

**"- 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*

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever." Psalm 136:1

One of the consistent patterns we see in the bible is thanksgiving to God for all that he has done. The psalms are filled with the refrain: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love endures forever." When we remember and thank the Lord for how he has faithfully worked in our lives, it strengthens our faith and our commitment to trust him as we look to the uncertainty of the future.

An important discipline for God's people then, is to remember what God has done, observe what he is doing, and give thanks. And it is with this in mind that I want to use this space to give thanks to God for what he has done and what he is doing in the life of our church right now as we find ourselves in a time of transition.

Ronda Adams has faithfully served this church as our Administrative Assistant for many years and has blessed this church in so many different ways. But the Lord has opened a new door for her to work for the Court system here in San Diego. Thankfully, this means she will not be leaving our church family and will continue to serve this church in the various ministries that she is involved with, and I am thankful for that! But I am also thankful for this door the Lord has opened for her and thankful for the opportunities that this will provide for her. I am excited to see how the Lord will use Ronda in this next chapter of her life!

I am also thankful for how the Lord provides. Obviously, Ronda leaving created a need for us to find a new Administrative Assistant. But the Lord has faithfully and quickly provided. I am happy to announce that Brooklyn Cave has been hired as our next Administrative Assistant and has already been training with Ronda for the past few weeks. **God's timing is perfect...when we floated the job description to several of our circles, Brooklyn was (at that very moment) preparing her resume, getting ready to get back to work after being home during the pandemic with her family. Before the pandemic, Brooklyn co-founded and ran a preschool for 10+ years, so she comes to us with a wide range of work experience and skills. Brooklyn and her family are actively involved in ministry at another local church, so they will not be with us on Sunday mornings, but Brooklyn will be a wonderful addition to what God is doing here at Mission Village Christian Fellowship!**

On October 3rd, Brooklyn, her husband Gerald, and their daughters will be joining us for worship. This will be a wonderful opportunity to officially welcome Brooklyn, to meet her family, and for her to meet our church family. And then on October 10th, we

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  
Russ Armstead

*Pastor's Perspective, continued*

will have a time to recognize Ronda, give thanks for her many years of service to this church family, and pray for her as she begins her new venture.

I hope you will be able to join us for both celebrations as we give thanks for what the Lord has done and what he is doing. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Amen!

Blessings,  
Pastor Steve



**Small Groups:**

Monday  
1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible  
Study-Library

Tuesday  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting  
Online

Wednesday  
6:30 p.m. Youth Group

Friday  
7:00 p.m. French Home  
Fellowship

2nd & 4th Friday  
11:00 a.m. Grief Group  
at Library

*Musings from the Moderator*

Happy Autumn!!! My second favorite season (after Christmas!). Our fall season will be full of wonderful teachings from our Pastor, lessons from the Old Testament from our Sunday School teacher, and an opportunity to reach out to our community with fun, candy, treats, and Jesus on Halloween at our Harvest Festival. The Council is working on all kinds of activities to help us reconnect and spend quality time together. Please keep your eyes peeled for all the information.

I love the feeling of the Fresh Start in fall; it is a different feel from the Spring ... more of a nesting and getting ready to settle into the seasons coming up. I start thinking of what and whom I'm thankful for and looking for ways to show that gratitude to our Heavenly Father. I hope as we move forward into the season, we all focus on gratitude and gratefulness to God for His amazing grace and blessings.

On a personal note - I want to publicly say THANK YOU to our amazing Admin, Ronda Adams, for her years and years of faithful dedication to our fellowship. Being the "church secretary" is not for the weak, and Ronda has taken this job in hand through three pastors and probably a dozen or so moderators, doing her job with grace, incredible patience, and professionalism. She's taken our church into the 21st Century in technology and software programs like no one else could have! I am excited for her new career move, knowing that God is going to use her mightily wherever she's placed in the County! Thank you, dear friend - please know that our prayers go with you, and of course, you're stuck with us forever, so it's not goodbye; it's just "see you on Sunday!". Love you dearly!!!

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




Much love,  
Jennifer French  
Moderator

**FINANCES**

- \* 2021/2022 Budgeted Monthly Tithe & Offering \$14,615.20
- \* Month of September 2021 Tithe & Offering \$10,063.00

# October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1 7:00 p.m. French HF	2	
3 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	4	5 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	6 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry	7	8 11:00 a.m. at MVCF Grief Support Group 7:00 p.m. French HF	9 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Women's Event Planning Session in the Fellowship Hall	
10 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	11 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	12 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting  7:00 p.m. Online Council Meeting	13 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	14	15 7:00 p.m. French HF	16	
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## Youth Ministry

All the Youths expressed how good it is to be together again. We are excited to be meeting. We are all excited that the whole gang of youths have returned. We even added two new students to our crew: Emily, Matt's sister, and Evan, Andrew's brother. We are glad they joined us. I lead them twice a month, then Pastor and Chris French will lead one Wednesday a month. We are glad Ivan rejoined us as he helps keep us in line. Plus, we have Mary Jo Cooper helping us get ready.

We took a poll as to what they liked most about our youth group, and the answer was: the people, plus the study time, seeing everyone in our Youth Group.

