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Mission Village Christian Fellowship August Newsletter 2022

Pastor's Perspective

God's Got This

"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

We looked at this verse in Romans 8 at the end of July, and it is one of the most wonderful and incredible promises in the bible. In all things God works for the good of those who love him. In all things, good and bad, God is working for our good as followers of Jesus. God does not just work towards what glorifies him (although he does do that!), but he also works towards what is good for us. We might not always immediately see or experience the good in a given situation, but we know...we know...God is working in that situation for our good.

Since this is one of the most glorious promises in the bible I want to take some extra space here to unpack this incredible verse beyond what we can do on a Sunday morning. The promise itself, as we saw on that Sunday, is incredible. The theology underneath that promise however is equally incredible and equally encouraging.

Simply put, if God is working in all things for our good it means that God is in control of all things. This summarizes the Christian doctrine of Providence: God is in control. And theologians typically present God's Providence as having two aspects: Preserving and Governing.

First God preserves and sustains all of creation. The Apostle Paul writes "He is before all things, and in him all things *hold together*" (Colossians 1:17). And the author of Hebrews speaks of Jesus Christ, God the Son as "sustaining all things by his powerful word" (Hebrews 1:3). One only needs to look at the history of Israel in the Old Testament to see God's Providence as he repeatedly kept Israel from being destroyed. God preserves and sustains all of creation. Even our every breath is sustained by God.

Second, God governs all of creation. The Psalmist declares "I know that the Lord is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods. The Lord does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths. He makes clouds rise from the ends of

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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

On Summer Break-
Afternoon Bible Study
at MVCF

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Online

Wednesday

On Summer Break-
Youth Group at MVCF

1st Thursday

On Summer Break-
de Vos Home Fellowship at
MVCF

Friday

On Summer Break-
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

the earth; he sends lightning with the rain and brings out the wind from his storehouses” (Psalm 135:5-7). God can and does use any circumstance and any being to accomplish his purposes. God can even use the sin and evil of humanity to accomplish his purposes, seen so clearly in the story of Joseph (Genesis 37-50). When we say God’s got this...he really does have this!

At first this can be a concern, as we wonder why God would allow a certain thing to happen to us, or we lament over some evil in the world, especially when we can’t see the good God is working in that situation. There is a time and a place to express this frustration, both in prayer and with trusted brothers and sisters in Christ. We see this frustration expressed frequently in the Psalms, so we’re in good company here!

But the more we press into God’s Providence the more encouraging it becomes. Even if I don’t know what God is doing in a given situation or why he is allowing it I am thankful that God is in control of that situation. I want a God who is in control!

Jimmy Dodd is a pastor in the Kansas City area. One time he shared about a memorial service he was asked to participate in for a girl who had died in a tragic accident. On top of that horrible situation, the parents of the girl were divorced, hated each other, and both insisted that their pastor officiate the memorial service. They finally agreed that Jimmy would co-officiate the memorial service with the other pastor, complete with two separate messages.

On the day of the memorial service the church was packed with teenagers, grieving over the loss of their friend and searching for answers in the midst of their pain. The other pastor did his message first and said this: “On that horrible day...God lost control.”

Now at this point whatever Jimmy had planned to say in his message went out the window. The other pastor finished his message and Jimmy got up and said this: “God did not lose control. God is in control.” And then he proceeded to lovingly share about God’s love and care for us, and that if we believe in Jesus, then even in the darkest of situations we can know that God is working in that darkness for our good.

After the memorial service Jimmy was surrounded by kids, wanting to know more about this God he had shared about. No one went to talk to the other pastor. These kids wanted to know a God who was in control, even if they couldn’t understand why they had lost their friend.

What circumstances are you facing right now? My friends, even if you are facing a really difficult situation, even if you don’t understand why God allowed something to happen, and even if you can’t see the good God is working in that situation, know this: God is in control. God’s got this. And God loves you.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve



Happy Birthday

Andy Carver

8/14

Sabina Adjibolosoo

8/15

Jean Fortanas

8/16

Samuel Davis

8/16

Becky De La Cruz

8/23



August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7/31 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	1	2 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	3 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. Beach Night	4	5	6
7 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	8 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	9 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	10 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. Beach Night	11	12	13
14 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	15	16 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	17 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. Beach Night	18	19	20
21 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	22	23 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	24 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:00 p.m. Last Beach Night	25	26	27 8:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. All Church Work Party
28 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Child Dedications	29	30 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	9/1 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry	9/2	9/3	9/4
9/5 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service	9/6 Office Closed 	9/7 7:00 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting	9/8 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry	9/9	9/10	9/11

Moderator

Happy August dear church family!

