

Pastor's Perspective

New Year's Resolution: More!

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law." -Galatians 5:22-23

Happy New Year! You may know by now that I am not a huge fan of New Year's resolutions. They tend to be goals that we make for ourselves regarding some area of our lives where we want to see self-improvement, we then try really hard in our own strength to make changes in our lives, fail after a few weeks, then we get discouraged, and eventually give up on that goal. Gyms and diet programs and life coaches tend to make a lot of money every January, but rarely do we see lasting change in our lives from those investments.

But there is one New Year's Resolution I would suggest is a worthwhile goal, and that is to ask God for more. But more of what? Certainly not more Covid-19! Certainly not more of the divisiveness that we have seen in our culture. And certainly not more politics! So more of what then?

Very simply, ask God for more of himself in your life. As the praise song by Michael W. Smith states: "More love, more power, more of you in my life." Lord, I want more of you in my life this year. I want your Holy Spirit to overflow in me this year. I want more of you in my life, so I can share you with more of my friends. I want more of you in my life, so I can bless the people around me with your love. Lord, I want more of you.

Thankfully, this is a prayer that God loves to answer, because this is something God is already doing in us, filling us with more of himself. This is different from other New Year's resolutions, because the burden is not on us to fill ourselves with more of God, it is something God already does. So our job is simply to get out of God's way and let him do his work!

And how can we know if we are allowing God to do his work in us? Well, the fruit of the Spirit is a great place to start. Paul makes it clear that the fruit of the Spirit, the evidence of God working in us, is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If the Lord is working in us, we will see more of this fruit in our lives.

So as we go into a new year, if you want to see real and lasting change in your life, start by examining your life. Do you see the fruit of the Spirit displayed in you? Don't answer this question quickly...really take some time and do an honest self-examination. If you really want to be fully honest, ask a trusted friend or family member what part of this spiritual fruit is not being displayed in your life, and ask the Lord to show you where you are getting in the way of his work in you.

I know that this new year will still have it's challenges...every year does, and on top of that, we are still dealing with the baggage that 2020 dumped on our doorstep! But I am confident that if we are asking the Lord for more of himself in this new year, he will fill us with his Holy Spirit, we will see the evidence of his work through the fruit of the Spirit, we will be a blessing to those around us, and we will have plenty of opportunities to share the good news of God's grace with a world that desperately needs to hear it.

Happy New Year!

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

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
MVCF
- Friday
2nd & 4th Friday
11:00 a.m. Grief Group
at MVCF
- 7:00 p.m.
Chris French Home Fellowship
at MVCF

Youth Ministry

Happy Holidays! We had only three meetings in December to prepare for the season: the biblical story of the birth of Jesus. We prepared ourselves once again by learning the lesson of 'giving back' to the less fortunate. On the first Wednesday of December, we took all the youths to Target in Mission Valley to shop for 12 Angel Tree gifts. Not to our surprise, the Youths are really good shoppers, and we finished in record time. The following Sunday, we wrapped the gifts, and they also were all delivered by the Sunday before Christmas in record time. We thank Chris French for the opportunity to give to those children who need some hope. We are teaching them one of the main lessons of Jesus that 'it is better to give than receive.'" On the second Wednesday, we had another lesson about John Chapter 5. On the third Wed. we read the accounting of the birth of Jesus as told by Dr. Luke –chapters 1&2. Then we sang Christmas Carol's led by Chris French, then Happy birthday to Jim Ryer, played Christmas Charades, Jim and Audrey read "Twas the Night before Christmas" Christian version. We gave gifts and took a picture under the lighted Christmas tree. We prayed how grateful and thankful we are for each other wishing each other a Happy Holiday, including a better and healthy New Year into 2021. Our youths wanted to participate in Gifts to the King as a group. So, we wrote two versions of the 12 days before Christmas because it was 12 days before Christmas on December 13th, the first song: "12 Days Before Christmas," a Christian version and the second song was a quick COVID crisis version. We all wore our festive Santa hats and danced with our gigantic candy canes. It was a hit. So was the Christmas 'Emoji' play that starred three of our Youths: Andrew, Briahna & Isa. We are glad to see our Youths participate in giving joy to the church family – like the star of Bethlehem in modern-day- Jupiter and Saturn's alignment. Modern scientists believe when combined or aligned – this was the star that the shepherds saw. We like to extend hope and health to all in 2021 – may your year be much better. From all of us to all our church family and the world – Stay Safe & healthy, and Happy New Year!!!

Terri Carver for the Youth




January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy New Year!!	2
3 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	4 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study	5 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	6 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:45 p.m. Youth Group	7	8 11:00 a.m. at MVCF Grief Support Group 6:30 p.m. Home Fellowship with the French's	9
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8:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School
9:30 a.m.
Worship Service



02—Roger & June McCollough



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

Youth Ministry, continued



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



JOURNEY OF THE WISE MEN

A CHRISTMAS STORY

Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.



Family Devotional



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CODE!

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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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Service	Darryl Angus
Evangelism	Sara Guenther
Missions	Ellen Davis
Finance Ministry	Ernie Garcia
Worship	Arturo Aray

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
Arturo Aray

Staff

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