

Pastor's Perspective

"Oh how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long." -Psalm 119:97

"You should never go to God because he's useful. Go because he's beautiful. And yet there's nothing more useful than finding God beautiful." -Tim Keller

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As we move into spring, I'm reminded of a time several years ago when I took a group of college students on a retreat out in the desert. The previous winter had been a particularly wet one, and therefore when we were on this retreat, it was the beginning of a "super bloom." The flowers were spectacular. Their beauty was stunning, especially set on the background of desert colors. Of course, we all knew that as the summer months heat up, the flowers would all wilt away, but during that weekend, we got to witness incredible beauty.

I wonder how often we consider God's stunning beauty that never fades. We often turn to God when we are in need, and rightly so. God commands us to bring our needs to him (Philippians 4:6). And we turn to God for wisdom as we face daily decisions, and again, rightly so. God tells us to ask Him for wisdom (James 1:5). But how often do we simply reflect on God's beauty?

Psalm 119 is the longest psalm in the Psalter. It is hundreds of verses long, broken up into sections that correspond to each letter of the Hebrew alphabet. And the entire psalm is a celebration of God's law, of God's Word. I would encourage you to read through Psalm 119 at some point this month. And as you read, you'll notice that as the psalmist celebrates the beauty of God's law, he also increasingly celebrates the beauty of God himself. God's Word reflects God's character, so it is natural that a celebration of the beauty of God's Word would lead to a celebration of the beauty of God himself.

What this teaches us is that if we want to truly comprehend and celebrate God's beauty, we should first and foremost comprehend and celebrate God's Word. And one of the best ways to do this is to memorize God's Word. You don't have to memorize long chunks of the bible (although you can if you want!) but start by memorizing and meditating on one verse at a time. Recently I have been spending more of my quiet time alone with God memorizing Scripture. The more that the deep, timeless truths of God's Word sink into my heart, the more my heart sees and celebrates God's beauty. And when I see God's beauty, it is far easier to come to God asking for my needs and for wisdom. As Tim Keller says, "there is nothing more useful than finding God beautiful."

So as you take in the beauty of God's creation this spring, take some time to dig deeply into God's Word and take in the beauty of God himself. And please tell me what verses you are memorizing and how you are seeing God's beauty as you meditate deeply on God's Word. I would love to celebrate with you as we see God's beauty together.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve

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

Children's Ministry

Heidi ho Church,

On our Monday night women's bible study, we have been studying the book of Exodus, and it has been wonderful! I bring that up right now because right before I started writing this, I just finished reading Exodus Chapter 33, where Moses asks God to show him His glory. The Lord said to him, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord in your presence." He also said to Moses, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back, but my face must not be seen." Because a little earlier before that, God said, "No one may see me and live." Wow! I just sat and soaked in that word—what a powerful, mighty, glorious God we serve. Our minds cannot even fully comprehend it all. And now, because of what Jesus did on the cross for us and His resurrection, we have the power of His Holy Spirit working in us. His glory and goodness dwelling within us. He's not just passing by; He dwells with those of us who have received Him in our hearts. Soak in that! Thank you God!

So, with that in mind, as we serve Him in our ministries, be it, Children's Ministry, Missions, Evangelism, Fellowship, etc., can He equip us to do the work He puts on our hearts to do? YES, most definitely! When we allow that movement of His Spirit to work in us, "With my (our) God, I (we) can scale the wall." (Psalm 18:29) ☺

On February 9th, Children's Ministry had a meeting after church to see who we have onboard ☺, and also I wanted to throw out some ideas to pray about. I was so blessed to see all the smiling willing faces excited to serve the children in different ways.

One of the ideas that we will be starting is a Saturday Morning event, 10 to 12, for elementary age children up to 12 or 13 to get together to have a time of games or crafts, short message, etc. with lunch served at the end. It will be about 4 Saturdays a year. This is an opportunity for the children to invite friends that might not want or be able to come to church on Sunday, Our prayer is this will get them excited and stir their hearts to want to come to church and get to know more about Jesus.

We will be starting this up on either March 28th or April 4th. (still TBD). We will be meeting March 1st after service to discuss and plan. Information will be announced as it draws closer.

I'm excited to see what God has in store for us. Pray for us as we serve and seek His guidance. I know that through the help of His Holy Spirit, He will give us what we need, and the Glory of the Lord will be shown.