We have started the same series we are learning in our Adult Sunday School taught by Carl Demas, called The Promised Land. The videos are very instructional, teaching us the old ways and how they are relatable to the ways we live now, the way God wants us to. The first session was the crossroad or standing stones to make a stand and a lasting impression. The second lesson covered the importance of the many crossings of the 'narrow' Jordan River and the rough current as it flows from the Mountain to the sea of Galilee. The importance of it is mentioned in the bible in verses like:

Deuteronomy 1:21-32; 3:23-28; 34: 1-4

1 Kings 16: 29-33; 17: 1-6

2 Samuel 17: 15-22

2 Kings 2:1-2, 5-15

I asked our students if they liked our new study, and I got a few good responses:

- Briahana said, "I need more Jesus, too much geography."
- Jonas said, "I like it. It is subtle and not too overwhelming. During Covid, I read a Bible chapter a day; it made me feel closer to God. This Youth Group also makes me feel closer to God. God time is good."
- Josh said, "I like it because it is God's tier, which is amazing; it is God's tippy-top tier."
- Andrew said, "I like it as it has lots of facts."

They all like the study. I hope it keeps them coming back, along with the ultimate frisbee and basketball.

I asked them if they liked meeting in our Youth Group room versus outside or in the fellowship hall. The overall consensus was "YES!" This is our room; we own it and like being in it. It is a little hot, but it is more comfortable because it is ours. It is nice to get back together.

We look forward to October, our upcoming Harvest Festival, and helping our church.

We look forward to bringing the works and words to our church community.

Terri Carver, for the youth



## *Adult Ministry*

To the Women of the Church,

We're so excited to be revising our Women's Ministry here at MVCF! You are a huge part of this group. You are cordially invited to our inaugural Women's Event Planning Session - Saturday, October 9 from 1-3pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Please bring ideas, and we'll enjoy the afternoon in fellowship, nibbling on snacks and planning!

See you then!

Joanna de Vos



## *Children's Ministry Nursery*

Hello Church family, this is Hannah French here reporting from our nursery. We are small but mighty, much like David. We are working on building social skills and strengthening friendships, all while learning about Jesus and how He is a friend to all of us. I am looking to build and improve our nursery by adding and replacing items. If you would like to help with this endeavor below is a link to an Amazon Wishlist for our nursery listing the toys and supplies needed.

Thank you so much for all the prayers and support you give to the littlest ones in our church family.

Amazon Wishlist:

[https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3NGYE0WIFKNHT/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_5?\\_encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist](https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3NGYE0WIFKNHT/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_5?_encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist)



## Friendship

God's Word has some challenging views on the concept of friendship.

Our Lord Jesus tells us in John 15:13... *13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.* Then, James 4 says... *4 You adulterous people, [a] don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.*

These two statements provide us with the understanding that friendship is a critical factor in fulfilling God's purpose for our very existence. We are first to have a relationship with our God: "Love the Lord God with all your heart, soul, and mind." And then we are to have a relationship with each other: "Love you neighbor as yourself." The dynamic of the concept of friendship appears to impact every aspect of our life. As shown in the Scriptures above, in its extreme form, friendship puts you in the position of giving up your very life as an act of friendship or putting you in direct opposition to the God of all creation. And Proverbs 18:24 *24 One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.* That Scripture shows us how friendship clearly impacts our relationships with each other, for better or worse. We often use the word or express the concept without understanding friendships' true depth and scope and its amazing purpose in the lives of those around us. Friendship also appears to defy time and distance. The exercise of friendship appears to impact the spiritual, mental, emotional, and even physical aspects of our being.

There is an adage that states that people are in our lives for a reason, a season or a lifetime. Most of the time, we don't know which form it will take at the beginning of those relationships. My challenge and encouragement for us is to be diligent in asking our Lord to give us the wisdom and discernment in each friendship opportunity we encounter, regardless of how short or long that opportunity may be.

And to help us make even the shortest friendships the greatest blessing possible in that individual's life.

Christopher French



## Harvest Festival

October 31<sup>st</sup>

5:30PM to 8:30PM

Greetings Family. This year we are expanding our Harvest Festival venue a little bit more than last year and we will be opening up to our local community. We will do a “Trunk r Treat” as we did last year; however, we will be expanding now to include our side driveway as well as our back parking area. One special addition from last year will go forward, and that is the hayride, which was wildly popular with the kids of all ages. We will be offering four or five games interspersed between the Trunks. Those will be modified to almost touchless by the game monitors. We our plan for now is to have some pre-packaged food, as opposed to our usual hotdogs and nachos. We are still working on the logistics for that. There will be no games on the lawn as we will use it as part of our hayride.

### Needs

- Vehicles with trunks or hatches along with someone to monitor the candy distribution. Ideally, the trunks should be decorated (feel free to think fun themes (not overly scary) and the monitor should be in costume of some sort.
- Each “trunk” should provide their own candy (although we will have spare candy should you run out)
- Please bring in some individual bottles of water and snack size chips to share. Bring those to the church each Sunday.
- Helpers to setup on Sunday after church.
- Helpers to do additional decorating AND pull out the games and check for any necessary repairs that need to be done.

PLEASE contact me with what you'd like to do; especially if you're going to volunteer to do a Trunk. If you'd like to sponsor a trunk, but do not have a vehicle that would work, we have a couple you can borrow!

We're so excited to “get back to normal!”

Mr. French

Call or text 858-735-5923

Email [christopherpfrench@gmail.com](mailto:christopherpfrench@gmail.com)



..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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Youth Ministry  
Adult Ministry  
Stewardship  
Fellowship  
Service  
Evangelism  
Missions  
Finance Ministry  
Worship

Steve de Vos  
Jennifer French  
Ronda Adams  
Tony DaVee  
June McCollough  
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 Elder .....Tony DaVee  
Elders.....Chris French  
Carl Jensen

### Staff

Administrative Assistant.....Brooklyn Cave  
Nursery Attendant.....Hannah French