

#### Pastor's Pen

#### Lord, what do you want to do with my life?

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." -Matthew 28:18-20

It is officially graduation season! While we have several students who are promoting from elementary to middle school, and middle school to high school, I want to give a special shout out to Matt Corrie, who this past week graduated from Clairemont High School. Congratulations Matt! Matt actually finished high school last December, but officially received his diploma last week.

Matt joins a growing number of young adults in our church who are entering college and looking for jobs. And the pressing question for most Christians at that stage of life is this: Lord, what do you want to do with my life? I remember going to a conference as a college student, and attending a breakout session called "Discerning God's Will For Your Life." That session was filled with hundreds and hundreds of college students. The room was so full, students (including me) were sitting in the stairways. It's a good thing the fire marshall didn't show up! But the attendance of that breakout session showed that most Christian college students are asking the same question: Lord, what do you want to do with my life?

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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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That question is a great question to ask the Lord, not only for young adults but for followers of Jesus at any age or stage in life. And thankfully, we have a great answer to that question already. Jesus' Great Commission, which he gives to his disciples after rising from the dead, is a mission statement for all followers of Jesus: Make disciples of all nations. Help people to know and follow Jesus. The key to the Great Commission is to realize that this is not just a command to make converts, it's not just to get people to the point where they believe in Jesus, but is primarily a command to help those people become fully devoted followers of Jesus.

Of course, it is difficult, if not impossible, to help someone become a fully devoted follower of Jesus if you yourself are not also becoming a fully devoted follower of Jesus. Discipleship to Jesus is much less like a classroom learning experience and much more like an apprenticeship, where the apprentice learns from a master his or her trade and way of life (the word disciple in the bible means apprentice or learner). It is hard to help someone in that process if we are not active apprentices of the master ourselves.

Here's another way to think about it. Jesus in John 15 describes his relationship with his disciples as a vine and branches: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). The analogy is simple: If we want to bear fruit for Jesus, we have to stay connected to Jesus and keep growing in our relationship with Jesus. If we want to help make disciples of Jesus, we have to stay connected to Jesus and keep growing ourselves.

As we enter this summer, we have plenty of opportunities as a church to join Jesus in his Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. We have our weekly picnics every Wednesday evening at church. This is a wonderful time to connect with our community and build relationships that build bridges to Jesus. We also have Vacation Bible School July 8-11. Please come see me for how you can be part of this wonderful outreach to the kids in our community!

But given that we need to stay connected to Jesus to bear fruit for Jesus, maybe the best way we can enter this summer is to focus on our own heart and our personal discipleship to Jesus. How is the Lord calling you to grow in your relationship with him this summer? As you answer this question, please let me know what the Lord is pressing on your heart. I love to come alongside fellow disciples of Jesus and walk together as we grow in our discipleship to Jesus.

So this graduation season does remind each of us to ask the question our young adults ask: Lord, what do you want to do with my life? But take this summer and ask another set of questions first: Lord, what do you want to do IN my life? How do you want to work in my heart? How do I need to grow in my relationship with you? If you start with these questions, you likely will grow closer to Jesus, then you will bear more fruit for Jesus, and the question of what the Lord wants to do with your life will likely answer itself.

Your fellow disciple,

Pastor Steve

## Class of 2025

Congratulations to our 2025 Promotions and Graduations!

## **High School:**

**Matt Corrie** 

8th grade:

**Asher Dietz** 

**Kristina Haney** 

Alivia Sorcinelli

5th grade:

