want to see change in our lives? We are all aware of areas in our lives where we would like to grow.

Thankfully, God is in the change business. Not through New Year's Resolutions that mostly fail, but through the power of his Word. Often we look at the bible as an inspirational book, a place where we can turn to get a message from God to help us through our day. But God's Word is so much more than that. Paul writes this in 2 Timothy 3:16-17: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

What Paul is saying in these verses is that not only is the bible the Word of God, it is also the work of God. God's Word is not merely inspirational, it is also transformational. As we take in God's Word, it actually changes us. It makes us wise for salvation (2 Timothy 3:15), it convicts us of sin (Hebrews 4:12), refreshes our souls, gives us wisdom, brings us joy (Psalm 19:7-8), and so much more.

Therefore if we want to grow in 2020, if we want to see lasting change in our lives, it will not come through New Year's Resolutions that focus on personal effort. Trying harder will not bring about lasting change. However God's Word will bring about the change we desire. The Word of God is also the work of God, and so if we want to see God at work in our lives it will be through his Word penetrating our lives. As one pastor has said: "Where there has been genuine life change and growth there has been a steady diet of the Word." If we want to see change in our lives, we need more of God's Word in our lives.

How can we get a steady diet of God's Word? Consider five regular practices for 2020:

1. Hear the Word: Every Sunday the message will be from God's Word. If you miss a Sunday, the messages are available on our church website, missionvillage.church.
2. Read the Word: A great tool to read the Word is the Read Scripture app, which takes you through the bible in a year, and has helpful videos to understand the main themes of each book of the bible.

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“this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Romans 12:1b-2

3. Study the Word: Join a small group bible study or come to the adult Sunday School before service each Sunday. There is always a huge benefit to studying the bible with other believers!
4. Memorize the Word: I know at this point a bunch of folks will say, I can’t memorize anything. Not true! You have memorized all kinds of things in your life (songs, favorite lines from movies, the menu at McDonalds, etc...), and you can memorize the bible as well! A great (and fun) tool to help you memorize the bible is the Fighter Verses app.
5. Meditate on the Word: I have found this particularly effective when combined with Bible memorization. As you memorize and repeat verses in your head it is natural to reflect and meditate on them. This is where God’s Word can sink deep into our hearts and bring about real transformation.

The bible is the Word of the God and the Work of God. I know that many of you are eager to see God work in your life and in our church this year. So let us take in more and more of God’s Word in 2020, and watch God do his work in us!

Blessings,

Pastor Steve

{ Small Groups }

Monday

1:00 p.m.

Afternoon Bible Study

MVCF Library

2650 Melbourne Dr. 92123

7:00 p.m.

Women’s Bible Study

MVCF Library

2650 Melbourne Dr. 92123

7:00 p.m.

Men’s Bible Study

5102 Baxter St. 92117

858-829-2097

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

2650 Melbourne Dr. 92123

Wednesday

6:45p.m. Youth Group

MVCF Youth Room

2650 Melbourne Dr. 92123

Friday

7:00 p.m.

Chris French Home Fellowship

3333 Ruffin Rd. 3E 92123

858.735.5924

Adult Ministry

Hello Family,

What an awesome year it has been. God has been working in our church family in big ways: The Men’s and Women’s retreats, Family Camp with record numbers. The messages at each have moved us closer as a family to God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Our home fellowships have flourished and grown and I can’t wait to see what God has in store for us in the coming year.

Recently, a group of 8 finished the Rooted Discipleship class and I recommend when the next one starts that you take the opportunity to partake in it You will grow closer in your relationship with Jesus than you can imagine. This is my last year on Council in the capacity of Adult Ministry, but I know that whoever takes over will be a blessing, offering new thoughts and ideas. It has been an honor to serve all of you.

