

Mission Village Christian Fellowship

May Newsletter

2022

Pastor's Perspective

Benefits Package

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus..." - Romans 8:1

After I graduated from college, I wasn't in the best health. My journey as a college student who had a seizure disorder was a roller coaster, and so after I graduated I was pretty worn out. It was great to not do anything for a little while!

But pretty soon I needed to find a job. Like most people, I needed money to buy food and pay bills. But I needed a job for another reason as well...I needed health insurance. Sooner or later, I had to come off of my parents' insurance. This was during a time where you were denied private health insurance coverage for a pre-existing condition. So, the only way to be guaranteed health insurance was to have a job that provided health insurance benefits.

I started out doing temp work, which unfortunately didn't provide the benefits I needed. But one of those temp jobs eventually became a permanent position which came with a full benefits package. I had health insurance! This was a long time ago, but I still remember the sense of peace and joy I had, knowing that I could see doctors and get medications without having to worry about the bill. What a gift!

One of the joys of following Jesus as Lord and Savior is that we receive a far greater benefits package than what I received from my employer many years ago.
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Sunday Worship Schedule

- 8:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m.
Children's Bible Adventure

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
at MVCF

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Online

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Youth Group
at MVCF

1st Thursday

5:30 p.m. de Vos Home
Fellowship at MVCF

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

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And we see so many of those benefits in Romans Chapter 8: No condemnation (8:1), new life in the Spirit (8:10), being adopted by God as his children (8:14-17), destined for a glorious future (8:18-25), and being filled with hope because we have a God who loves us (8:34-39), helps us (8:26-27), works for our good (8:28), and has a perfect plan for our lives (8:29-30). That is quite a benefits package!

Yet many Christians sadly don't experience the joy and peace of these benefits.

Instead of living in freedom, joy, and peace, we live in fear, pain, and depression. Mental health is declining across the board as we come out of the pandemic, experience the division in our country, and see the horrors of what is happening in other parts of the world. Now more than ever we need to experience and enjoy the benefits of following Jesus!

So for the rest of the spring and into the summer, as a church we are going to dive deep into Romans Chapter 8 on Sunday mornings and swim in the pool of glorious benefits we receive in Christ. We will explore the benefits listed above and much more as we work through what some have called the greatest chapter in the bible. **As we begin this series, please note that this is NOT going to be a "mind over matter" series; it's not going to be a "put on a happy face even if you're having a hard time" kind of thing. True joy and freedom never come from mere positive thinking. Rather, this is a series where we will look at God's overwhelming love for us, ask him to meet us in the midst of any fear or pain we may be experiencing, and let his love and goodness transform us from the inside out.** I am looking forward to this journey through Romans Chapter 8 with you, and I hope you are as well.

As we prepare for this series, I want to ask you to do three things:

First, ask the Lord how he wants to work in your heart this spring and summer. What are the areas in your life that need to be shaped and formed by the Holy Spirit? In what ways do you need to live in light of the blessings God has lavished on us?

Second, pray about who you can invite to come to church on Sunday with you.

This can be someone who doesn't know Jesus, or someone who does know Jesus but isn't part of a church family right now. And as the Lord does his transforming work in you, pray for opportunities to tell them about how the Lord is helping you and working in you.

Finally, let me or one of the elders know how the Lord is moving in your heart this spring and summer. We would love to pray for you and celebrate with you as you experience the full blessing of the Christian life.

I love you and I am thankful for this church family!

Blessings,
Pastor Steve

May 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	2	3 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	4 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	5 5:30 p.m. de Vos Home Fellowship at MVCF	6 6:30 p.m. French Home Fellowship	7 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. MVCF Youth Group Rummage Sale
8 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Mother's Day	9 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	10 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	11 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	12	13 6:30 p.m. French Home Fellowship	14
15 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Spring Meeting	16 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	17 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	18 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	19	20 6:30 p.m. French Home Fellowship	21
22 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	23 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study	24 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	25 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	26	27 6:30 p.m. French Home Fellowship	28 8:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. All Church Work Party
29 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	30 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study Memorial Day- MVCF Office Closed	31 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting				

Happy Birthday

13-SHIRLEY HOUSE

20-ELROIE ABLE AGIRO

22-AUDREY NAKAMURA

22-KURT PHIPPS

29-MARILYN JENSEN

Happy Anniversary

**23- JIM RYER &
AUDREY NAKAMURA**



Children's Ministry

Who is up for an Adventure?



VBS (Vacation Bible School) is back

Tuesday-Friday, July 26-29 2022, 6:00 PM to 8:15 PM

Discovery on Adventure Island

This year's Vacation Bible School theme centers on a hopscotch exploration on the light of God, starting in the Garden of Eden and ending at the empty tomb. Our children attending will understand how to see and share God's light with others in four different events in our Biblical history. They are:

The Garden of Eden and God's light revealed in "Love"

Moses and the burning bush and God's light revealed in "Trust"

Jesus and the paralytic lowered through a roof and God's light revealed in "Faith"

The experience at the empty tomb and God's light revealed in "Joy and Hope"

We need you!!!

There are many opportunities to bless our VBS kiddos, both behind the scenes and during the week of our event. Hannah French is our organization and volunteer coordinator, and she will be reaching out to the Fellowship with a list of various volunteer opportunities for this special outreach to the children. This list will also be on our church website. www.missionvillage.church

Starting Sunday May 29th, we will have promotional materials for VBS both at the church in person and online. We already have pre-registration available for children ages 3 years (& using the potty independently) up to 6th grade to sign up attend on our church's website. Please pray about this special outreach and the ways the Lord will be able to use you.

