

Mission Village Christian Fellowship

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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](#)

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Pastor's perspective

God's Got This

Note: I wrote this article one year ago for our church newsletter, and I wanted to share it with you again. As I look back at the hardships our family has experienced in the past year, this verse from Romans 8 has been an incredible blessing to me. I hope it offers you the same encouragement it has given to me.

“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

Romans 8:28 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.

Now that is a truly incredible and encouraging promise. The theology underneath that promise however is equally incredible and equally encouraging, and is well worth exploring here.

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.

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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

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First God preserves and sustains all of creation through Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul writes “He (Jesus Christ) 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 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.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Steve





AUGUST 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 pm Zoom Prayer Meeting	2 10 am-1:00 pm Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6 pm Picnic on the	3	4	5
6 8:30 am Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship	7	8 6:30 pm Zoom Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Council	9 10 am-1:00 pm Serra Mesa Food Pantry	10	11	12 Youth Group Rummage Sale
13 8:30 am Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship	14	15 6:30 pm Zoom Prayer Meeting	16 10 am-1:00 pm Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6 pm Picnic on the	17	18	19
20 8:30 am Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship	21	22 6:30 pm Zoom Prayer Meeting	23 10 am-1:00 pm Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6 pm Picnic on the Lawn	24	25	26 8:30 am All Church Work Party
27 8:30 am Adult Sunday School 9:30 am Worship	28	29 6:30 pm Zoom Prayer Meeting	30 10 am-1:00 pm Serra Mesa Food Pantry 6 pm Picnic on the Lawn	31		



Andy & Terri Carver 08/01



Happy Birthday

Andy Carver	08/14
Sabina Adjibolosoo	08/15
Jean Fortanas	08/16
Samuel Davis	08/16
Becky DeLaCruz	08/23





