

**“- 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

### Prayer For A New Season

I love the beginning of September. The kids are back in school, which means my schedule as a parent becomes drastically more predictable and consistent! But this is also a new season for our family. Both of our kids are now in middle school. After eight years, we are out of the elementary school world. And while that has given us some pause as we reflect on our kids getting older, it is also an exciting time for our family as we look towards the future.

As a church family, we are also moving into a new season. While there is still some uncertainty regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, we are coming into a season where we can do more together as a church family and get back to some of the ministry activities we know and love. For example, a few weeks ago, we had a wonderfully successful Vacation Bible School. A huge shout out by the way to Christopher French, Hannah French, and their incredible team who, pulled off a wonderful and safe experience for the kids in our community!

So as we move into this new season, I want to invite you to join me in praying for our church. Using the Lord’s prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 as a framework, here is how I am praying for myself and our church as we head into this new season. Will you join me in these prayers?

### “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name...”

You are a holy God, and we want to give you all the glory, honor, and praise that you deserve. Help me to glorify you in everything that I say and do, and help our church to glorify you in the same way.

### “Your kingdom come...”

Lord, I ask that you would use our church to further your kingdom here in Serra Mesa, in San Diego, and to the ends of the earth. Would you use us to reach people who do not know Jesus and draw them into a relationship with you?

### “Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

Lord, help us to follow your will as a church. Guide every decision that is made by our Elders and Leadership Council according to your will. And I pray for everyone in our church, that they would want to know and follow your will above everything else.

### “Give us today our daily bread.”

Lord, you know the spiritual and financial needs of our church. You know that this is a difficult season for us financially. But you are also the provider God, you faithfully provide for all of our needs, and you will faithfully continue to provide for all of our needs. Would you show me Lord how you want to use me to meet some of those needs; how I might give more and serve more?

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-Library  
Tuesday  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting  
Online  
Wednesday  
6:30 p.m. Youth Group  
Friday  
6:30 p.m. French Home  
Fellowship  
2nd & 4th Friday  
11:00 a.m. Grief Group  
at Library

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

### *Pastor's Perspective, continued*

#### **“And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.”**

Thank you that you are a God of grace; that you are a God who forgives. I ask for your forgiveness for when I have not loved you as I should, and not loved others as I should. And I ask that our church family would seek your forgiveness in the same way. And as we become more aware of your forgiveness and mercy and grace in our lives, may we be a people who readily extend forgiveness, mercy, and grace to the people around us.

#### **“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”**

Lord, I ask that you protect our church family from the lies of the evil one. I pray against Satan's efforts to cause disunity in our church, to distract us away from your Gospel of grace, and to get caught up in the things of this world that are not of you. Protect us Lord, so that we might fully and faithfully serve you.

Charles Spurgeon has described prayer as “nothing but taking God's promises to him, and saying to him, ‘Do as thou hast said.’” As we head into this new season as a church family, may we come before the Lord together, declare who God is, affirm God's promises to us, and then humbly but boldly ask the Lord to “Do as thou hast said.”

Blessings,

### *Musings from the Moderator*

Hello church family!

The summer is waning down - and it's been pretty fantastic. We've had time to fellowship with Beach Nights and Backyard BBQ's! Our after church gatherings have been special!

Even though I don't have littles going to school, the fall always feels to me like a starting point in the year. We have exciting things happening and a renewed eagerness to get moving! We're doing amazing things to our physical campus - thanks to YOU the wonderful people of the church giving your time and hands each month at the Work Party. We ended the summer with a splash, or maybe better a Choo-Choo - at VBS. It was a wonderful success. And now we have eyes on the fall and our epic event, Harvest Festival! YAY!! Keep your eyes peeled - the Trunk or Treat went so well, the committee planning it will do a mashup of Trunk or Treat AND the games AND the hay ride! I'm sure the Harvest Festival committee will need lots of volunteers to make it go smoothly for our community kids!

Speaking of committees - your Council folk are eager to share their ministries with you. If you're interested, please let me know, and I'll make sure to be the Matchmaker and put your talents to good use! If you're not interested, well, someone will probably approach you and ask you anyway, so you might as well volunteer! ☺

It's great to start the "new year" basking in His amazing Grace - and letting that grace spill out to each other and beyond.

Much love to you church family!

Jennifer French

# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	6 Office Closed Labor Day	7 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	8 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry	9	10 11:00 a.m. at MVCF Grief Support Group	11
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### Mission's Ministry

Dear Church,

We recently learned the sad news that after 97 years of serving San Diego, God's Extended Hand (GEH) has officially closed their doors.

