

**“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*

Finding Time To Be Still

“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” -Psalm 46:10

This is certainly a new season for us. As Covid-19 restrictions are loosened, we are able to go out more, get around more, travel more, and simply do more. Life is speeding up! Since our kids went back to school in-person several months ago, I have felt like a passenger in a vehicle that is accelerating very quickly!

Now part of the beauty of this new season is found in the opportunities we have for fellowship as a church. Already this summer I have been blessed by our Beach Nights and our first monthly church BBQ that took place on June 18th. I hope that you will take advantage of these fellowship opportunities as we go through this summer!

But in the midst of this increased activity and busyness, it is easy to be distracted. So I hope and pray that all of us can take some time this summer (and beyond!) to be still before God. Psalm 46 says that “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble” (v1). While busyness can distract us away from the difficulties in our lives, it cannot help us with them. God alone can help us with our struggles. God alone ends conflict and brings peace (v9). God alone is our refuge and strength and fortress (v1,7,11). God alone is our comfort when life seems out of control (v2). This is why God commands us to be still and know that he (and he alone) is God. He and he alone is in control of all things for our good (Romans 8:28). And the more we can be still before God, the more we know he really is in control of all things, including the struggles we face.

How can we be still and know that God is God? Let me offer a few suggestions to try this summer.

- Have a daily quiet time with God. Usually the ideal time for this in the morning, but any time of day can work. Read your bible, ask the Lord to help you focus on the truth he wants you to think about as you go through your day. Pour out your heart to God and share all of your fears and concerns about the day. Ask him for help.
- Pray as you go. Talk to God as you go through your day. Prayer does not have to be some planned and prepared thing...prayer is simply talking to your Heavenly Father. Whenever an anxious thought crosses your mind, talk to God about it. If a person comes to mind, pray for them on the spot. If an upcoming event comes to mind, ask God to guide and use that event to accomplish his purposes for his kingdom. That way, in a sense, you are always standing still before God, talking to God.
- Take a spiritual retreat. I realize that the logistics of this may not be feasible depending on your schedule, but try and get away for a day, or at least for a few hours. Go to some quiet and peaceful place. Take your bible with you. My personal experience with spiritual retreats is that it takes me a while to empty my brain of everything that is distracting me, so as things come to mind on my to do list or things come to mind that are troubling me, I pray to God and ask him to help me to not focus on those things in that moment and instead to only focus on him. Then as your mind and soul are quieted, listen for God. Listen to what he lays on your heart. Focus

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  
1:00 p.m.  
Afternoon Bible Study  
at MVCF

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  
Summer Break

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  
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*Pastor's Perspective, continued*

particularly on what he shows you about himself, about his character and his goodness. And let who God is shape how you see and think and feel about your present circumstances.

These are just three ideas of ways you can be still before God. I'm sure you can come up with more! But the key is that we take some time this summer, every day, to be still before God. As we go through the summer and into the fall, life will only get busier. So now is a great time to practice being still before God, and to see and experience and know God in a deeper, more intimate way.

Have a wonderful summer!

Blessings,  
Pastor Steve

*Adult Ministry*

Mission Village Christian Fellowship

Adult Sunday School

Faith Lessons on The Promised Land-Crossroads of the World

Starting Sunday, July 11

Session One will consist of an Introduction and four special presentations: Standing at the Crossroads; Wet Feet, First Fruits, Confronting Evil, Iron of Culture.

Professor/teacher/guide Ray Vander Laan takes us on a mission to help understand God's revealed mission for our lives. In order to understand God's plan, we must first understand the nature of the place He selected for His people. We will learn why God chose that particular place and His provision and insistence for their obedience. Living by faith and being obedient in the world He has placed us in is paramount for us to demonstrate that, "God is the one true God".

Today, the names Israel and Palestine are often used to designate the land God gave to Abraham. While politically charged, the area is not well known, and the series is designed to assist in a better understanding of the issues. We will be learning of the people and events in the Bible in their geographical and historical contexts. It is my hope that by understanding more about God's word, we can strengthen our relationship with Him.

Most of us will never have a chance to visit the Holy Land and see it for ourselves. Ray Vander Laan's unique approach helps to reveal the land that our LORD walked, preached, and died in. Join us for an unforgettable presentation and learning experience.

*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.

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# July 2021



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



08—Christopher & Jennifer French  
17—Bruce & Gayle Kraft



04—Aender Harris  
20—Matt Davis  
29—Tim Guenther

..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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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  
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Elders.....Chris French  
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### Staff

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