

Mission Village Christian Fellowship

November 2022 Newsletter

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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

Pastor's Perspective

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

-Proverbs 3:5-6

I love these verses. They have been a blessing and encouragement to me for as long as I can remember in my walk with the Lord. They were some of the first verses I memorized. They contain a wonderful promise of God's faithful direction and guidance as we trust him. Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

Now most of us would probably say in response to these verses, "I trust in the Lord." We sing "trust and obey for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus." In theory we have no problem with the importance and necessity of trusting God with everything in every part of our lives.

But...do we really trust God with everything? The answer sadly is no. Paul writes in Romans 8:7 that the "mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God..." So if we were to explore the deepest corners of our heart, we would find that there are areas of our lives where we struggle to trust God, and where we actually trust ourselves more than we trust God; where we quietly but desperately grasp for control.

Given our desire for control, these verses in Proverbs are not only encouraging but **convicting as well**: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." **Trusting the Lord with all our hearts by necessity requires us to not trust in ourselves.** To fully experience the blessing of trusting in the Lord, we have to relinquish control. To allow God to guide and direct our paths means we have to fully take our hands off the steering wheel.

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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

1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study at MVCF

Tuesday

6:30 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

6:30 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

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What areas of your life do you struggle to fully trust in the Lord? Most of our spiritual struggles can be traced to some trust issue we have with God. If we can identify those trust issues and surrender them to the Lord, then we can experience the full joy and blessing of our relationship with him.

On Sunday mornings this month we'll be examining various areas where it can be challenging to fully trust in the Lord. As we explore these various "Trust Issues," allow the Lord to do a work in your heart. Ask him to work in those areas where you struggle to trust him. Ask a brother or sister in Christ to pray for you about your trust issues with the Lord. And as your trust grows, watch the Lord guide and direct your paths and lead you into a deeper relationship with him.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve

November Celebrations



Samuel Miller 11/1
Briahna DeLaCruz 11/9
John Nowak 11/9
Ernie Garcia 11/13
Carl Jensen 11/16
Scott Fiori 11/21
Mary Jo Cooper 11/22



Jayson Stone & Rebecca Schnarr 11/4
Steve & Joanna de Vos 11/6

November 2022



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

Where does my help come from?

2 Corinthians 12:8-10

⁸ Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. ⁹ And He said to me, **“My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”** Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

The title comes from Psalm 121. Understanding these two passages will impact so many aspects of our personal lives and the life of our fellowship. The specific application here concerns the apostle Paul and a significant physical challenge in his life. However, the spirit and dynamic of these passages can be many more areas than just the physical arena. In the last couple of years, in our personally lives we have all had to wrestle with a number of physical, emotional, mental challenges. On many occasions we have felt weak and exhausted. I know God's words to the apostle Paul we not meant just for him. I know God's grace have never wavered. The same thing, I'm sure applies to our fellowship as a whole. God's strength is made perfect in our weakness. My encouragement to you is receive the amazing peace that can be available to you when you truly believe God's promise and can say as did the Apostle Paul at the end of that passage. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Mr. French



Youth's Ministry

We had a busy month with our Special Halloween Harvest Festival Trunk or treat for our church members & families and hopefully new ones from our community! On the last Wednesday of October, we wore costumes during our YG meeting and carved pumpkins while learning God's Word at the same time.



We continued in the Bible Project with: Philippians & Colossians. We learned Bible verses to teach us that the love from God IS MORE SATISFYING than the love of money. While money is needed for necessities, God must rule and come first.



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(Chapter 2) **We are extremely sensitive in our relationships... We are easily embarrassed. We are easily hurt. Remember, it is God's eyes that really count. The pressure to conform is even stronger than the need for security and well-being. God's way is always the best. That is the way we are made** --- vulnerable, needy, and very dependent on one another. We are often our own worst enemies when it comes to the undermining of confidence. Trust in the Lord; always, pray often. Together, you and God are a majority.

(Chapter 3) Life in the fast lane is coming your way – guaranteed. There on the stage was the car of my dreams – a brand new Camaro, Corvette, Mustang, your favorite?

Whatever a person hungers for, Satan will appear to offer it. What do you hunger for?

The greedier you become, the more vulnerable you are to the con men of our times. Beware of the Wolf in Sheep's clothing. The Youth discussed that there are many con men on social media to be aware of. Great spiritual danger accompanies the pursuit and the achievement of wealth. Be wise to thrive. Every spending decision should be a spiritual decision. Pray before any big purchase and decision you make. Unless you spend less than you earn, no amount of income will be enough for you. Our aim during this time was to help better equip our youth for the future when came to finances, budgeting and spending wisely. We discussed that the importance of setting a budget and **proper goals for our money according to God's principles.**

Live within your current means. Try not to overspend yours or your parent's money.

We learned 4 Principals:

1. God owns all
2. There is always a trade-off between time and effort and money and rewards.
3. There is no such thing as an independent financial decision.
4. Delayed gratification is the key to financial maturity.

Some of our students are turning 16 and are very excited to learn and continue to stay on God's path. We have many upcoming events in the months of November & December:

We are collecting can be good for the Food pantry and gift cards for them to hand out of \$10.00. Especially gift cards for grocery stores to buy food.

We are having an all-church Holiday rummage sale on the front lawn at Sat. Nov. 19th 8a-1p. Please come and trade your unused Holiday items for others. All proceeds will go to the youth Group activities and snacks.

The Sat. following Thanksgiving on Nov. 26th 9-noonish we will be decorating the church for the Holidays with lights and our annual tree in the front of the church and one in the foyer. Afterwards, 1-3p Terri will be hosting a Tea party in the Fellowship Hall including a festive Tupperware party for whoever would like to come to see their newest items available.

Tuesday Dec. 13th our youth member: Emily and other students will be singing in a Holiday chorus. Our YG is planning on attending to give her support! We will soon let you know how to get tickets and where it is.

*Jesus is the reason for the season – **Christmas & New Year's is on Sunday! God Bless You. Stay healthy and happy during these Holidays!** Terri C. J*

Harvest Festival 2022



Thank you everyone who volunteered for this event!

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Missions

IIHFD Fundraiser Pictures September 17, 2022

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..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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| Service | Carl Demas |
| Missions / Evangelism | Matt & Ellen Davis |
| Finance Ministry | Ernie Garcia |
| Worship | 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

<i>Pastor /Elder.....</i>	<i>Steve de Vos</i>
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