

Mission Village Christian Fellowship

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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

A Simple Path to Radical Devotion

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”
-Acts 2:42-47

I love this description of the early church in the book of Acts. It describes a group of believers who love Jesus, love each other, worship together, grow together, and serve together. Isn't that a beautiful picture of the body of Christ in motion?

This past year has been a wonderful year of growing together as we have worked through a very difficult season. My favorite moments from 2021 have been our times together as a church family, whether that was a Sunday morning, summer BBQs, church workdays, home fellowships, or one of the other ways we came together as a church this past year. And I don't think I'm alone in praying for our church family of Mission Village Christian Fellowship to continue to grow together in 2022!

So how can we continue to grow together this year? One of the keys to growth in this passage is the first phrase: “They devoted themselves...”. The

Grief Support Group meets on the second & fourth Friday of every month at 11:00 a.m. If you are interested in attending, please talk to Russ Armstead

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

1st Thursday

5:30 p.m. Harris Home Fellowship

Friday

7:00 p.m. French Home Fellowship

2nd & 4th Friday

11:00 a.m. Grief Group

Church 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

way it is worded in the original Greek language, the phrase means “they were continually devoting themselves.” Devotion was not a one-time commitment; it was an everyday commitment, and even an hour by hour minute by minute commitment.

This kind of ongoing continual devotion is hard for us to fathom, especially in a digital age. We’re bombarded by activities, news, social media feeds, and demands of family and work. And when we are doing one thing, we’re distracted in our minds by ten other things. It is hard to be fully devoted to one thing for more than an hour, let alone continually devoted to that one thing.

So how can we cultivate the kind of ongoing continual spiritual devotion we see in Acts 2? We could look at this passage and make a long checklist of spiritual disciplines and to-do lists for 2022, sort of like a New Year’s Resolution list. But if you’ve been around this church for a few years, you know I’m not a fan of New Year’s Resolutions...we make a long list of things to do, and we fail at most of them within a few weeks and then feel worse about ourselves because of it.

So let’s simplify this beautiful passage in Acts into two easy steps that will certainly grow our spiritual devotion in 2022: 1. Show up. 2. Help. That’s it. We see the early church always together and always caring for one another. Show up. Help. These are simple steps, but they lead to radical devotion.

Collin Hansen is the editor-in-chief for the Gospel Coalition and an elder in his church. In his recent book *Rediscover Church* he writes this: “When I talk with new church members, I make a big promise. And so far, no one has ever returned to complain that I misled them. I promise that if they show up consistently and seek to care for others, they will get everything they want out of the church.”

So if you want to grow in your spiritual devotion this year, show up and help. Come and serve. If you already attend every Sunday but are not yet part of a mid-week home fellowship or bible study, join one this year. If you need help finding a ministry to serve in, come talk to me. If you already serve in a ministry here at the church, speak to me about how you can dive deeper into that ministry or take on another ministry opportunity. Show up. Help. The more you take these simple steps, the more your spiritual devotion will grow!

I am looking forward to a wonderful year of growing together and following Jesus together, and I hope you are too!

Happy New Year!
Pastor Steve

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	3	4 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	5 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	6 5:30 p.m. Harris HF	7 6:30 p.m. French HF	8
9 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Epiphany Service	10 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	11 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	12 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	13	14 11:00 a.m. at MVCF Grief Support Group 6:30 p.m. French HF	15
16 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	17 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	18 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	19 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	20	21 6:30 p.m. French HF	22 8:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. All Church Work Party
23 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	24 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	25 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	26 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	27	28 11:00 a.m. at MVCF Grief Support Group 6:30 p.m. French HF	29
30 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	31 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study					



03—Alana Krokee
07—Senyo Adjibolosoo
14—Derek Carver

18—Noah Guenther
23—Joanna Velky
28—David Casey



02 –Roger & June McCollough

Children's Ministry

It Takes A Fellowship

Thankfully we were able to restart many of our children's/ evangelism outreaches over the last few months.

We were able to hold our Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School, Harvest Festival/Trunk or Treat and Angel Tree events this past year.

I am emphasizing one important word in my previous statement. That is the word "OUR".

All these special outreaches could not have happened without the diligent help of so many in our fellowship. I am reluctant to name all those who worked in those outreaches only because I would be afraid of leaving someone out.