It's hard to believe we're over half the year, 2022! It seems like we've lived a whole lot of days in these past three, right? But here we are - at the end of the summer. And hasn't it been a really nice one? Beach Nights (okay, so I've heard) have been successful and delicious! VBS was a BLAST!!! (Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers!!!) ... all the great things Summer should be about. Pastor Steve has us on a great journey of learning and leaning into the Word.

There are many things to look forward to in the Fall - New beginnings, new studies, the Youth Group and Home Fellowships starting up, events such as Harvest Festival and gatherings - it's going to be great. Please take time to invite some of your friends and neighbors to any and all of our outreaches, events, gatherings and services. We are surrounded by a world who doesn't know and doesn't want to know Jesus - we need to love them into the Kingdom!

My prayer and hope, as we start the slow slide into 2023, is that we cling closely to Jesus and each other, and celebrate His amazing goodness and love.

Love you dearly!
Jennifer French
Moderator

Worship

Hello everyone!

My name is Hannah French. I am the new chair for worship.

I am excited to see what my team can do to improve the worship process and everything that goes with that.

I promise to work hard and listen to suggestions and ideas.

Fellowship

Hi Church!

First, I want to extend a huge, gigantic Thank You to Shirley House, who even though She was no longer on Council as Fellowship Chair, stocked (bought) and set up snacks for after church for the past year. I am sure I am not the only one who is very appreciative of her.

I'm back as Fellowship Chair after a break of a few years. I had termed out. One nice thing Shirley did was make me realize that we did not need a full-on meal after church to have Fellowship with one another after the service. I will still make some food for after church, but it will not necessarily be every single week.

I hope you have been enjoying your summer. We had our Grandkids with us for nearly a month. They flew home earlier in the week, and it's taken many days to get our house back to normal! I hope those of you who have come to Beach night have had fun and for those of you who have not had a chance to make it down, there is still more time! Bring your chair, a friend, and a sweater and enjoy some time at Mission Bay. We have a sign up to bring food to share. The church will reimburse you up to \$100 if you want to make something or go pick up something like sandwiches or pizza. Mr. French will have his little fire pit for hot dogs and smores. There's usually a game of dominoes being played - if you like to play. We won't meet next week because of VBS but we will be there through August 24th.

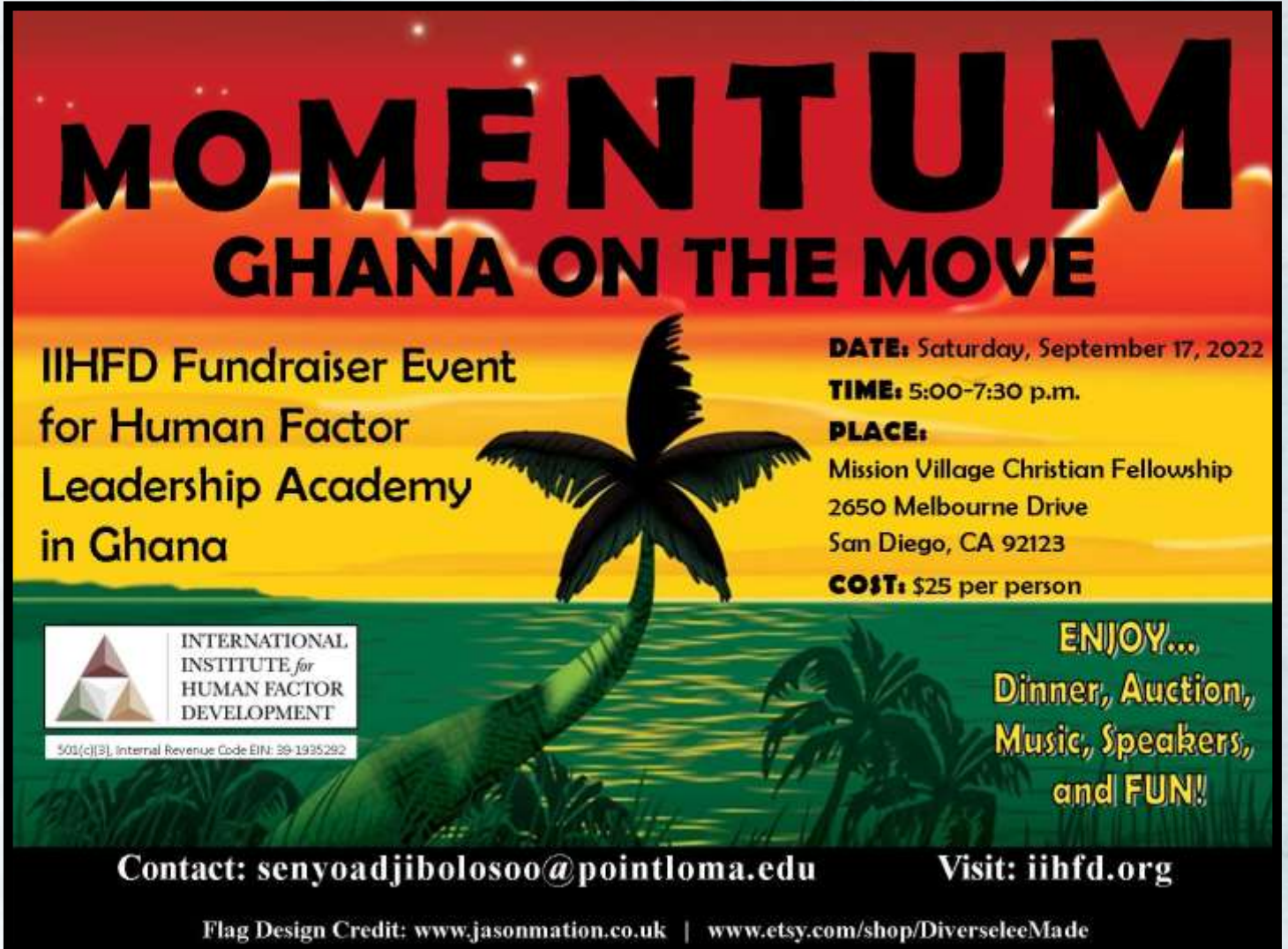
With Covid having wrecked so many of our traditional picnics I am not sure if we will be doing a big end of summer party or not.

