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# Mission Village Christian Fellowship *July Newsletter* 2022

## Pastor's Perspective

### True Freedom

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." -Matthew 11:28-30

Welcome to July! I hope you all have a wonderful and restful 4th of July holiday. Whether you celebrate the 4th of July with a BBQ, or fighting traffic downtown to see the fireworks, or just quietly staying at home with friends and family, this is always an excellent time of year to be thankful for the freedoms we enjoy in this country.

But even in the midst of the celebration of our freedom, we still experience the hardships of life. We carry the burden of family issues, financial issues, health issues, work issues and so much more on a daily basis, and those burdens weigh us down. It is all too easy to be free and yet be enslaved.

Thankfully Jesus offers us a far greater freedom that can free us of our burdens. In Matthew 11:28 he says this: **"Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy burdened, and I will give you rest."**

I don't know about you, but I read those words and my heart cries out YES! I want rest! Show me this freedom! Give me this rest!

So how do we experience this freedom? Jesus goes on: **"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me..."**

At this point you may be wondering what is going on. Jesus has just offered freedom and rest. And then he talks about taking a yoke upon ourselves. But a yoke is not freedom. A yoke is a burden placed on cattle working in a field. So Jesus is saying that if you want freedom and rest you need to place a burden on yourself, the burden of following Jesus. Which on the surface doesn't seem to make any sense.

But note what Jesus says next: **"...for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."**

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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  
Frank Romeo

So in coming to Jesus, surrendering our lives to Jesus, and living for Jesus, we find rest. We find freedom. We find peace. In fact, the freedom and rest we find with Jesus is far greater than the freedom we have when we try to live our lives on our own, as our own bosses, with our own agendas, in our own strength. Jesus is far better at managing our lives than we are.

Now you may wonder why then, if Jesus' yoke is easy and his burden is light, why do his followers still experience so many burdens? The reason is that when life gets hard, our gut reaction, instead of turning to Jesus and trusting him with whatever hardship we are facing, we try to take control. We try to navigate back to calmer waters. And the moment we try to take over, the weight of our burden gets infinitely heavier because we are trying to carry it on our own.

What burdens are you carrying with you this summer? Take some time over this 4th of July holiday and ask the Lord to show you the burdens you are carrying that are weighing you down. Ask the Lord to show you where you are trying to be in control and not trusting him. And then let go, and take up Jesus' yoke. Follow him. Trust him. And as you do, you will begin to experience the truth of Jesus' words, that his yoke really is easy and his burden really is light, and you will find rest for your soul.

And that is true freedom.

Blessings,  
Pastor Steve



**Happy  
Wedding  
Anniversary**

7/8 - Christopher & Jennifer French  
7/17 - Bruce & Gayle Kraft



# July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>6/28</b> 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	<b>6/29</b> 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry Youth Group at Future Quest Conference 6:00 p.m. Beach Night	<b>6/30</b> Youth Group at Future Quest Conference	<b>1</b> Youth Group at Future Quest Conference 6:30 p.m. French Home Fellowship	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	<b>4</b> Holiday- Independence Day	<b>5</b> 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	<b>6</b> 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. Beach Night	<b>7</b> 5:30 p.m. de Vos Home Fellowship at MVCF	<b>8</b> 6:30 p.m. French Home Fellowship	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	<b>11</b> 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	<b>12</b> 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	<b>13</b> 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. Beach Night	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:30 p.m. French Home Fellowship	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	<b>20</b> 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. Beach Night	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30 p.m. French Home Fellowship	<b>23</b> 8:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. All Church Work Party
<b>24</b> 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Child Dedications MVCF Annual Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:00p.m.-8:15p.m. Vacation Bible School 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	<b>27</b> 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:00p.m.-8:15p.m. Vacation Bible School	<b>28</b> 6:00p.m.-8:15p.m. Vacation Bible School	<b>29</b> 6:00p.m.-8:15p.m. Vacation Bible School & BBO to follow	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service						

## Children's Ministry



### Vacation Bible School AKA VBS

July 26-29 2022

6:00PM to 8:15 PM

We have some wonderful themes to work with this year

Day 1 Arise and Shine: Love...God's Love is shown through the story of creation.

