

MVCF

June 2023 Newsletter

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Pastor's perspective

Inside-Out Change

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.” -Matthew 23:26

A few weeks ago I was watching a cooking show where the host was using a smoker to cook various cuts of meat with various preparation styles. Needless to say, that show made me very hungry! But one segment of that particular show stood out to me. In this segment, the host took a huge cut of meat, and soaked it in a brine for several days before putting it in the smoker (I apologize if this is now making you hungry!). However he not only placed the meat in the brine so that the brine could work into the meat from the outside in, he also injected some of the brine into the center of the meat so that the brine could work into the meat from the inside out.

What a beautiful picture of the Christian life and how God changes us. We all have parts of our lives that need to be transformed; that need to be shaped by God to be more like Jesus (Romans 8:29, 2 Corinthians 3:18). But how does that change happen? Many of us have tried to bring about that change in our own strength to improve behaviors and attitudes. Like the meat sitting in the brine, those efforts will have some impact in our lives, but that change only goes a little bit beneath the surface, and doesn't get to the core of our being, to the heart level where the change really needs to occur in order to see sustained spiritual growth and transformation.

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Worship Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday 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

6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

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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Clearly this approach to change doesn't lead to lasting change. But we can so easily become focused on our own efforts at making surface changes in our lives that we fail to see our need for deep, inner transformation. This is what Jesus is condemning the Pharisees for in Matthew 23:26 when he tells them to clean the inside of the cup first. The Pharisees thought they were better than everyone else because of their external obedience to the law. They thought they had their act together. They looked like they had their act together. But Jesus points out that their hearts were not right before God.

Before we join Jesus in his condemnation of the Pharisees, we need to realize that we so easily do the exact same thing that the Pharisees did. We portray a version of ourselves on social media that is better than our real selves. We focus on how we look and act at church on Sunday but do not look at what is going on in our hearts. We publicly declare our love for others while inwardly holding a grudge against someone. Like the Pharisees, we far too easily focus on how the outside of the cup looks, and we don't look inside the cup.

Thankfully, God is in the business of cleaning the inside of the cup. He is in the business of changing us from the inside out. As we open ourselves to God and give the Holy Spirit more access to every area of our lives, the change that we really need is initiated by God, carried out by God, and works outward into every area of our lives, just like the brine that was injected deep into the meat in the cooking show. This is the kind of transformation that leads to true, lasting change, that lets us fully love God with ALL our hearts, ALL our soul, ALL our mind, and ALL our strength (Mark 12:30). This is the change we really need in our lives!

If this is something God does, you may wonder then: what is our role in this inside-out process of change? How do we cultivate this inner transformed life? These are the questions that we will be tackling this summer during the Adult Sunday School hour (8:30am), starting on June 11th. We'll be working through a DVD study by Dallas Willard called *Renovation of the Heart that focuses on this inside-out process of spiritual transformation*. If you haven't been part of that group for a while, or if you've never been part of it, this is a great time to jump in!

How does God want to move in your heart this summer? Come join us on Sundays at 8:30am as we explore and experience the Christian life from the inside out. I look forward to seeing you there!

Blessings,
Pastor Steve

"There you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place."

Deuteronomy 1:31



June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:30 p.m. de Vos Home Fellowship at MVCF	2 6:30 p.m. French Home Fellowship	3
4 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship	5 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	6 6:30 p.m. Zoom Prayer Meeting	7 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry	8	9 6:30 p.m. French Home Fellowship	10
11 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship	12 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	13 6:30 p.m. Zoom Prayer Meeting 7:00pm Council Meeting	14 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry	15	16 6:30 p.m. French Home Fellowship	17
18 Father's Day 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship	19 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	20 6:30 p.m. Zoom Prayer Meeting	21 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Serra Mesa Food Pantry 1st Un Beach Night	22	23 6:30 p.m. French Home Fellowship	24 8:30 a.m. All Church Work Party
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6/2 Michelle Vandenberg

6/8 Ellen Davis

6/21 Beverly Latham

6/22 Michael Fiori

6/22 Susan DaVee

6/25 June McCollough

6/30 Doug Eno



Happy Birthday



6/2 Scott & Jenny Fiori

Children's Ministry

Shine Jesus' Light

No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:15-16).

This is an amazing command from Jesus. Let us consider two important aspects of shining Jesus' light. First, shining Jesus' light is not unidirectional but bi-directional. It affects those shining as well as those upon whom the light is shone. Secondly, one size does not fit all. Circumstances and situations as well as the individuals involved will indicate how we shine that light.

The first consideration shows us that we are much more than just a reflection of Jesus' light. Light can reflect off a mirror or the water very effectively. However, neither the mirror nor the water are impacted or changed by that reflected light. A lantern, as in the scripture above or a light bulb are both sources of light. However, both the lantern and the light are impacted internally by that light. At the very least heat is experienced by both of those items. Jesus' light, via the presence of the Holy Spirit in us, impacts our lives and those around us. This is God's true law of physics.