Thank you,

Mr. French

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

A Word from Mr. French

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” -Romans 8:28

This verse has always been a little challenging for me to completely understand and communicate to others. However, recently a brother and sister in Christ shared a story about a very challenging trial they experienced, and this helped to provide me with some greater understanding of this concept. This particular trial cost them both time and money. However, an interesting side effect of this trial was that it put them in place where they avoided a very dangerous and potentially deadly situation. And it really is a “side effect”, as they reflected on this event, they called it a God moment, which is an interesting turn of phrase.

I have been listening to a song by Laura Story called “Blessings” which has been receiving a significant amount of airtime on Christian music stations. Part of the lyrics in this song are:

“Cause, what if your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
What if a thousand sleepless nights
Are what it takes to know You're near
And what if trials of this life
Are Your mercies in disguise”

Is there is an inexplicable connection between trials of this life and our Lord's mercies?

“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” -Lamentations 3:22-23

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” -John 16:33

Lamentations tells us that the Lord provides mercies without any qualification, every day. And Jesus tells His disciples that there is the guarantee of trial or trouble in this life. It appears that both trials and mercies are connected. We often view trials as something to be avoided at all costs. While it is true that trials are not fun and are definitely not something we should be seeking out, there is the certainty of trials and troubles. Seeing them in a more positive light could surely impact our level of joy as we go through these various challenges.

Again:

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” -Romans 8:28

As always, the first thing we always need to do is pray and ask our Lord for wisdom in all these situations
Mr. French

Youth Ministry Spotlight

April IS Easter. When I/we say, **“HE IS RISEN”** the youths (we) respond: **“HE IS RISEN INDEED !!!!!!!”**

We had such a great time with each other preparing for Easter Sunday – it was such a great day!

We had Sunrise service that I attended in the mist and outside with Chris & Jennifer French. Pastor gave us an awesome message that we can carry in our hearts and minds reminding us that Jesus Christ lives!

During our regular service where we had a full church – our Youth Group hid or put out the Easter Eggs for the children in our neighborhood that came. We are so proud of their developing leadership.

We had Youth Group members: Andrew, Evan, Briahna, Matt & Emily come to participate and celebrate.

We had many children come from the neighborhood too because of our HUGE Mr. Rabbit piñata. Not only did the children get plastic eggs to fill their plastic bags then they got real LOTS of real good candy!! What a sight to see them whacking the BUNNY with a huge stick to get out the candy – the little children were not sure why they were hitting the BUNNY but soon realized it was for a good candy cause galore. We hope to continue living our **Lenten promises and shine brightly always delivering God’s message to those around us that need it, never heard it, or are hopefully ready to receive it and come to the Lord!**

We listened to Pastor’s Wednesday night Lenten messages right up to Holy Week. On April 6th, we learned that **Bartimaeus had a deeper level of faith, he had a ‘right heart for God – which we all should have or strive for more and more every day. Take the right steps and stay on God’s intended path for us. That saying a YES to Jesus is saying NO to something else we have going on in our lives – a sacrifice. Everything is so easy, instant even right at our fingertips these days like Amazon delivers, click to start a movie from our TV, with our cell phones we can Google anything and do not need to research it, social media avenues everywhere. We need to be quiet once in a while and give ourselves time with Jesus, to rest in Him. Per some of our Youths: Saying Yes to Jesus will enrich our lives more; sacrifice something for God and not be lazy; how we spend our time is important – use more of it for God.**

During Holy Week we had our traditional Seder meal in our fellowship hall. It was packed, every table was filled. Even the Youth Group filled a table with a good presence. They learned so much about the meal and the symbolism of each part and of what we ate. They really enjoyed it and are glad they came to participate. The meal was so delicious with baked chicken, potatoes, and green beans. They were wondering about dessert, but we said, **“Jesus is sugar.”**

We are alternating the Bible project for the rest of this year and next with the Old and New Testaments. GBU

We will be deciding on what type of Youth Group field trip to take this year. We are not able to go to Pine Valley again, but we have other good ideas! We will have an all-church rummage sale on May 7th to help us earn money for it. **Please feel free to donate anything you’d like for it, see me, Terri, or Chris to put it in the YG room any time before that or the morning of 8 am. Thank you so much in advance. GBU all!**

-Terri Carver

*A celebration & remembrance of
Our God's provision*

**The Youth Group at MVCF's
Seder Passover Meal**




Seder Passover Meal



Taking part in this traditional meal was a blessed time of learning, celebration & fellowship.



THE SEDER
 A TRADITIONAL JEWISH PASSOVER MEAL AND REMEMBRANCE OF THE LORD'S SALVATION FOR HIS PEOPLE. IT IS ONE OF THE LORD'S ANNUAL REMINDERS OF THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH TO HIS CHILDREN.
 IT WAS DURING THIS MEAL THAT JESUS GAVE US A SPECIAL REMINDER OF HIS GIFT OF SALVATION. IT IS A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE TO SHARE WITH YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST.




This event was lead by Mr. French on April 13th 2022 in the MVCF Fellowship Hall



..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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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 Elder Tony DaVee
Elders.....Chris French
Carl Jensen

Staff

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