

"- 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

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Worship Schedule

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

Pastor's Perspective

Living in Grace

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." -Romans 12:1

For the first part of this summer, we have been exploring the depths of God's grace on Sunday mornings in our series "Grace Magnified." It has been wonderful to see the depths of God's grace in the book of Romans: to see how God's grace is greater than all our sin, to see how God's grace reconciles us to himself, and to see how God's grace gives us hope, even in the most difficult of circumstances. It is no wonder then that there are an abundance of hymns and praise songs written over centuries that sing of God's amazing, glorious grace!

Now we could rightly spend weeks and months soaking in God's amazing grace and worshipping our God of grace. And rest assured we will do that! But at some point, we also need to ask ourselves what this means for our lives. Grace this beautiful, this powerful, should change us, it should change how we live our lives. God in his love for us sent Jesus to die for us when we didn't deserve it. We cannot look at that grace and walk away unchanged.

So how does God's grace change our lives? How do we live in God's grace? What does a grace filled person look like? Those are the questions we will be exploring together for much of the month of August as we continue in our "Grace Magnified" series. We will be in Romans chapters 12-15. In these chapters Paul gives us some beautiful and practical pictures of what it means to live in grace, and to be a person of grace.

August is going to be a fun and busy month in the life of our church family! We have Beach Nights continuing Wednesday evenings down at Mission Bay at 6pm, Vacation Bible School August 17-20 in the evenings (no Beach Night that week!), and our monthly Friday Fellowship BBQ on August 27th right before the kids go back to school. But in addition to these activities, I want to give us a simple assignment: spend some time reading through Romans 12-15 in your bibles, particularly 12:1-15:13. Use these chapters for your daily bible reading time if you do not already have a bible reading plan. Let God's Word sink into you. And if we do that together, we will be even more ready to respond to God's grace and live in God's grace together.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Steve

Musings from the Moderator

Hello from your new (again) Moderator,

To pick up where I last left off - it was the middle of summer 2016 (I think) - but this summer looks VERY VERY different from the end of the last summer when I stepped down from my time as Moderator. We were finishing up Pastor Steve's first year. and no one had heard of the words "Covid 19" nor had the word "pandemic" been used in our vocabulary. Unfortunately ... or sadly...those words have been used too frequently. BUT - thankfully, in this August 2021, we're getting so much closer to not having to use them! Praise God!

I am excited to be on Council at this time of mutual cooperation and future goal building - we are an excited group of people/workers! However (and you knew there was a however in there) we have had losses that have been challenging to navigate - our church family has lost several members who were givers and doers - and yes, we are looking for our members to step up to volunteer. I know we're tired, we're a little worried still, and perhaps we're unsure about what abilities and gifts we have to share. That's okay - we're all navigating this end-of-the-pandemic together - and what a wonderful way to learn how to spread your wings but by raising your hand to help out.

In the next few weeks, the Personnel Committee will be meeting to see what positions need filling. Did you know that each of the sitting Council chairs have committees? Sitting on a committee doesn't require a great deal of time, so please be opened to praying about joining (and then saying yes) if someone asks you to join their committee!

Thank you to the many people who came to the Church "Fix it and Clean it" Party the month of July! Many hands make light work!!! Be on the lookout for the August "party" and what Mike Loren will have for us to do!

Finally - two things: 1) our Council meetings are open to all members of the church who would like to sit in, please consider yourself invited each month and 2) I am here to serve you, please never hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns: chrisandjen333@gmail.com or 858*735*5924.

Blessings on your August! Pray for VBS, that the children who attend find a friend in Jesus and learn to know and love Him.

In His Service,
Jennifer French
Moderator

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

Small Groups:

Monday

Afternoon Bible Study
Summer Break

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Online

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Beach Night
Youth Group
Summer Break

Friday

2nd & 4th Friday
11:00 a.m. Grief Group
at MVCF
Chris French Home
Fellowship

Children's Ministry

VBS...Vacation Bible School is a go for this summer.

Date: August 17-20

Time 6:00 to 8:15

Themes.. Rocky Railroad

Day1.. Jesus' power helps us do hard things.

Day2...Jesus' power gives us hope

Day3... Jesus' power helps us be bold

Day4... Jesus' power unites us with Him and each other forever.


