

Pastor's Perspective

Good News for A Tired World

“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!” -Isaiah 52:7

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

-Romans 10:14-15

This past year we have gotten more than a fair share of bad news. Of course there have been nuggets of goodness in the midst of the hardships, and God has certainly been at work during this pandemic. But most people, if you ask their opinion of this past year, will not give you glowing reviews. In fact, their language might be quite colorful as they describe how they feel about this past year!

But as followers of Jesus, we have good news to share. We have good news for a world that is tired of hearing bad news. In fact, the word gospel means “good news.” So the gospel message that God loves us, desires to be in a relationship with us, and through Jesus Christ and his death and resurrection offers us a secure and eternal relationship with him, is very good news. In a year where everything we typically turn to for peace and stability has changed, the gospel is good news that does not change, and offers us eternal hope. No matter what happens in this world, if we trust in Jesus for our salvation, we have an inheritance that can never be taken away from us. That is very good news indeed!

This first Sunday of April is Easter Sunday where we will celebrate Jesus’ glorious resurrection together. We will celebrate the good news. We will have our Sunrise Service at 7am outside, our Celebration Service at 9:30 in the sanctuary, and that service will also be streamed on YouTube and Facebook. Following that service there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids out on the front lawn. So there are a variety of ways you can invite your friends and family to be part of our Easter celebration, both in person and online.

In Romans 10 Paul makes the very rational argument that people cannot receive and believe in the good news without first hearing the good news. Our job as followers of Jesus is to take the good news we have received and believed in and share it with those around us. So who in your life needs good news? Who can you invite to join us this weekend?

I’m praying for you as you invite your friends and family members to join us for our Easter Celebration. And I’m looking forward to celebrating with you this weekend as we joyfully proclaim good news: Christ Is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Blessings,

Pastor Steve

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Worship Schedule

Until Further Notice

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Outside & Online Sunday Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Zoom Fellowship
- 10:00 a.m. Outside Sunday Children’s Bible Adventure

**"- 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**

### Earthly Goal or Heavenly/Spiritual Goal

Let start by saying that all earthly goals are not automatically bad or invalid simply because they are accomplished in this earthly existence. Completing school, establishing a career, finding a spouse, or starting a family are some of the many valid goals in our lives. There are, however, significant differences in the rewards which accompany heavenly or spiritual goals.

The greatest satisfaction for an earthly goal occurs when that goal has been fulfilled. The process of striving for that goal can give us joy, especially as we reach milestones in that goal. Here then is the significant difference between earthly and heavenly/spiritual goals:

Philippians 3:14

*"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."*

Jesus gave the perfect earthly example of the heavenly goal and how it should look. It was an earthly life of complete commitment and obedience to God.

The beauty of the process of striving towards this goal is the incredible amount of joy that we can consistently experience in our progress towards that goal. The bottom line here is that having earthly goals are worthy pursuits in our lives. However, the greatest joy will be experienced in our lives when those goals are coupled with our spiritual/heavenly journey, which will be accomplished when we are face to face with our Heavenly Father.

Mr. French, your fellow sojourner

### Small Groups:

- Monday  
1:00 p.m.  
Afternoon Bible Study  
at MVCF
- 7:00 p.m.  
Women's Bible Study  
at MVCF
- 7:00 p.m.  
Men's Bible Study  
TBD Where
- Tuesday  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting  
Online
- Wednesday  
6:45 p.m. Youth Group  
Outside—MVCF
- Friday  
2nd & 4th Friday  
11:00 a.m. Grief Group  
at MVCF
- 6:30 p.m.  
Chris French Home Fellowship  
at MVCF




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 7:30 a.m. SonRise Service 9:30 a.m. Easter Service	5 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study	6 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	7 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:45 p.m. Youth Group	8	9 11:00 a.m. at MVCF Grief Support Group 6:30 p.m. Home Fellowship with the French's	10
11 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	12 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study	13 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Online Council Meeting	14 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:45 p.m. Youth Group	15	16 6:30 p.m. Home Fellowship with the French's	17
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02—Hannah French  
08—Jayson Stone  
09—Marge Demas  
11—Michele Quion  
22—Carl Demas  
26—Ned Peek  
27—Jenn Perez Harris  
29—Arturo Aray



01—Arturo & Anna Aray  
16—Carl & Marge Demas  
16—Matt & Ellen Davis

## Youth Ministry

He is risen, He is risen indeed.

God is Good, (response) All the time. All the time, (response) God is good.

These are sayings we say as Christian adults, we have been saying them with the Youths, too, to repeat.