The second consideration reveals that shining Jesus' light transcends who we are and what limitations we perceive ourselves to have. And can be demonstrated in an infinite number of ways. Our "Vacation Bible School/ VBS " theme this year is "Shining Jesus' Light." In this program we help the children understand what this looks like in only five of the many situations of life. They are: When life feels dark, Shine Jesus' light; When people don't get along together, Shine Jesus' light; When good things happen, Shine Jesus' light; When people are sad, Shine Jesus' light; When people need help, Shine Jesus' light. Just consider the range of actions in shining Jesus light:

- When life feels dark: Quietly sitting together to providing a place to live
- When people don't get along together: Words of peace to an intervention
- When good things happen: A simple thank you to extreme philanthropy
- When people are sad: A hug a to lifetime relationship
- When people need help: Holding open a door to providing significant need

I believe that shining Jesus' light is ultimately the fulfillment of God's second commandment to love your neighbor as yourself. Please prayerfully consider the ways in which you can shine Jesus' light in this world.

Mr. French

"I will guide you in the way of wisdom and I will lead you in upright paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered, and when you run, you will not stumble."

Proverbs 4:11-12

Children's Ministry Continued



Vacation Bible School

July 25th – 28th

VBS 2022 Needs You

Station leaders and helpers for:

Crafts station

Snacks station

Games station

Group leaders to lead children to different stations

Registration table

Security and timekeeper

Assistance on site for set up and tear down help.

And very, very importantly are **prayer warriors**. Please pray for the children and families who will be coming to our VBS.

For more info or to volunteer please: Call or text Christopher AKA Mr. French at 858-735-5923

Email christopherpfrench@gmail.com text Hannah French 858-731-6026 Email hannahjrench93@gmail.com

Day 1 Bible Point: When life feels dark, shine Jesus' light!

Key Bible Verse: "Jesus...said, 'I am the light of the world.'" - John 8:1

Day 2 Bible Point: When people don't get along, shine Jesus' light!

Key Bible Verse: "Live in harmony with each other." - Romans 12:16

Day 3 Bible Point: When good things happen, shine Jesus' light!

Key Bible Verse: "Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!" - Psalm 100:1

Day 4 Bible Point: When people are sad and when people need help, shine Jesus' light!

Key Bible Verse: "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God." - John 14:1. "Let your good deeds shine...so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." - Matthew 5:1

Youth's Ministry

Most of our Youth Group attended and all were so excited to come again to our church's selected family camp again in Pine Valley in middle May. We had our 2 female students drive one way with Terri and the way back home with Mr. French, all work out according to God's plan. Terri had to cut her trip short because her son, Derek, graduated from SDSU on Sat. 1p in Kinesiology, he got a Bachelors in Health and Human Services. We are so very proud of him. I am grateful that the YG got to go to camp and for those who helped 'teach' them God's Word. Especially Steve and Joanna who stepped up and in. We also had 3 male youths attend and share a room: Evan, Matt and Andrew. So happy they came for fun in the sun at camp. They love the God inspired fresh air, wide array of anything to do in the camp.

Steve impressed upon us for the weekend, how God changes us. He painted the image of a fire that you have to get close to it to feel the heat. We have to get close to God to feel his warmth and love. We are here to obey God and bear much fruit and to love one another. We should remain in him and he will abide in us. We are to 1) stay connected to Jesus (like a vine), 2) bear good fruit (Galatians), (3) be obedient to Jesus and (4) Love like Jesus does. He said, "Love each other as I have loved you."

The Youth group stayed in with us during the Friday night service. Then Saturday they were taught by Joanna as well as watching the younger children to give both Hannah and Chris French a break! On Saturday afternoon was free time and they could do whatever they wanted within the camp. They could not go swimming because the pool wasn't warm enough. They could have used the slip 'n' slide but opted not to. Stuck with the game room and hiking to the big cross during the camp bonfire.

We usually have other families at camp with us – this time – we were the only church there. That limited us to what we could not do like no: obstacle course, zip line, community hike, nor laser tag. We wish the camp would provide a Youth Group camp, with a director and a curriculum. It is not something they offer. Even the meals were not 'up to par' because there was not enough staff available. I am glad they all said they had lots of fun and more importantly, they got much closer to God in many ways. I asked what they liked about the camp? That they could eat and drink as much as they wanted.

The next fun the Youth Group is looking forward to is going to a Youth Group Conference called: Future Quest June 28-29-30; 5-9pm. Every year put on by Foothills Christian Church in El Cajon, Ca. It is amazing and loaded with lots of fun; food; Christian Concerts, break-a-way bible lessons, etc. It is action packed and we are glad to attend again. For more information, you can go to their site: info@foothillschurch.com

We are proud of Sam, Grandson of Scott and Jenni Fiori, for going on a Missions trip solo to Ghana. He met up with Senyo at the school Senyo help build and maintains. Sam wanted to make an 'impact' or a difference on the lives of the students he touched. We cannot wait to hear all about it. He is paving the way for perhaps a few more Youth Group members go next year on a Missions Trip!