For more information contact Mr. French 858-735-5923 or christopherpfrench@gmail.com



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

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	9	10 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Online Council Meeting	11 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry Beach Night	12	13 11:00 a.m. at MVCF Grief Support Group	14
15 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	16	17 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting  VBS	18 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry  VBS	19  VBS	20  VBS	21
22 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	23	24 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	25 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry Last Beach Night	26	27 11:00 a.m. at MVCF Grief Support Group Church Bar-B-Q 6:00 p.m.	28 Work Party 8:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
29 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	30	31 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting				



06—Claire Krokee
12—Steve Little
14—Andy Carver
15—Sabina Adjibolosoo
16—Jean Fortanas
16—Samuel Davis
23—Becky DeLaCruz



01—Andy & Terri Carver

Youth Ministry

Hello MVCF church family:

The Youth Group was so blessed to be able to take their annual retreat with our church family at the Pine Valley Bible Conference Center July 2-4th. We used our rummage sale proceeds to pay for our 6 Youths who helped us at both our sales: Andrew, Briahna, Christian, Joseph, Jonas, and Matt. We also partially subsidized one of newest Youths: Kristina Haney, daughter of Kim, who came back to our church recently. Andrew and Matt got to travel and stay in lodges with their families. **The 2 girls stayed in Terri's cabin connecting to the 3 boys who stayed by themselves in the adjoining cabin. We are very proud of their good behavior they exemplified throughout the weekend, attending all the Youth activities, and abiding by our curfew at 10p to be in their room.** Those church members who were skeptical complimented us that everyone followed the rules, had lots of fun and no one got hurt!

We had a very full schedule arriving Friday afternoon till Sunday leaving right after lunchtime. Here are the many activities we did throughout the weekend:

- Frisbee Golf upon arrival
- First meeting session, the youth met outside with Pastor Steve and Terri who shared stories.
- Afterwards we went to the game room where the Youths had a blast, it was thundering loud.
- Sat. breakfast was waffles and sausages
- We met in the Youth Room with our 15 Youths and discussed the Greatest Commandment, then 10 commandments and how the Lord said. **“Do not worry about today”** We re-studied Psalm 23 and went over our Olympic skit to present to the church family the next day. We asked everyone for prayer requests then we took a field trip to the small chapel. I asked everyone for silence inside, that with this group of Youths, is hard to accomplish, but we did. I prayed for everyone. In fact, some of the Youths went to the chapel on their own time to pray later to get closer to Jesus. The Chapel is a powerful place that has the Holy Spirit, and 3 crosses outside the window.
- Lunch was Hot Dogs and fries
- Our Saturday afternoon we had lots to do together: Zip Line, live laser tag, shopping at the gift store and to cool off in the pool. It was very hot, so the pool was refreshing. We played water basketball, Frisbee catch, made a whirlpool and there was a cool slide for the younger kids.
- Dinner was Hamburgers
- **After Dinner we had an hour session to learn more about Jesus' great commission. After an hour we walked to the bonfire.** Some of the Youths went to the top of the hill near the crosses. Our boy scouts built our bonfire, the girls sang some songs, and made a variety of smores. I taught them a few patriotic songs: America the Beautiful and Our Country Tis of Thee. Game room next.
- The next morning, we had scrambled eggs and bacon, with mixed fruit for breakfast.
- Our last session was all together in Windfield Hall like our Sunday service with communion. The Youths recited Psalm 23 in the front then we sang all together. Between songs we did a quick skit and Pastor asked if anyone wanted to share what they learned on the mountain. Many of the Youths shared their positive experiences, how they felt much closer to God and each other.
- Everyone was already packed and ready to go so they went Back to the Game room
- Lunch
- Homeward to spread the Love of God to each other, family, friends, and new friends!

Our next Youth Group get together will be helping with our VBS August 17-20.

Our Youth group will resume meeting together the 2nd Wednesday. in September!

God Bless,

Terri Carver
Youth Group



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

Missions Ministry

As I reflect on my first year serving as missions' liaison on the church council, there is much to be thankful for. For instance, I'm thankful for the wonderful people I've been able to connect with, and for how God continues to work in and through the missions that MVCF supports. More specifically, I'm grateful that:

- The church continues to directly sponsor eight children in Ethiopia through New Hope for Women and Children, with 13 more being sponsored by church members and other families.
- The number of families who are utilizing the Serra Mesa Food Pantry has declined compared to at the height of the pandemic, and these numbers have been holding steady in recent months. The community continues to come together to donate food and support the pantry.
- Senyo Adjibolosoo will be able to share an update about the Human Factor Leadership Academy at the end of August. He is currently visiting the school in Ghana, and we look forward to hearing about his trip.