God Bless All of you and Happy New Year

John Nowak Adult Ministry



- 03—Alana Krokee
- 07—Senyo Adjibolosoo
- 14—Derek Carver
- 18—Noah Guenther



02—Roger & June McCollough

Children's Ministry

Dear Church,

We are starting a new year! Clean slate, new things ahead. Woo Hoo! (no sarcasm intended). The children did such a great job on the Christmas play! I am so very proud of them! It was a joy for me to work with them. I've been going through a bit of withdrawal now that it is over. I will miss it. But, with that being said, it is making the wheels turn in my head for the next Christmas play. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped behind the scenes, Chris French and Ned Peek for making props and scenery. Mike Loren who helped Chris and Ned setting up. Anna Aray who help with corralling the children behind the scenes during the play, all the parents who worked with their kids and making sure they were at the rehearsals, Helen playing the piano for us, and of course All who were in the play! Well done! Oh... there is a P.S. to that.... Thank you, Chris, once again for teaching extra Sundays, so that I could rehearse with the children. It couldn't have been done without each and everyone of you. Thank you all very, very much.

Switching gears.... In Proverbs 29:18 (AMP version) it says, 'Where there is no vision (no redemptive revelation of God), the people perish; but he who keeps the law (of God, which includes that of man)-blessed (happy, fortunate, and enviable) is he.

This verse was part of my devotion today. It encourages us to have vision. To believe God has good things for us (which He does!). When God gives us a vision in our hearts through the prompting of His Holy Spirit or through His word, we need to believe, trust and see it through to the end and not give up. As I serve now in Children's ministry, as God gives me vision for this ministry, and vision to those who serve with me, my prayer is that we will believe, trust, and see it through in this new year ahead of us. I believe God has good things in store for us and the children. Remember, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Philippians 4:13.

So my question for us is this, 'What vision has God put on your heart for your life, or your ministry for Mission Village Christian Fellowship?' What ever it is, Believe it, Trust Him, and don't give up! The Lord promises to be with us through it all. And REMEMBER, the Lord ALWAYS keeps His promises!

May this be our prayer, "Lord plant in my/our heart(s) Your dreams and vision for my/our life."

Dear church family, in 2020 may we believe and trust with wonderful anticipation on what the Lord has for us, and great assurance in our hearts of His incredible Love for us. Thank you Lord! God Bless you church!



Leah Peek



Youth Ministry

The holiday season was a very special one for all of us! Here are some highlights from December 2019:

- Youth Group Holiday Food Drive to benefit Serra Mesa Food Pantry - A big thank you to all who contributed!
- Terri taught the Bible lesson on the first Wednesday
- 2nd Rummage Sale on Saturday, December 7 - Another big thank you to all who helped and/or donated items!
- Shopping spree at Target to purchase 12 Angel Tree gifts on Wednesday, December 11
- Delivery of Food Drive items to the Food Pantry on Wednesday, December 18 (with special guests Luisa Johnson and Sabina Adjibolosoo)
- Celebration of Jim's birthday
- Angel Tree gift deliveries to recipients on Wednesday, December 18

We look forward to sharing a great new year of treasured experiences together. Our next Youth Group meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

For the Youth...

Jim and Audrey



January 2020

Sun

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Sat

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5 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Epiphany Service 3:00 p.m. Kearny Mesa Nursing Center Visit 	6 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study	7 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	8 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:45 p.m. Youth Group	9	10 11:00 a.m. Grief Support Group 7:00 p.m. French's Home Fellowship	11 8 a.m. God's Extended Hand
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..as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved,
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,
humility, gentleness and patience. Col. 3:12

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Financial Secretary	Tony DaVee
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Children's Ministry	Leah Peek
Youth Ministry	Jim Ryer
Adult Ministry	John Nowak
Stewardship	Mike Loren
Fellowship	Shirley House
Service	Darryl Angus
Evangelism	Sara Guenther
Missions	Sabina Adjibolosoo
Finance Ministry	Ernie Garcia
Worship	Arturo Aray

Sunday Schedule

Adult Class.....	8:30 a.m.
Worship & Children's Sunday School.....	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship & Refreshment following Worship	
Nursery & Toddler Care is Available During Worship Service	

Elders

Pastor / Elder.....	Steve de Vos
Administrative Elder	Russ Armstead
Elders.....	Tony DaVee
	Chris French
	Carl Jensen
	Arturo Aray

Staff

Administrative Assistant.....	Ronda Adams
Worship Leader	Arturo Aray
Nursery Attendant.....	Hannab French