Mission Village Christian Fellowship September Newsletter 2022

Pastor's Perspective

"I want to know Christ ... " - Philippians 3:10

How is your relationship with God?

This is a question I ask a lot as a pastor. I want to know where someone is in their relationship with the Lord so I can come alongside them and help them as they grow in that relationship. Some people answer the question more experientially, such as talking about their spirituality or how they feel during a worship service on Sunday morning or how they saw God move in a certain situation. Others answer more quantitatively, talking about how much they read the bible every day or how much they pray or what theological truths they have been learning.

All of these are wonderful things. But what is interesting about these responses is that they are not relational answers. If someone asked you how your relationship was with your spouse, or with a close friend, you would quite easily describe your relationship...you would discuss how you interact, how you spend time together, how you have grown closer (or not) over the years. All of those relational answers. But we don't typically speak in such terms when we speak of our relationship with God.

Imagine if someone asked me to describe my relationship with Joanna and I answered in this way: "Well I'm a very Joanna person. I have seen her do amazing things. I know a lot about Joanna. I have studied her personality and character and I know her birthday and every important fact there is to know about her." That would be kind of weird. While it is important that I know as much as I can about my wife, and while I should be a "very Joanna person," that doesn't describe my relationship with her and whether or not we are growing together in that relationship.

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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

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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So when it comes to our relationship with God, often we spend more time discussing how we experience God or what we know about God than actually discussing our relationship with God. How do you interact with God? How do you spend time with God? Are you growing closer to God and if so, in what ways?

Starting this month we will dive into what it means to grow in our relationship with God. On Sunday mornings we will look at Jesus, God the Son, and see what kind of relationship he calls us to have with him. We will consider how that relationship impacts and changes our lives. And we will explore the barriers that we face in our relationship with the Lord and discover some wonderful tools to help us grow in that relationship.

So how is your relationship with God? How would you like to grow this year in that relationship? Take some time this week and answer that question. Let's grow closer to the Lord this year. Let's help each other grow. And let's celebrate that growth together as a church family.

Blessings,

Pastor Steve

September Celebrations



Senyo & Sabina Adjibolosoo 9/2



Paul-Michael Dekker 9/12 Raylynn Stone 9/20 Christopher French 9/28

September 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 8/28 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Child Dedications | 8/29 | 8/30 6:30 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting | 8/31 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service | 5 Office Closed | 6 6:30 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting | 7 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry | 8 5:30-7:30p.m. De Vos Home Fellowship at MVCF | 9 | 10 11:30a.m3:00p.m. Endless Summer Community Picnic |
| 11 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service | 12 | 13 6:30 p.m. Online Prayer Meeting | 14 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6:30p.m. Youth Group | 15 | 16 6:30-p.m. French Home Fellowship | 17 IIHFD Fundraiser event see page 5 of newsletter for all the details |
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Youth Ministry Spotlight

Our last Summer Bash is September 10th. A community lawn BBQ with a water slide and fun and games!



School is already under way in August. Our first Youth Group meeting will be September 14th beginning at 6:30pm 7p games, 7-8 Bible Study and Project and 8-8:15 Prayers!

We are so excited to get started again and meet with God's Love and Grace and Mercy to Worship Him! We did some re-organizing of our Youth Group room and put up verses to learn to love & memorize! We will continue our bible project – old & new testaments with awesome illustrations & summaries!! We are very glad our Youths attended our Summer Beach nights to 'hang out' and show each other love.



We also will be studying from Dr. James Dobson's book: Life on the Edge for Young Adults: A guide to a Meaningful Future.

Some of the Chapters include:

Blast off or Blow up; The Courtroom of the Mind; For Love of Money; The Powerbrokers; Questions from the Edge; The Keys to Livelong Love; Love Must be Tough; Getting Along with your Parents; Emotions: Friend or Foe; The Hallway of Doors; Farther Down the Hallway; Choosing a Godly

Challenge; When God Doesn't Make Sense; Answering the Eternal Questions; 38 Values to Live By. (Stand by on the Edge of your seat.)

<u>BIG ANNOUNCEMENT</u> – our Youth Group will be helping and supporting an Upcoming Special event:

We are helping Senyo & Sabina gain Momentum with their special IIHDF Fundraiser Event Sept 17. 5-8p. Please come and show your support- see all the details on page 5 of the newsletter

Hope to see all your there to show our Love & Support for our church, Youth Group & IIHFD



This extra special "MOMENTUM...Ghana on the Move" event will benefit the Human Factor Leadership Academy (HFLA) in Ghana. The evening will include entertaining music, a delicious Ghanaian dinner, an array of auction items, engaging informative speakers, and a fun memorable experience for all.

Founder and President Senyo Adjibolosoo, Ph.D., created IIHFD (International Institute for Human Factor Development) with the belief that improving the human condition is not dependent on external factors like laws, money, or technology, but rather on internal factors like Love, Grace, Compassion and Forgiveness – the primary positive Human Factor qualities. The vision of IIHFD is to improve the quality of the Human Factor with a mission of producing honest and compassionate leaders.

IIHFD was initially established in 1992 in Canada. In 1999, IIHFD was incorporated in the United States as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The Human Factor Leadership Academy (HFLA) was established in Akatsi in the Volta Region of Ghana in 2010 and continues to provide worldwide impact of the IIHFD.

The HFLA in Ghana is thriving and successful and has been achieving the Human Factor quality goals for over 12 years. The school currently serves approximately 400 students ranging from Pre-Kindergarten to 12th grade. The goal is to reach out globally with HFLA's ongoing excellent academic program and training.

There is a basic school and a senior high campus at HFLA in Akatsi. In May 2022, a severe tropical rain in Ghana caused major flooding and damage to the basic school campus. Many books, laptops, and other supplies were lost. There is much to replace and rebuild. The MOMENTUM fundraiser will help with these immediate needs as well as ongoing essential necessities.

Please join us for this event. Tickets can be purchased at https://buytickets.at/iihfd/736033

For more information, visit iihfd.org

If you have any auction items to donate or have questions about IIHFD, contact senyoadjibolosoo@pointloma.edu

Akpe! (Thank You!)

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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| Pastor / Elder | Steve de Vos |
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| Administrative Elder | Tony DaVee |
| Elders | |
| | Carl Jensen |
| | |
| Temporary Remote Administrative Assistant | Brooklyn Cave |
| Nursery Attendant | Hannah French |