Please be thinking of different activities you would like to see our church do food wise as an outreach or maybe something you did long ago and would like to do it again. Pastor Steve and I were thinking about doing a "progressive dinner". I have never participated in one, but it sounds fun! Please see me after church or email me if you have some ideas.

Enjoy the last of your summer. See you Sunday or at Beach night.

With lots of love,
Jenny

IIHFD Fundraiser Event at MVCF!



MOMENTUM
GHANA ON THE MOVE


IIHFD Fundraiser Event
for Human Factor
Leadership Academy
in Ghana

DATE: Saturday, September 17, 2022
TIME: 5:00-7:30 p.m.
PLACE:
Mission Village Christian Fellowship
2650 Melbourne Drive
San Diego, CA 92123
COST: \$25 per person

ENJOY...
Dinner, Auction,
Music, Speakers,
and FUN!

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SAVE THE DATE! **Saturday, September 17**

Registration for this IIHFD Fundraiser event will be available starting August 10, 2022. Please visit iihfd.org to register.

This extra special evening will benefit the **Human Factor Leadership Academy** in Ghana. The event will include entertaining music, a delicious Ghanaian dinner, a diverse selection of auction items, engaging informative speakers, and a fun memorable experience for all.

If you have any items to donate in support of this auction, please be sure to let us know via email - senyoadjibolosoo@pointloma.edu

Akpe! (Thank You!)



Service Ministry

We had our first meeting of the Service Committee which consisted of Pastor, Mary Jo Cooper, Marge Demas and myself. We went through the directory to select persons who we felt needed to be contacted, discussed frequency, and reporting methods. In addition to shut-ins we discussed single persons and persons with outlying conditions who could benefit from our contact. I would encourage anyone who is desirous of having contact by our committee please contact me and we will schedule a time and place convenient to you. I would mention that all conversations are confidential and only the pastor would be contacted with details of the visit unless specifically noted.

We look forward to contacting persons with the condition that we are reaching out to those who would desire contact. Our committee looks for referrals from the congregation and any suggestions are welcomed.

In His Service,

Carl Demas

Elder Christopher

M+Ms and seeing God's handiwork

A number of years ago my son, Caleb communicated a very unique analogy to me regarding our God's handiwork. He was driving back and forth from Mesa College and also his part time job at Starbucks in Kearny Mesa. Both those routes involve a significant amount of traffic lights. Caleb had just arrived home and he was very pleased with trip home. His words to me were, "God gave a bunch of M+Ms on my way home". Apparently he had traversed that stoplight ridden route without hitting one red light. According to Caleb, hitting all those green lights were like receiving M+Ms from God. Caleb saw these small blessings as small treats, M+Ms from God.