God Bless,
Leah Peek



- 04—Darryl Angus
- 04—Tony Quion
- 05—Tony DaVee
- 07—Andrew de Vos
- 07—Van Thibodeaux
- 14—Matt Leigh
- 16—Admasu Agiro
- 19—Frances Chism
- 24—Frank Romeo
- 25—Jayson Stone Jr.
- 25—Susie Scott-Manies
- 26—Chuck Sones
- 27—Mike Loren



- 05—Jean & Michele Fortanas
- 05—Tony & Michele Quion

"-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

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

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Maundy Thursday

April 9th

In the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.



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Passover Seder

The last meal given to God's children before being delivered from Egypt.

This is the meal known as the Last Supper when Jesus gave us communion.

Both a ceremonial meal and a dinner

Seating limited to 40, so please sign up ASAP for an accurate food count.

RSVP to me at christopherpfrench@gmail.com
OR 858-735-5923.



Fellowship

Hello Church Family,

The year 2020 has started at a steady pace and doesn't show any signs of slowing down. Thank you, everyone, that contributed to our Epiphany potluck. I appreciated all your help! The men's bible study group provided our food for after-church fellowship the next week. I couldn't be there, but I'm sure everyone enjoyed it. And thank you for that!

We were fortunate to have Jenny provide pizza on January 19, and that is always a crowd-pleaser! Thank you, Jenny! Our youth group was a new contribution to our after-service snacks on Sunday, February 9. They did an EXCELLENT job with a little help from Jim, Audrey, and Terri. They also invited me to go bowling with them afterward. Everyone knows they didn't have to twist my arm. LOL! Jenny cooked for us again, which she did on February 16, according to everyone, it was wonderful.

We are looking forward to some special events coming up in March and April. First, is our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Church camp. We will be announcing a date soon. We had a great response last year!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the after church get together! Whether it's bringing snacks or helping prepare or clean up. I want you to know how much I appreciate all of you!

In Christ,

Shirley

Youth Ministry

We had a great February! Terri kicked off the month with a lesson from Romans in the first week. On Sunday, February 9, the Youth Group did the offering collection in the sanctuary and prepared the fellowship meal at church. Many people praised the students for the wonderful job they did in prepping, serving, and cleaning up the fellowship meal. It was a fun, bonding time to work in the kitchen.

After the fellowship meal clean up, we headed to Kearny Mesa Bowl and enjoyed boys vs. girls bowling, snacks, and the arcade. Expert bowler, Shirley House, joined us and we appreciated having her at the bowling alley. The boys' team won by just a few points over the girls.

In honor of Valentine's Day, Pastor Steve did a Bible lesson about love. We also celebrated Pastor Steve's birthday by singing "Happy Birthday" and eating a delicious cake made by Terri. The students also gave Pastor Steve a "gift" by reciting Bible verses they had memorized.



Youth Ministry, continued

With February being the month of love, we participated in a small act of kindness project with greeting cards and writing a personal encouraging note in each card. We wrote and addressed a total of 12 cards to be sent out through the end of February. Our recipient was a sweet person who is experiencing a challenging season of life. Kind actions make a difference, no matter how small.

In the third week of February, Jim taught a lesson on 2 Corinthians. The last week was Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

Our Youth Group meetings on Wednesdays continue to be an uplifting time for all of us. We start the evening with free time and games. Then, we gather to pray, do a Bible lesson and/or activity, sing songs led by Mr. French, socialize, and pray again. It is a blessing to be a part of the Youth ministry. We are grateful for the leaders (Terri, Ivan, Pastor Steve, and Mr. French) and for the students (Andrew, Briahna, Isa, Jonas, Josh, Matthew, and Samuel).

In March, we will continue with New Testament Bible lessons. Also, the next Youth Rummage Sale will be coming up soon - date to be announced.

For the youth,
Jim and Audrey



Praying prior to the offering collection



Preparing the fellowship meal

What Is a Passover Seder?

The Seder is a feast that includes reading, drinking wine, telling stories, eating special foods and singing.

