



Mission Village Christian Fellowship *June Newsletter* 2022

Pastor's Perspective

Diving In

When I went to Boy Scout camp as a kid, the very first thing every Scout did upon arrival was take a swim test. And this wasn't a test where you could wade into a heated swimming pool...it entailed jumping off the dock and immediately swimming...in a high elevation mountain lake that just a few months earlier was covered in ice. When you hit the water, the cold almost took your breath away. I learned very quickly that the best way to not freeze was to start swimming as quickly as possible!

In many ways, I personally feel like I am about to jump back into that lake. Back in February I shared in this newsletter that as a church we are taking this year to refocus ourselves on the task of discipleship: becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus and helping others to do the same. As part of that refocusing, I shared with you that I was going back to school to begin a Doctor of Ministry program in 21st Century Discipleship through Talbot School of Theology, which is part of Biola University. This is a multi-year program that is designed to help strengthen our church in the area of discipleship and spiritual formation, and because it is a program designed for full-time pastors and ministry leaders, it only requires me to be on campus (near Los Angeles) for two weeks out of the year for an in-depth residency with my faculty advisor and fellow students (who are coming from around the world). Over these past five months, in addition to my ministry here at MVCF, I've been preparing for this two-week residency with a wide variety of readings and assignments.

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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

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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

On Summer Break-
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

And now, the residency is here. It is time to jump into the lake. In fact, by the time you receive this newsletter I'll already be on campus (I'll only miss one Sunday at MVCF by the way...). And like that swim test all those years ago, I feel both excited and nervous. So, I would deeply appreciate your prayers for me during these early weeks of June, and for my family as well when I am away.

Following this residency, I'm looking forward to spending as much time as possible with as many of you as possible this summer! I would love to share the experiences of this residency with you, and brainstorm together on what it means for us as a church as we follow Jesus together. It's going to be a wonderful summer together as a church family!

Then, starting in September, we will turn our attention more directly to Jesus' call to discipleship; his commission to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18-20). What does that mean? How do we do it? What does God do, and what is my job? This will be our focus on Sunday mornings and possibly for other ministry activities as well. Stay tuned!

My prayer in all of this is twofold: First is that we, both as individuals and as a church, would grow as followers of Jesus, and be shaped more and more each day by Jesus. Second is that this all-important call to discipleship would continue to draw us together as a church family. Our church family is made up of people from a variety of church traditions, each with its own unique and beautiful contribution to the fabric of our fellowship. But the call to follow Jesus applies to all of us, and so **Jesus' call can be the foundation on which we stand together and grow together.** I hope this gives you some insight into our next steps together as a church, and I hope you are looking forward to the journey ahead. Let's dive in!

In Christ,
Pastor Steve

p.s. Beach Nights start June 15! You can sign up to bring a main dish one week (or more) during the summer. Beach Nights are always wonderful times of fellowship. See you there!

June 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:30 p.m. Youth Group | 2 5:30 p.m. de Vos Home Fellowship at MVCF | 3 6:30 p.m. French Home Fellowship | 4 |
| 5 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service | 6 | 7 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting | 8 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:30 p.m. Youth Group | 9 | 10 5:30 p.m. Women's Ministry Event | 11 |
| 12 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service | 13 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting | 14 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting | 15 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. First Summer Beach Night of 2022 | 16 | 17 6:30 p.m. French Home Fellowship | 18 |
| 19 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Father's Day | 20 | 21 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting | 22 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. Beach Night | 23 | 24 6:30 p.m. French Home Fellowship | 25 8:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. All Church Work Party |
| 26 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service | 27 | 28 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting | 29 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. Beach Night | 30 | | |

June Birthdays

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| 06/02 MICHELLE VANDENBERG | 06/21 BEVERLY LATHAM | 06/22 SUSAN DAVEE |
| 06/08 ELLEN DAVIS | 06/21 SAMANTHA YORO | 06/25 JUNE MCCOLLOUGH |
| | 06/22 MICHAEL FIORI | 06/30 DOUG ENO |



Children's Ministry



Vacation Bible School

July 26-29, 2022

6:00 PM to 8:15 PM

Day 1: God shows us love through the creation story.

Day 2: God shows us trust through the story of Moses and the burning bush.

Day 3: God shows us faith through the story of the men who lowered their paralyzed friend to Jesus through a hole in a roof.

Day 4: God shows us joy and hope through the story of Mary and Martha at the tomb.

www.missionvillage.church/2022-vacation-bible-school/

Pre-registration available now for
ages 3 years

(& using the potty independently)
up to 6th grade sign up attend

on our church's website.