Please continue to pray for these missions as well as for God's Extended Hand and Dan and Debbie Bender. If you are interested in learning more or getting involved with missions at a deeper level, please reach out to me or someone on church leadership.

Thanks,

Ellen Davis

Adult Ministry

We were blessed that so many in our church were able to participate in Family Camp over the July 4th weekend at Pine Valley! After over a year of social distancing and limited opportunities to be together, Family Camp offered a time to reset, restore, and reunite. Spending time with God, with nature, and with one another, we were finally able to experience a greater sense of community and connection that we missed so much.

Perhaps one of the biggest encouragements that weekend came during our worship service Sunday morning. Several members of our Wednesday Night Youth Group shared joyfully about how Family Camp had strengthened their desire to follow Jesus and to share Jesus more intentionally with the people in their lives.

I'm sure many of us felt that "camp high" after such a fun and encouraging time together. But the benefits of camp don't need to fade even if the spiritual high does. I'd like to challenge ALL of us to seek out new ways to grow closer to God and to each other. One of the quickest ways to become part of any community is to get to know a few people (and be known by those people). If you are NOT a part of one of our home fellowships or small groups and would like to be, I encourage you to check one out. And for those of you leading a group, I hope your groups are healthy, growing, and God-glorifying! Thank you all for the ministry you do. Please be sure to let me know specific ways adult ministry can support you and your group in the months ahead. I am also planning a small group leader meeting in early September (more details to come).

Grace and Peace,

Joanna de Vos

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25

Stewardship Ministry

The first mention of a steward during biblical times was in the Old Testament in Genesis. The concept of a steward was as an overseer of a household. He was like the head butler and chief financial officer running the day-to-day affairs and managing the servants. Obviously, this was for the very rich. He was accountable only to his master.

Fast forward to now.

Stewardship is still alive today but in a different format. Substitute God for the rich man and the house as His church. The steward is still an overseer of His house. We are the servants, and as such we have a responsibility to maintain His house.

Each of us have been given a gift. Not all of us are plumbers, carpenters, or electricians. But what we have, let us use it in the fellowship of believers for His glory and the beauty of His church.

Mike Loren

Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School - Needs You

VBS provides an excellent opportunity to use a wide variety skills and abilities.

We have leaders in all the "Station Areas": Crafts, Games and Snacks. However, we do need helpers for those leaders during the four evenings of VBS. Tuesday, August 17th – Friday, August 20th 6:00 to 8:15.

Even if you can only provide for one evening, you will really bless the children.

There are also needs behind the scenes

We need help prior to the event preparing some of the crafts. This can be done in your own home at your kitchen table.

We can use some helpers to build props and decorations for the various stations. We will be putting these together in the two weeks before VBS. I will post time in church wide emails.

We need help Sunday afternoon, August 15th and Monday evening, August 16th moving VBS props into the sanctuary, craft station, snack station and teaching area.

Very, Very, Very Important

We need you to invite all the children you know, and we need your prayers. Please get the word out and pray, pray, Pray!!! There will be flyers on the table in the foyer to take to family friends and neighbors.

As you can see, there are many ways to help make this VBS a special blessing for the children of our fellowship and our community. Please pray about the about how you can help. Thank you

Contact: Mr. French

858-735-5923 text or phone call – or email me at christopherpfrench@gmail.com

*Service Ministry*

Dear Church Family,

I am writing to keep you informed about what the Service committee is doing. As you are aware we are on the other side of the pandemic, and we are free to visit shut-ins and those in the hospital. We will be seeking out people willing to do visitations with us, if would like to join us please let me know as soon as possible. God is opening other programs and readying us to go and help with the homeless at God's Extended Hand.

I will keep you updated on the Service ministry,

Thank you for your support,

Darryl Angus
Service Ministry

..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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Christopher French
Terri Carver
Joanna de Vos
Mike Loren
Open
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 ElderTony DaVee
Elders.....Chris French
Carl Jensen

Staff

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