As per Biblical command, it is held [after nightfall](#) on the first night of Passover (and the [second night](#) if you live outside of Israel), the anniversary of our nation's miraculous exodus from Egyptian slavery more than 3,000 years ago. This year's Seder(s) will be on celebrated between April 8th and April 16th. Our Seder celebration will be April 9th

[Messianic Passover Seder](#)

Why is it called a Messianic Seder?

The Seder is basically Messianic. At its inception the Seder was to ultimately point to the Messiah Jesus the Christ. I simply show how these traditional Seder elements point to our Savior.

There are no set rules for the basic order of the Seder. Just like Thanksgiving dinner, traditions vary among families.

In A Family Guide to the Biblical Holidays there are examples of:

1. a simple seder with no specific readings.
2. a traditional seder outline. This outline consists of eighteen traditional steps you can adapt for your family.

Passover was reintroduced by Hezekiah in Bible times (Numbers 9). They were unable to follow every step outlined in Leviticus; however, God knew their hearts. He had grace towards them and healed their people.

Seder Checklist

- The table is usually set with the best dishes, a low floral arrangement, a tablecloth, and two candle holders and candlesticks.
- Place a Haggadah at each setting (or every other setting.)

On the table near the leader:

- Seder Plate. You can purchase a Seder plate or use a fancy dish, or even let the children color a paper plate.
- Three pieces of matzah, in the specially designed matzah cover or within three cloth napkins.
- A small basin of water for the hand washing (or the leader can bring it to the table when it is time) and a towel to dry the hands.
- On the chairs should be a pillow or cushion for leaning.

Seder Plate:

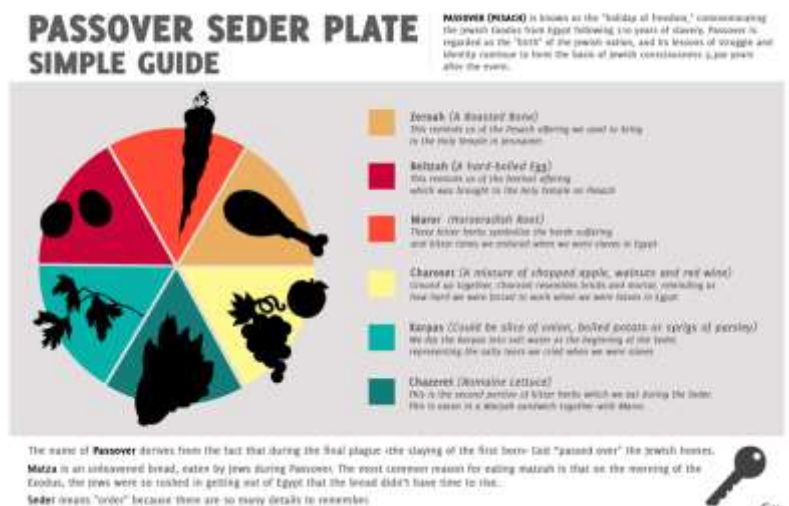
- A shank bone of a lamb (some leave off the shank bone and serve a different main dish because Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice. Others like the symbolism—you choose):
- Bitter herbs (usually horseradish);
- Karpas (a green vegetable, usually parsley or celery.)
- Charoset (a mixture of apple, nuts, and wine)
- Three pieces of matzah, in the specially designed matzah cover or within three cloth napkins.

On the table within everyone's reach

- Small bowls of salty water.
- Wine goblet or glass.
- Extra bitter herbs and charoset for a large family or gathering.
- A plate of matzah.
- A bottle of wine or grape juice (one bottle per every six to eight people).

The above is an excerpt from

[A Family Guide to the Biblical Holidays](#).



March 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p>8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Kearny Mesa Nursing Center Visit</p>	<p>7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:45 p.m. Youth Group Happy Birthday Darryl Angus Tony Quion</p>	<p>Happy Birthday Tony DaVee</p>	<p>Women's Conference</p>	<p>Happy Birthday Andrew de Vos Van Thibodeaux Women's Conference</p>
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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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Open
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June McCollough
Leah Peek
Jim Ryer
John Nowak
Mike Loren
Shirley House
Darryl Angus
Sara Guenther
Sabina Adjibolosoo
Ernie Garcia
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 ElderRuss Armstead
Elders.....Tony DaVee
Chris French
Carl Jensen
Arturo Aray

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Worship LeaderArturo Aray
Nursery Attendant..... Hannab French