Your ministry, whether in front or behind the scenes, makes these outreaches truly an "our" aspect of Mission Village Christian Fellowship.

I am really grateful and thankful to all my brothers and sisters for their faithful investment of time and resources in these outreaches. May you sense our God's pleasure as you continue to bless our fellowship.

Mr. French

Gifts to the King

Greetings and Thank you.

Christmastime is a wonderful time to share one's gifts.

I was very appreciative of this year's Gifts to the King. There was a variety of gifts that were shared. There was a wonderful reminder of how valuable we are in the Father's Eyes to the sharing of many songs and the impact they have had on our hearts. There was sharing of the Word and also opportunities to lift up Loved ones. I get the privilege of facilitating this particular service, and each year we get to see more and more of His Lavish Grace upon us. I hope that God will Bless each of us in the coming year and that maybe next year, one of you might feel led to share a Scripture or Song that God has ministered in and through you.

In His Love,

Tony

Musings from the Moderator

Happy New Year, Church Family!!

2022! It finally arrived - and we're off!

I've been pondering the weeks of Advent: Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love and thinking what a wonderful way to start a new year - focused on those four beautiful words! What would my 2022 be if, in the power of Jesus and through the work of the Holy Spirit, I could live my life filled with Hope, buoyed by Joy, emanating Peace and showing Love to my neighbor - every day? I think that it would make my year absolutely amazing! It's actually kind of daunting, though, isn't it? Because I know that there's no way I could manufacture any of those on my own; so the knowledge that I don't have to create hope, joy, peace or love within myself, that Jesus' presence in my life will do it for me - is the best news! Something to ponder, as I sit at the end of 2021, waiting for 2022 to begin.

I do know that I would be lost without this church family; my "strength and stay," as it were for the last 56 years! I do appreciate you all. I am grateful for your faithfulness, your passion, your never ceasing work, your generosity and your love for one another! What a treasure and a light on the hill is Mission Village Christian Fellowship! Too good to keep us to ourselves, right??

Happy New Year, my friends. May God shine His face on you; may you feel His smile and love.

Jennifer French

Moderator



Youth Ministry

Happy New Year, one and all!

We are excited as we enter into a New Year. May 2022 be the BEST year for me and you!

Our YG plan is taking some different spins and twirls into this new year. We will be studying the bible using The Bible Project curriculum, which is fancy, fast, and beautifully illustrated. We have many fine YG students in our group who will appreciate that special part.

We have in the planning stages: perhaps a mission trip to help build a church or residences for our neighbors in Mexico in need.

We will continue to offer our YG the Sunday special Godly teachings by JoAnna on the second Sunday of each month at our church. Please mark your calendars for the next upcoming months beginning to be able to make it to these Sunday studies.

We had a wonderful last couple of weeks to end our year with a bang! We shopped together for Christmas gifts for our Angel Tree recipients ; then Chris and his gang wrapped and delivered the Angel Tree gifts to over 40 children. What a wonderful teaching moment for our Youths to understand why those children needed these gifts from their parents – **to break the ‘bad’ cycle for good.**

A special shout out to our wonderful Student Brihana; she was the Youth Group student to attend with our church the movie *Christmas with The Chosen: The Messengers*. She also sang a beautiful version of **“Worth is the Lamb’ at our Gifts to the King Event.**

Brihana turned 15 and her mom put on the most beautiful Quinceanera to celebrate. Brihana gave an amazing speech to her family and friends. She has the most beautiful dress on and changed several times during her special event. She has matured tremendously and has grown in her Godly relationship.

We are so very grateful for ALL our Youth Group students and hope they continue to attend our classes throughout the rest of this year. We will continue to grow our relationship with God together in 2022.

-Terri Caver, Youth Group Ministry Leader

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



Above photo shows some of our MVCF Youth Group – Jonas, Sam and Brihana helping Mr. French with the Angel Tree Gifts

Shopping, preparing, and delivering the Christmas gifts for our Angel Tree Children; a huge blessing for all; the recipients, their families, and the gift-givers as well.

"A NEW COMMAND I GIVE YOU: LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SO YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER. BY THIS EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES. IF YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER."

John 13:34-35

..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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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
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Elders.....Chris French
Carl Jensen

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