Day 2 Arise and Shine: Trust...Trusting God is shown through the story of Moses and the burning bush.

Day 3 Arise and Shine: Faith...Faith is shown in the story of 4 friends lowering their paralyzed friend through the roof to Jesus for healing.

Day 4 Arise and Shine: Hope and Joy...Both Hope and Joy are revealed in the story of Mary and Martha and the empty tomb.

### VBS Still Needs You

Station leaders and helpers for:

Crafts station

Snacks Station

Games Station

Group leaders needed to lead children to their various stations

Security and registration

Prayer support

Please contact Christopher AKA Mr. French 858-735-5923 talk or text or [christopherpfrench@gmail.com](mailto:christopherpfrench@gmail.com)

Join us this Summer,  
Wednesday Nights at 6:00 p.m.  
**MVCF Beach Nights!**



Hope to see you there!

July 6, 13, 20 (no beach night 7/29 during VBS)

August 3, 10, 17 & 24

For more details or to sign up for one to bring dinner one of the upcoming weeks please use this link or reach out to the church office

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e49aca92ea46-beach>

## Youth Ministry Spotlight

Summer is here! PTL!

We are proud to say we have 2 students entering High School this year which we call our Graduates!

Andrew and Geneva! Congratulations! Since they both already have bibles we got them beautiful jewelry. We gave Geneva a fancy sparkling cross necklace and Andrew a cross ring for a man's hand.

We celebrated with food, chips 'n' salsa, small sodas, and they both got a balloon to boot: Congrats!

The Youth Group finished up our Bible Project with 4 New Testament chapters: Matthew, Mark, Luke & John. Very well done and well received by our students and leaders: especially myself, Mary Jo & Ivan. J

The students gave me some profound feedback like: Say Yes to Jesus so our life can be more enriched; Sacrifice something for God instead of being lazy; How we spend our time is important-more with God. Jesus is the best teacher. Live for God's kingdom. Honor God by serving Him more. Forgiveness, not revenge!

We talked about who can come serve or help at our upcoming VBS end of July. Most of the students are busy but I asked anyone to help me again with GAMES. Andrew will be volunteering to help as a scientist. TU!

This year we attended the Future Quest Youth Conference instead of Pine Valley Bible Camp. The Future Quests is a Day Camp June 29, 30 and July 1<sup>st</sup> at the Foothills Church in El Cajon, Ca. Located at: 365 W. Bradley Ave. [info@fqconference.com](mailto:info@fqconference.com) This is a God spirited event with guest speakers, nightly Christian concerts with many activities and attractions. Evan, Brihana, Matt and Lucy attended. (see some photos of the event) Andrew was on his East Coast trip with his class in Washington DC & Boston; Geneva was visiting her brother in the Marines in South Carolina, Jonas attended summer school at USC studying Public Speaking and Urban Agriculture (College classes) for 5 weeks where he cannot leave campus. I was in Madison, WI as I am in the United States Women's Disc Golf Championship end of June-July 3rd. Hope to place!

Emily celebrates her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Celebration along with her this summer is her sister, Casey whose birthday is August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We have had a few students attending our Wednesday beach nights. They love the fresh air & just being together. We even have Brooklyn's children attending before they move to the East to Georgia!

Hope everyone is having a great summer so far. We are praying you stay safe and our youths stay safe!



Congratulations!  
gifts for our 8th grade graduates  
Andrew and Geneva





Andrew's headed to High School



Some Future Quest Highlights



..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

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Youth Ministry  
Adult Ministry  
Stewardship  
Fellowship  
Service  
Missions / Evangelism  
Finance Ministry  
Worship

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Tony DaVee  
June McCollough  
Christopher French  
Terri Carver  
Joanna de Vos  
Frank Romeo  
Jenny Fiori  
Carl Demas  
Matt & Ellen Davis  
Ernie Garcia  
Hannah French

### 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..... Hannah French