

Mission Village Christian Fellowship

April

2022

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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

Easter in a Hospital

“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” -Ephesians 2:1-10

It is not an overstatement to say that every local church is a hospital, or at least every local church should be a hospital. And it is a hospital that does incredible work...it is a place where dead people are brought to life. “You were dead...God...made us alive...” And if that wasn’t awesome enough, it is also a place where these formerly dead people are built up and trained to be sent out to aid the great physician as he brings other dead people to life. “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

So as followers of Jesus Christ, we are part of an incredible organization where God brings dead people to life and calls and trains us as formerly dead people to be part of his life-giving work. This is what the church is. This is what the church does.

Now the work God calls us to can be difficult. Spiritually dead people aren’t really

Grief Support Group meetings are held on call, if you desire to meet MVCF would like to offer support. If you are interested, please contact 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

Church Work Party
Every Fourth
Saturday
of the month

8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
refreshment will be
provided.

For more contact
Doug Eno

Pastor's Perspective, continued

interested in Jesus because...well...they're dead. Spiritually dead people don't really have much desire to walk into the doors of a church to hear about Jesus because...well...they're dead. But there are a few times during the year when doors open for conversations, where defenses are lowered just a tiny bit, and one of those times is coming this month as we celebrate Easter. People who might not ever come to a church during the rest of the year will be open to coming to church on Easter Sunday. And even if they are not open to coming to church, they will still come for the Easter Egg Hunt after the service. Easter is a time when people are more willing to be exposed to God's life-giving grace, even if they do not know what that grace is.

So how can we participate in God's life-giving work this Easter? A few suggestions:

1. Pray. Who is in your life who does not know Jesus? Pray for them every day, starting right NOW. Write down the names of five people, and as you pray for them, let me know their names so I can pray for them as well.
2. Invite. As the Lord provides opportunities, invite the people you are praying for to join us on Easter Sunday. We'll have two services, a Sunrise Service at 7:30am and our Celebration Service at 9:30am. The Gospel message will be clearly shared at both services.
3. Stay. After the Celebration Service on Easter Sunday, hang around for a bit. Yes, I know there are family obligations and things to do on Easter. But last year, we had A LOT of people from the community show up just for the Easter Egg Hunt after the service. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet some folks, get to know them a bit, and just be an encouragement and a light to them. We'll be grilling hamburgers on the patio for everyone so people can hang around for a while to talk. So after service, head out to the patio and meet some folks from our community!
4. Connect. As you meet folks, encourage them to connect to our church in some way. This doesn't have to be a radical commitment, just an encouragement to take a step closer. It may be an invitation for kids in middle school or high school to check out our Youth Group, or it may be an invitation to have coffee to get to know someone better. To facilitate connecting folks with our church, we'll have pre-registration for VBS available on the patio so that parents can sign their kids up right then. The goal is to offer what a friend of mine calls "stepping-stone" invitations; small steps that build trust and bring people closer to God's saving grace.

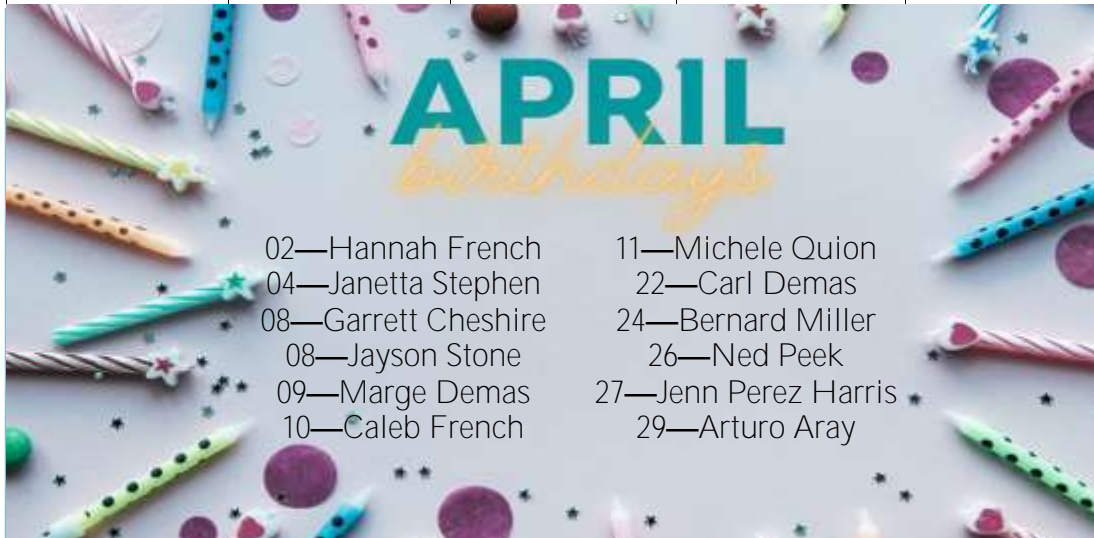
God is an awesome God, who does awesome work in raising dead people to life, and He calls us to be a part of that awesome, life-giving work. So this Easter, let's pray, invite, stay, connect, and watch the Lord do his life-giving work!

Christ is Risen. He is Risen Indeed!

Blessings,
Pastor Steve

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:30 p.m. French HF	2
3 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	4 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	5 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	6 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	7 5:30 p.m. Harris HF	8 6:30 p.m. French HF	9
10 Palm Sunday 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	13 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. Seder Passover Meal—RSVP needed	14 Maundy Thursday	15 Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Good Friday / Tenebrae Service 	16
17 Easter Sunday 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service 9:30 a.m. Celebration Service followed by community Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch 	18 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	19 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	20 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	21	22 6:30 p.m. French HF	23 8:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. All Church Work Party
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APRIL Birthdays

- 02—Hannah French
- 04—Janetta Stephen
- 08—Garrett Cheshire
- 08—Jayson Stone
- 09—Marge Demas
- 10—Caleb French
- 11—Michele Quion
- 22—Carl Demas
- 24—Bernard Miller
- 26—Ned Peek
- 27—Jenn Perez Harris
- 29—Arturo Aray



April Anniversaries

- 16—Carl & Marge Demas
- 16—Matt & Ellen Davis

..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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Finance Ministry
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Steve de Vos
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Ronda Adams
Tony DaVee
June McCollough
Christopher French
Terri Carver
Joanna de Vos
Doug Eno
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 ElderTony DaVee
Elders.....Chris French
Carl Jensen

Staff

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