VBS 2022 Needs You

Station leaders and helpers for:

Crafts station

Snacks station

Games station

Group leaders to lead children to different stations

Registration table

Security and timekeeper

Prop building:

This year many of the props needed will be smaller and can easily be done in your living room. We have a great video on how to make these small props. Colored paper and craft glue donations will be very helpful. We will let you know about other craft donation needs as they arise.

We will need some assistance on site for set up and tear down help.

And very, very importantly are prayer warriors. Please pray for the children and families that will be coming to our VBS.

For more info or to volunteer please:

Call or text Christopher AKA Mr. French at 858-735-5923

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Youth Ministry Spotlight

April was Easter. May is Gray and June is kind of gloomy BUT School will be out!

We are always happy and say with a big smile: “When I/we say, “HE IS RISEN” the youths (we) respond: “HE IS RISEN INDEED !!!”

We watched the Bible Project: Judges, Ruth and Matthew, Mark, Luke & John this last month. Thank you so much for Mr. Chris French and Pastor Steve for stepping in for me as I was quarantined for 2 weeks while my husband had Covid. Thank the Lord I did not get it and that Andy has recovered. Pastor stepped in and had the Youths declaring their inward fears that they all prayed and ‘gave them to God!’”

Congratulations to Andrew, our Youth Group member attending High School next year! He is so excited! We are thankful that the students all made it through another school year, some with excellent grades, others struggling a bit and some that may need to attend summer school; but all are moving up a full grade.

Recently we prepared for our Youth Group Rummage Sale, which was in May 21st. We thank you so much for all your wonderful donations. Our money made will go directly to our next Youth Group Event coming up June 26-28th @ Foothills Christian Church in El Cajon called Future Quest.

“FUTUREQUEST A 3-DAY YOUTH CONFERENCE DESIGNED TO EQUIP AND INSPIRE 7TH-12TH GRADERS TO BOLDLY LIVE FOR CHRIST”

<https://fqconference.com/>

A note about the rummage sale, please don’t take this the wrong way, but I would like people to know what happened that day. Thank you so very much to the volunteers: Ellen Wagner, Mary Jo Cooper and Mia Burton, a neighbor’s 14-year-old daughter who volunteered so she could get her community service hours validated. Jenny came in to save the day as she always does! Around mid-afternoon, we posted to Craig’s List for items free for pick up at our church so we didn’t have to put what wasn’t sold back into the YG room. We really blessed our community and all we asked was, “Please come and try out our church!”

We want to emphasize; we are so grateful for your donations! We are thankful to have made \$444 to pay for our conference but we could have made much more with better planning from me and more volunteers from our church. Last rummage sale we had so many volunteers happy helpers that it was set up really nice and we made much more money. One big reason is that many of those helpers do not attend our church anymore so we need new helpers. Please offer your time, too, when asked to service at our church, in any needed area. We encourage you to step up. WE love our church and like it to stay vital! We know that few people are doing most of our events and we are praying that we get a few more members that are enthusiastic to help grow with our church!

Our next big event will be our annual VBS during the last week of July! Tues-Fri: 6:15p-8ish.

God sees our giving and our loves our efforts! Let’s get more involved. Thank you for volunteering!

See you Wednesday evenings at Beach Nights!

Thank you so much in advance. GBU all!

A Word from Mr. French

Rest in the Lord, hmmm...

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28

“Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.”

Psalms 62:1

“Be still and know that I am God”

Psalms 46:10

The concept of rest is really challenging for many of us and for our present culture. Like every physical challenge presented to us by the Lord, there is a spirit behind that challenge that must be considered. The purpose of this article is not to provide a specific explanation to the concept of resting in the Lord; the hope is that you will explore the Word of God and come to understand how this applies to your life. While there are certain commands and concepts from the Lord that are very definitive and immutable, I believe that this concept is not one-size-fits-all. How this principle works will be unique to each one of us. Also, it is important to read the above verses in context of the scripture surrounding those verses. There is always a danger when interpreting scripture when reading out of context.

One thing to consider is, does the concept of rest always mean the complete absence of physical activity? Here again it is important to consider the spirit behind the concept of “rest” and “be still”. Can we be physically not still or not resting and yet be still in our heart and spirit? Also, we may find that certain times and situations in our life require us to be both physically still and resting as well as spiritually still and resting. Additionally, it is also wise to consider the council of brothers and sisters around us, because sometimes, we can have some significant blind spots to application of the concept of rest and be still and our friends may see things about our situation that we simply cannot. As always it is very important to constantly pray for the Lord’s guidance. As believers in Jesus Christ, we are blessed with the presence of the Holy Spirit, the teacher. May the Lord bless you in the exploration what it means be resting and still in the Lord.

-Mr. French

..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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Joanna de Vos
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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

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