Tyler Addy

## **Kindergarten:**

**Samuel Davis** 

**Autumn Quion** 



## **Small Groups:**

#### **Monday**

1:00 p.m. Afternoon

Bible Study at MVCF

**6:30 p.m.** Women's Bible Study at MVCF

#### **Tuesday**

**9:30 a.m.** Bible Study at MVCF

**6:30 p.m.** Prayer Meeting Online

#### Wednesday

**6:30 p.m.** Youth Group at MVCF

Church Work Party
Every Fourth Saturday
of the month

**8:30 a.m. to 11:00** a.m. refreshment will be provided.

Frank Romeo

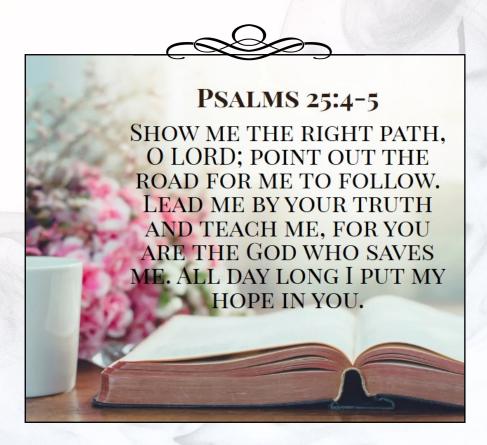
## **June Celebrations**



Scott & Jenny Fiori 06/09

Michelle Vandenberg	06/02
Ellen Davis	06/08
Beverly Latham	06/21
Samantha Yoro	06/21
Michael Fiori	06/22
Susan DaVee	06/22
June McCollough	06/25
Doug Eno	06/30
Penny Horner	6/30





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service	7:00pm Women's Bible Study	3 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Zoom Prayer Meeting	4 10am-1:00pm SM Food Pantry 5:00pm Picnic 7:00pm Youth Group	5	6	7
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Youth Ministry

## Congratulations to all the Youth Group Students Promoting to a new school level!

Especially our whole church body wants to give a big 'SHOUT OUT' to Matthew Courie who graduated from Clairemont High School on Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup>! There was a full house - thanks for all who attended! A big Thank you Pastor for attending as well as: Jim and Audrey Ryer and Terri and Geneva. We are so proud of you Matt!! – you are ready for God's purpose, instructions and guidance given to you through the Holy Spirit – much luck to you!

June 8<sup>th</sup> – we will honor our graduates in our church services. After Services on June 8<sup>th</sup> we will have a combined Sunday Promotion-Graduation Celebration to honor all the school promotions happening in our congregation. Matthew Courie's big accomplishment to graduate from High School is the hugest plus Cason is entering high school as well as Kristina Haney and her friend Alivia. Tyler & Alona are entering middle school, too!!

During the Summer – we will continue to open the Youth Group Room for any Godly discussions during the Wednesday night community dinner time: approximately 5:30-8ish.

FUTURE QUEST 2025 in right around the corner June 25, 26 & 27<sup>th</sup> at Foothills Church. Thank you everyone from the Youth Group for your LOVE Offerings to get more of our students eligible to go than last year. We have doubled our students from 5-10! We were able to pre-pay for 10 students this year and 2 Leaders thanks to all your generous support! We are so grateful! These 3 days of learning more about God at the same time as having a blast with thousands of other teenagers is a true blessing.

Their theme this year is "Encounter" we cannot wait to see what God has in store for our youths. It is Designed to equip and inspire 6th-12th graders to boldly live for Christ and spread good news. A Full Event Agenda & Concerts are online Future Quest 2025.

With engaging speakers, powerful worship, practical workshops, and incredibly fun attractions, the heart of FQ is for students to recognize God's calling on their lives!

Briahana has been nice enough to step up and volunteer to be our VBS Director this year. <u>The theme is Scuba: Diving in to Friendship with God! July 8, 9, 10 & 11<sup>th</sup> 6:15-8:30p! She knows she can never fill Christopher French's shoes but she is going to give it 'her best'.</u>

Please be ready for VBS meetings throughout the month of June, God Bless us all in this!

The Youth Group has been busy getting their driver's licenses: Congrads Geneva!

We are still studying the book: <u>The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens</u> by Sean Covey.

Your Mission Village Youth Group Leader, Terri Carver! GBU!

Youth Ministry Continued



Therefore, 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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#### **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
Elder	Carl Jensen

#### Staff

Administrative Assistant	Judy Yacob
Nursery Attendant	Hannah French