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Mission Village Christian Fellowship

October 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

Psalm 42:1

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God."

This Fall at Mission Village Christian Fellowship we are exploring what it means to follow Jesus and getting at the core of what it means to be a Christian. And one of the key dynamics that makes a healthy follower of Jesus is dependency. Jesus modeled this dependency for us in his relationship with God the Father. And we see this radical dependency in the psalms: "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God." There is a clear sense in the Scriptures that without the ongoing intervention and providence of God in our lives, we would be finished. Desperate dependence leads to devotion.

Unfortunately we often don't see this kind of dependency in Christian circles. We certainly sing about this kind of dependency in our worship music. But we don't often see it lived out. Independence, not dependence, is seen as a virtue in our culture. We implicitly value stories of people who stand on their own two feet and take charge of their own destiny. Dependence on the other hand is seen as weakness and something to be avoided at all costs.

But radical dependency on God is essential to the Christian life because it brings us daily to God, keenly aware of our deep need for him in everything. Without this sense of dependency, the Christian life becomes more of a burden than a joy. I should go to church, I should go to a bible study, I should help in a ministry, I should read my bible every day, I should pray more. Then when we don't do these things, we feel bad, and end up putting more pressure on ourselves to do better and try harder. This becomes a vicious cycle of effort, failure, and discouragement. Trust me, I've been in this cycle before!

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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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But when we have a clear sense of our daily need for God, then the Christian life isn't a burden, but a life-giving joy. Just as I need water to live, I need the Lord to live.

Then all of the things that were once burdens become life-giving blessings. Each experience of God, whether it is through Sunday worship, fellowship with other believers, serving in ministry, reading the bible, or praying, becomes a life-giving drink of water in the middle of a sun-parched desert.

How do we grow in our dependence on God? A great way to begin is by simply praying, "Lord I need you." When you wake up in the morning, pray "Lord, I need you today." When you get to work, pray "Lord, I need you in all of my work today and in my interactions with co-workers." When you get cut off on the freeway, pray "Lord, I need patience and love from you that I don't have right now." When you get home after work, pray "Lord I'm tired and I need you to help me be a good spouse or good parent." At night before you go to bed, pray "Lord, I need you as I sleep, to get the rest that I need for tomorrow."

The more regularly we pray in this way the more we will realize our need for God every single moment of every single day. And as we grow in dependence on God, and walk with him in that dependency, we will discover and experience joy and peace in him as well.

Blessings,

Pastor Steve

October Celebrations



Happy Birthday

Rebecca Schnarr 10/11
 Autumn Quion 10/12
 Russ Armstead 10/12
 Jennifer French 10/14
 Terri Carver 10/17
 Susan Garcia 10/19
 Luisa Johnson 10/20
 Jenny Fiori 10/25
 Chris Hill 10/31



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

Endless Summer event!

Hi Church!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the "Endless Summer" Party such a success! I really enjoyed the fellowship as we labored in love to make it happen.

If you have any new ideas of what you'd like to have after church on Sunday, please let me know. Thank you so much,

See you Sunday!

Jenny Fiori



Youth Ministry



We had a really good first meeting with our Youth Group: We welcome back the following Youth: Briahana, Sam (our initial 2 youths), Andrew, Evan, Matt, Emily & Geneva, so far. Happy to be together.

We prayed, played a quick game of Candyland just for fun. It is such a simple game but games build our character and



teach us that just when you think you are about to win it all – there is a U turn to deal with. We watched the Bible Project for Galatians and got some good lessons out of it. We discussed that we would read a chapter every other week from **Dr. Dobson's Book: Life on the Edge for Teenagers.**

We had several prayer requests that some lasted over 5 minutes as needed prayers from the summer break and that school started in August already. Everyone is liking school and their teachers so far.

Our second meeting we watched the book of Ezra with the Bible project. It sure is interesting. We played a couple quick games of Frisbee Ultimate. The last game somehow ended up with the 3 girls versus the 4 boys. I thought the boys might let us at least catch it to try to score

a point but their competitiveness overtook them and they hammered us. I tried to teach them, it is 'ok' to ease up on the girls sometimes to make it FUN for everyone, especially on our church lawn. The boys seem to think that is not possible. Actually they are right for some areas in life but need to learn quickly to access the situation they are in.

We started with our book Dr. Dobson. The Youths were too busy to read the chapter so I paraphrased it for them. We talked about LIFE and how it can be like a smooth river flowing at one time then when you least expect it, turbulence hits us and we are scrambling and making quick decision to 'right the ship.' The most important lesson out of that was that they should and always do: Ask God for help; pray and pray again. Some of the sayings we read out loud together are on the chart in our room. (See picture above).

Events:

A Special Thank You to Andrew & Evan for volunteering for the Ghana fundraiser for Senyo & Sabina's school. Audrey & Jim Ryer will be treating their family to an ice cream social to thank them very soon.

We had a few youths attend our Community Outreach BBQ picnic on Sept 24th to support all youths:

Brie, Geneva, Emily & Matt, Andrew and Evan! We wanted them to go on the water slide too; No chance.

We had an enormous water slide for the young children, cheeseburgers, hot dogs and cold ice slushies! Thank you to Mr. French for making the slushies and attending out YG meetings with your guitar. We celebrated Chris' birthday during our YG meeting, which was on the last Wed. in Sept. You Go Chris!

Sept 30th is a High School football game: Kearny Mesa Comets vs Clairemont where we will be represented with a cheerleader from our YG for each school: Geneva and Evan. Go For It! - we are so proud! As our Youths enter High School – they are branching out in many different activities!

Upcoming: Harvest Festival October 31st. Still decided to do: front lawn or only parking lot? God Bless u.

Missions

TO:
MVCF Family

FROM:
IIHFD Fundraiser Team



This is especially for you...

It was the night before Momentum, and all through the church,
Volunteers were a-scurrying, as if on a search;
The tables were arranged and chairs put in place,
With quickness and teamwork at such a great pace;
Themed Ghanaian decorations graced the site,
All in preparation for the fundraiser night;
Guests enjoyed the activities of the evening,
Many got auction deals and were happy when leaving;
This poem is short but we really do want to stress,
It was YOU who helped with the fundraiser success;
Thank you, dear friends, for being such a good sport,
We couldn't have done it without your support!

Thank  you

Missions

SNEAK
PEEK!

MOMENTUM
FUNDRAISER



..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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- Moderator *Jennifer French*
- Clerk *Ronda Adams*
- Financial Secretary *Tony DaVee*
- Treasurer *June McCollough*
- Children's Ministry *Christopher French*
- Youth Ministry *Terri Carver*
- Adult Ministry *Joanna de Vos*
- Stewardship *Frank Romeo*
- Fellowship *Jenny Fiori*
- 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

Pastor / Elder.....Steve de Vos
Administrative ElderTony DaVee
Elders.....Chris French
Carl Jensen

Staff

Administrative Assistant.....Judy Jacob
Nursery Attendant.....Hannah French