It is easy to recognize the handiwork of our God in the major blessings of healing or monetary provision or very significant positive changes in our lives. And we will often thank our Lord for his excellent provision. But, in the midst of our busy and distracted life we can lose sight of the amazing amount of small and often quiet provisions of our God. These are the green lights or the toasted and buttered English muffin that didn't fall butter side down when you accidentally dropped it or last bit of tape coming off the cardboard spool the was just the right length for what you were working on or a myriad of other little positive provisions in your day. These are what Caleb and I now call M+Ms from our God.

1 Thessalonians. 5:17-19 tells us to be in unceasing prayer. That would seem to be a bit of a daunting task. Recognizing and acknowledging to our God his M+Ms in our daily lives will definitely help us to fulfil that scriptural challenge. And that is my prayer for us.

Youth Ministry Spotlight

The summer is going by quickly. The YG students who went to Future Quest are still talking about it. They want to go back next year. There were 1000's of middle and high schoolers there from all over San Diego. Friends from school that didn't even know other friends were Christians. All good news. Also one of our YG students went to another YG camp called Cedarburg in the Big Bear Mountain area with 1000's of students from all over California, Arizona and Nevada. God's good word is getting their attention! We have a handful of students in our YG that will be and are spokes people for Jesus! J

We will resume our MVCF YG again September 14th at 6:30-8:15p in our wonderful YG room! J

We are having our VBS (Vacation Bible School) the last week in July. The usual leaders & some new ones.

Bible Teacher: Chris French and helper Andrew;

Crafts: June and helper Bri;

Snacks: Jenny, Shirley, and Sabina

Games: Terri and helper Sam

Our VIP worship leader is our very own wonderful and loving Pastor Steve with all of all us.

The other YG students will be Team Leaders for each age group: Pre-K; 1-2nd, 3-4th & 5-6th!

VBS Highlights

VBS, Adventure Island was such a wonderful experience the children our community and for our special Youth Group students and leaders. They (Evan, Matt, Sam, Geneva & Emily) showed up enthusiastically as group leaders to escort their children to each rotation to Snacks, Games, Crafts and Bible Study. Briahna led the craft team so brilliantly and Andrew had his lab coat on to assist Mr. French with the scientific Bible lessons. Everyone did a fantastic job. They learned responsibility by coming every night and how to keep their group in line. It was amazing to see in action. The children laughed and learned so much about Jesus. How Moses had to remove his sandals when he as on sacred ground, how the friends of the cripple person lowered him thru roof for Jesus to heal, how Mary discovered the empty tomb and declared Jesus alive! The songs and dancing Pastor taught the children were so fun - they really enjoyed jumping around! The snacks were creative and delicious. The games were so exciting and kept all ages engaged. The crafts were so extra creative to do. One of Mr. French's young students said what a great teacher he is, and he says they were all so engaged. We had sports night, character night and everyone 's favorite-crazy hair night. Plus, the last night we had a BBQ on the front lawn for entire families. Another real great aspect was afterwards for about an hour when the Youth Group stayed together and played their own games. Thru God's ministry and serving his children they got much closer together and gelled as friends as they worked together. We are all so blessed to be able to spread God's word to so many children. Thank you so very much for all the volunteers and especially the French family! GOD bless us!

Versus we taught (let's celebrate this):

DAY 1 God made you.

Psalm 139:14 (NLT)

¹⁴ Thank You for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.

Genesis 1:26 (NLT)

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like ourselves. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground."

Genesis 2:4 (NLT)

⁴ This is the account of the creation of the heavens and the earth. When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

DAY 2 God is for you.

Romans 8:31 (NLT)

³¹ What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

DAY 3 & 4 God is always with you & God will always love you.

Joshua 1:9 (NLT)

⁹ This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is **with you wherever you go.**”

Judges 6:11-12 (NLT)

¹¹ Then the angel of the LORD came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites.

¹² The angel of the LORD **appeared to him and said, “Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!”**

Psalms 89:2 (NLT)

² Your unfailing love will last forever. Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens.

DAY 5 God made you for a reason!

Jeremiah 29:11-14 (NLT)

¹¹ **For I know the plans I have for you,”** says the LORD. **“They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.**

¹² In those days when you pray, I will listen.

¹³ If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

¹⁴ **I will be found by you,”** says the LORD. **“I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land.”**



..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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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 ElderTony DaVee
Elders.....Chris French
Carl Jensen

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