Fr. Simeon Corona (President of the Board at GEH) wrote a letter sharing more details about the closure. Below is an excerpt from this letter:



*For about the last decade, as our area of Downtown has developed, the pressure on our venerable Ministry and aged Facility has come to this conclusion. The Board elected to sign a Stipulation from the City in order to avoid extended litigation which we simply can not afford. We're extremely grateful for those who rallied to our help over these past months to see if we had the collective will, and funds, to attempt to fix our numerous code violations. After much research, we've concluded that the best outcome would be to use our property, in the heart of "Homeless San Diego", to help address the underlying problems of lack of housing and assistance. We are hoping to leave the door open for a larger Ministry to continue our work, bringing all of the Churches together to preach the Gospel and Feed the Hungry at the struggling heart of our city.*

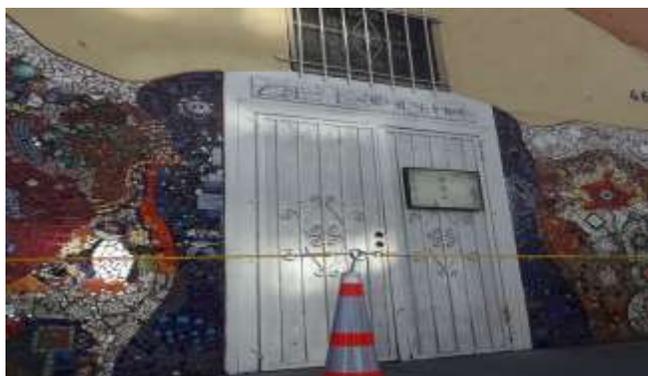
*We're currently actively exploring an arrangement with Fr. Joe's Villages to tear down our aged buildings, and we're offering our property for them to build a new, multi-storied building that provides housing to the Homeless. Similarly, we are exploring a partnership with FOCUS (Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve) to step in and continue our mission in a new home at the base of the proposed housing tower.*

If you would like to learn about ways you may be able to help during this time of transition, please reach out to me or another member of church leadership.

I also wanted to take a moment to thank everyone in the congregation who has faithfully served at GEH over the years. Thank you to the church as a whole for having supported this important ministry. Let's continue to pray for both the folks who served at GEH and for the homeless living in San Diego.

Blessings,

Ellen Davis



## *Adult Ministry*

MVCF Monday Bible Study, Facilitator Russ Armstead

Our group is starting a new study on September 13<sup>th</sup> on the Psalms of David. The format of the study will be reading scripture together and then discussing how we can apply it to our lives today. We will also share prayer requests for ourselves and friends. There is no pressure to participate, but everyone is encouraged to ask questions or share prayer needs.

We meet every Monday from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the church Library. Weekly attendance isn't required, and folks are welcome to join us when they can. Our small group is open to both men women and looking to expand. We invite you to visit our group soon and hope that it might be a blessing!

## *Children's Ministry*

First, I wish to thank everyone who made this VBS possible. I'm afraid to start listing names in the event that a memory lapse might leave someone out. I do want to mention how proud I am of our youth volunteers. We expanded our pool by including our middle schoolers. And they stepped up in a wonderful fashion. It is obvious that the Lord does not put an age limit when we can start to minister.

Next: Harvest Festival. I need a team to help plan our Harvest Festival. We won't be able to do what we have done in previous years. However, I believe we can expand on what we did last year with the Trunk or Treat. I need your creative outside the box input. I feel we can safely include our local community. Please contact me. As always, I need both in front and behind the scenes helpers

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

## 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 2-4<sup>th</sup>. 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

## *Youth Ministry, continued*

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!



We are excited to start up our Youth Group on Wednesday September 15, 2021 6:30p at MVCF!

We hope we have our same wonderful students all returning to learn more about the awesome ways that God gives up hope, strength and great guidance in our lives. By attending, we all get wisdom from him and other Christians around us. We also hope to get a few more new students and build our program even bigger. We will have all the same leaders, except Jim Ryer who has to be 'on call' for work.

Looks like this year we will be able to meet in our established Youth Room and Fellowship Hall when snacking. We will also be playing ultimate Frisbee before our meetings and praying for everyone after.

We will be studying the promised land as it was then, relating it to our current lives living for God now.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our 1<sup>st</sup> Youth Group meeting on September 15. Now VBS words:

We had several youth group students step up their leadership game and help our church with VBS. Thanks to Joanna for doing a wonderful job with registration each night. We had our 4 areas to cover:

I, Terri Carver, covered the games, Shirley House coverage the snacks, Briahna DeLaCruz helped Gayle Kraft with crafts; and Andrew de Vos helped Mr. French with his science experiments combined with the bible lessons. Evan de Vos, Emily & Matt Corey helped with being a leader for the younger children each night. These youths exhibited many strong qualities like: leadership, commitment, a resilience to keep the young ones at bay. We thank them so much for helping us, as well as all the other volunteers that came: the Jensen's, McCullough's, Michelle Vandenburg, Ronda Adams, and Casey Corey, etc. Many people helped behind the scenes like: Audrey Nakamura, Jim Ryer, and Mike Loren. And last, but especially not least: Pastor Steve was our magnificent musical mistral. EVERYONE helped us to have a very successful VBS, it wouldn't have been or happened at all without everyone's help. A huge thank you, as Pastor said Sunday, to Chris French our creative genius and Hannah French our organizational genius. We hope we planted God's seed in all of these children's hearts and souls for years to come.

God Bless,  
Terri Carver  
Youth Group

..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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### Council Members

Pastor  
Moderator  
Clerk  
Financial Secretary  
Treasurer  
Children's Ministry  
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.....Ronda Adams  
Nursery Attendant.....Hannah French