Pastor Steve is finishing his theology class, and will be in LA the next few weeks. The students are finishing up their school year, this Wednesday May 31, was our last meeting of this year. The next events will be un-beach night at our church. The Youths REALLY wanted to continue going to the Bay! I hope they continue to come on Wed.'s so they can enjoy the fun and start getting ready for VBS in July.

Youth's Ministry Continued



<https://fqconference.com/fq-2023/schedule-2>

Wednesday

JUNE 28TH, 2023

12:00-1:00 Registration/ Pre-event attractions
12:30 Prayer Meeting in Prayer Room (B8)
1:00-2:45 General Session #1 with Chris Hilken
2:45-3:10 Break
3:10-3:50 Workshop #1
3:50-7:00 Free-Time Attractions
6:30 Prayer Meeting in Prayer Room (B8)
7:00-8:45 General Session #2 with Chris Hilken
9:00-9:45 FQ After Hours

Thursday

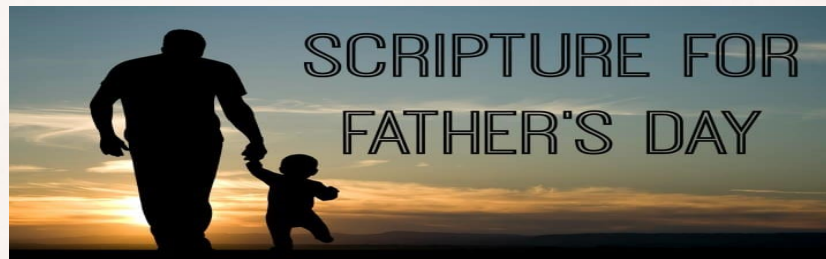
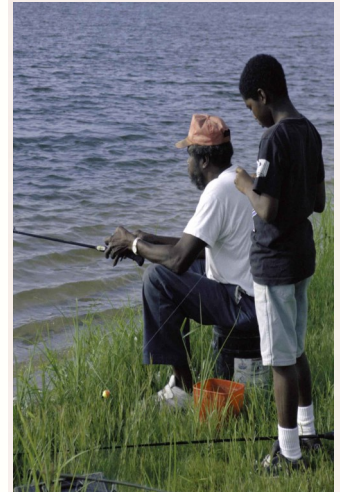
JUNE 29TH, 2023

12:00-1:00 Registration/ Pre-event attractions
12:30 Prayer Meeting in Prayer Room (B8)
1:00-2:45 General Session #3 with Christopher Yuan
2:45-3:10 Break
3:10-3:50 Workshop #2
3:50-7:00 Free-Time Attractions
6:30 Prayer Meeting in Prayer Room (B8)
7:00-8:45 General Session #4 with Christopher Yuan
9:00-9:45 Concert with nobigdyl.

Friday

JUNE 30TH, 2023

12:00-1:00 Registration/ Pre-event attractions
12:30 Prayer Meeting in Prayer Room (B8)
1:00-2:45 General Session #5 with Jon Ulloa
2:45-3:10 Break
3:10-3:50 Workshop #3
3:50-7:00 Free-Time Attractions
6:30 Prayer Meeting in Prayer Room (B8)
7:00-8:45 General Session #6 with Mike Van Meter
8:45-9:20 Worship Concert with FQ Band



- **Proverbs 1:8:** "Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching."
- **2 Corinthians 6:18:** "And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."
- **Psalm 103:13:** "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."
- **Proverbs 22:6:** "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."
- **2 Samuel 7:14-15:** "I will be a father to him, and he'll be a son to me. When he does wrong, I'll discipline him in the usual ways, the pitfalls and obstacles of this mortal life. But I'll never remove my gracious love from him."
- **Proverbs 23:22:** "Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old."
- **Proverbs 23:24:** "The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him."
- **Psalm 32:7-8:** "You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance."
- **Luke 15:20:** "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."
- **Malachi 4:6:** "He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers."

Father's Day Word Search

K O N E O F A K I N D O D C S L
 A M N T J K T V E Y V J P O P X
 Y D S M A R T T O B C X N M P C
 E A R Y R H T H A P P Y M P R V
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 Y U U M P W E L G R A N D P A E
 H A N D S O M E H D N A B S U H

Dad

Role Model

Gentle

Daddy

Special

Devoted

Father

Fun

Happy

Caring

Protector

Handsome

Hero

Smart

Compassionate

Family

Wise

Kind

Grandpa

Loyal

Strong

Husband

Blessed

Sport

Love

Son

June

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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 Elder	Tony DaVee
Elders.....	Chris French Carl Jensen

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