The Youth are enjoying the weekly lent lessons online by Pastor Steve. We've been watching and learning to give our troubles to God. Because Steve is focusing on John Chapter 14:1 "Do not be troubled. Trust in God." Give your troubles to God! We have learning in the chapter, which makes Steve's videos extra special for us. We have expedited the book of John the month of March to be able to finish the book, or the story of Jesus, by the end of March –just before Easter in April. This year the Youth will have a better Godly perspective of what Easter really is, with the help of the Holy Spirit growing and maturing inside of them. It's helping them to better understand the death of Jesus and why it 'had' to be. All of the events of Jesus' life had led to his prophesized death, that took on the symbol of the death of all our sins; the sins of the world. So Jesus could rise again to save us, His resurrection is the reason for this season, for those who believe in God, to offer us eternal salvation in the house of God, forever and ever.

I asked, impromptu, for each of them to give me 1 word from the Bible that they believe represents it:

Here is what I heard back: Grace; Glory, Halleluiah, Jesus, Amen, Love, Saved, Holy Spirit, God.

Our Youth have exemplified the workings of the Holy Spirit by reaching out to our community by filling over 500 plastic Easter Eggs and delivering flyers in the community for those to attend our church service on Easter, hopefully a few more to our church for the grandiose Easter Egg Hunt and Son-Rise service. We are doing our part to help our church grow as we lost two key families.

In the month of April, for a reward for a school year well done, by completing our study of the book of John. We will be watching a video called "The Chosen" season 1 thru the month of May from 7:15-8p Wed. nights. We'd like to offer anyone who would like to come join us to watch the story of Jesus, Please do. We will be watching it in the fellowship hall so bring your own: mask, popcorns and soft drinks. We will be and love playing Frisbee Ultimate on the lawn at 6:30ish; & praying always 7p and 8p.

We'd like to give a shout out of good luck to Isa Aray who has delighted us with her Godly wisdom and the Holy Spirit that shines through her like beacon of light. She has moved on to another church, she is missed and we wish her all the best. Her love for the Lord shows in her actions and words. Her Ultimate Frisbee skills are phenomenal. We hope her new church and friends love and enjoy her as much as us.

Our Lesson Updates:

Lesson 11: John 7:53-8:11      Memory Verse: John 8-11

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The Good News: Jesus responds to the exposure of sin in our lives with compassion and

Grief Support Group  
on the second & fourth  
Friday  
of every month at  
11:00 a.m.  
If you are interested in  
attending, please talk to  
Joanna de Vos

We exist to  
worship God by  
helping people to  
know and follow  
Jesus.

Work Party  
Every Fourth  
Saturday  
of the month  
8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
refreshment will be  
provided.  
For more info call  
Mike Loren  
at 619-464-1133



*Mission's Ministry*

Mission Village Christian Fellowship (MVCF) continues to support the Human Factor Leadership Academy (HFLA) in Ghana. Academy founder and MVCF member Senyo Adjibolosoo recently had the opportunity to visit the school and encourage the staff. Despite the challenges of COVID-19 this past year, the children continue to persevere. Below are some photos from HFLA over the past few years.



## *Youth Ministry, continued*

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Lesson 12: John 8:12-59                      Memory Verse John 8:57

“Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”

The Good News: Jesus calls himself the “light of the world” (John 8:12) – basically, a Life GPS! He guides us in dark places, and shows us the way to go. He leads us out of sin and into the freedom of a relationship with Him!

Lesson 14: John 10:1-42      Memory Verse: John 10:28

“I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.”

The Good News: Jesus is that home. He is our good shepherd who leads us, guides us, loves us, and protects us. We can find rest in Him and His provisions for us.

Lesson 15: John 11: 1-57      Memory Verse: John 11:35      ‘Jesus Wept’

The Good News: Jesus became human, subjecting Himself to death just like us. He knows the fear of death, and He knows our grief and sadness over death. But in dying, Jesus won the ultimate victory for us – He defeated death and gave us hope for eternal life.

Lesson 16: John 12:1-11      Memory Verse: John 12:3

Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment perfume made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

The Good News:

Jesus is the only who is truly worthy of our worship. He defeated death, delivering us from our sins, and gave us new life. When we realize how much He has done for us, we can’t help but want to worship Him!





..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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Stewardship  
Fellowship  
Service  
Evangelism  
Missions  
Finance Ministry  
Worship

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Ronda Adams  
Tony DaVee  
June McCollough  
Leah Peek  
Terri Carver  
Joanna de Vos  
Mike Loren  
Shirley House  
Darryl Angus  
Open  
Ellen Davis  
Ernie Garcia  
Open

### Sunday Schedule

Worship & Children's Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Nursery & Toddler Care is Available During Worship Service  
Service will be live on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#)

### Elders

Pastor / Elder.....Steve de Vos  
Administrative Elder .....Tony DaVee  
Elders.....Chris French  
Carl Jensen

### Staff

Administrative Assistant.....Ronda Adams  
Nursery Attendant.....Hannab French