

MVCF

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Pastor's Pen

I was looking back through past newsletter articles I have written and came across this article from March 2019. In many ways I see this article as a prayer; one that is being answered today as our church is increasingly becoming a place where people can belong before they believe in Jesus. So I'm sharing this with you again (with a few edits!), in the hope that this encourages you as we enter not only a new month, but a new season of ministry together as a church family.

Celtic Evangelism

Acts 1:8 "And you will be my witnesses..."

In March the most well known holiday on the calendar is St. Patrick's Day. And for most folks, St. Patrick's Day is about wearing green and having an excuse to drink beer. But what many people do not know about St. Patrick is that he was a brilliant evangelist. After being held as a slave in Ireland, Patrick escaped, only to go back to Ireland later as a missionary.

What was brilliant about Patrick was his evangelistic strategy. In the 5th century, evangelism typically consisted of sharing the Gospel message, and then accepting those who believed into the life of church. If this sounds familiar, it is because this is how many churches today share the Gospel message.

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Worship Schedule:

- ◆ **8:30am Sunday Adult Sunday School**
- ◆ **9:30am Sunday Worship Service**
- ◆ **10:00am Sunday Children's Bible Adventure**

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Share the good news about Jesus, invite people to believe in Jesus, and welcome those who believe into the life of the church so they can grow in their discipleship to Jesus. However Patrick knew, in this Irish territory far away from any Christian influence, that Christianity needed to be experienced as well as taught. So Patrick employed a reverse strategy. He established churches in the middle of the village, in such a way that village life ran through the church. In this way, people who did not believe in Jesus not only got to hear the Gospel message proclaimed, they also saw it lived out in day to day life. They rubbed shoulders with Christians as they went through their day. In time, this ability to experience the Christian faith led many to believe in Jesus and to give their lives to him. So in many ways, Christianity was caught more than taught through this evangelistic strategy.

Today we live in an increasingly “post-Christian” culture, where Christianity does not have the influence it once had. That’s not necessarily a bad thing, it simply means that a different strategy for evangelism is required. So my prayer is that Mission Village Christian Fellowship could look much like those early Irish churches. Where people can belong in our fellowship even before they believe, and that they can “catch” what it means to be a follower of Jesus, as they see God’s Word lived out in the day to day lives of our people. Where people can experience the love of Jesus before they accept Jesus. That is why, as we seek to help everyone to know and follow Jesus, we want to be a church family where everyone, regardless of where they are in their spiritual journey, can belong in our community. Then we can meet them where they are, build genuine relationships with them, and help them to know and follow Jesus.

So as we enter March, as we approach St. Patrick’s Day, let’s honor Patrick. Wear green if you like. But honor this amazing missionary by inviting a friend of yours who does not know Jesus. Invite them to come experience our loving church community. Invite them to belong. Invite them to be a part of what God is doing here. Invite them to hear the good news about Jesus. Let them see Jesus in the lives of our people. Go deeper in relationships. Get beneath the surface. Be ready to engage in loving, grace-filled spiritual conversations as they ask honest questions about Jesus. And watch as the Lord draws these friends to himself.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve

And He said, “What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man.”

~Mark 7:20-23

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service	2 Women's Bible Study	3 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Zoom Prayer Group	4 10am-1:00pm SM Food Pantry 5:00pm Picnic 7:00pm Youth Group	5	6	7
8 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service Daylight Saving	9 1:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	10 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Zoom Prayer Group	11 10am-1:00pm SM Food Pantry 5:00pm Picnic 7:00pm Youth Group	12	13	14
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22 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service	23 1:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	24 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Zoom Prayer Group	25 10am-1:00pm SM Food Pantry 5:00pm Picnic 7:00pm Youth Group	26	27	28 All Church Work Party
29 Palm Sunday 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service	30 1:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	31 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Zoom Prayer Group				

Small Groups:**Monday**

1:00 p.m. Afternoon
Bible Study at MVCF

7:00 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

5:00 p.m. Picnic

7:00 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.

For more contact:
Frank Romeo

MARCH CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday

Tony Quion 03/04

Tony DaVee 03/05

Andrew de Vos 03/07

Van Thibodeaux 03/07

Admasu Agiro 03/16

Frank Romeo 03/24

Jayson Stone Jr. 03/25



Jean & Michele Fortanas 03/05

Michele & Tony Quion 03/05

Happy are those whose way is without blame,
who walk in the Law of the Lord. Happy are
those who keep His Law and look for Him with
all their heart. They also do not sin, but walk in
His ways. You have set down Laws that we
should always obey. O, that my ways may be
always in keeping with Your Law! Then I will
not be put to shame when I respect Your
Word. I will praise You with a heart that is right
when I learn how right You judge. I will obey
Your Law. Do not leave me all alone.

~Psalm 119:1-8

Shalom Church Family:

In my current Bible study, we've been discussing the foundations of sin. One lesson that stuck with me is how our physical 'members' our hands, feet, and tongues are essentially neutral instruments. As [Romans 6:13](#) teaches, we have the choice to either offer them to sin as 'instruments of wickedness' or to God as 'instruments of righteousness.'

Let's encourage one another to use every part of ourselves for His glory! Amen!!!

Judy Jacob

The seven body part gateways that lead to sin are:

1. **Eyes:** Acts as a gateway for envy, lust, and coveting what is forbidden.
2. **Ears:** Acts as a gateway for listening to gossip, slander, lies, or evil, which corrupts the mind.
3. **Mouth/Tongue:** Acts as a gateway for gluttony, lying, gossip, insulting, and unwholesome speech.
4. **Hands:** Acts as a gateway for violence, theft, and greed.
5. **Feet:** Acts as a gateway for walking toward evil, or pursuing sinful, (forbidden) places.
6. **Private Parts:** Acts as a gateway for immorality, fornication, and lustful actions.
7. **Heart (or Mind):** Acts as a central gateway for pride, hatred, unforgiveness, envy, and hypocrisy.

So do not let sin have power over your body here on earth. You must not obey the body and let it do what it wants to do. Do not give any part of your body for sinful use. Instead, give yourself to God as a living person who has been raised from the dead. Give every part of your body to God to do what is right. Sin must not have power over you. You are not living by the Law. You have life because of God's loving-favor.

~Romans 6:12-14

Youth Ministry

We are meeting on Wednesday's to eat first then afterwards 6:30 – Learning about Jesus.

We have been hearing about the 2nd Corinthians – the same as we are in our church services.

WE FEEL ... Sometimes it is fun to break away from the 'norm' and PLAY GAMES!

What board or card games did you play as a kid? We started with: Candy land Trouble and Sorry that all have the same concept. Take our your opponents pieces and get your home!

We are looking for any game donations or suggestions you may have to learn more about us

We are playing and giving pool lessons to anyone who wants to learn how to play billiards.

We are smack in the middle of Lent Season but do not feel is as much as in the past when Pastor Steve had videos for us, prayed for us and included us on his and our sacrificial Easter journey. We encourage the youths to add more God in their lives during their spare time. Everyone seems so busy – even as youths! Currently, our loving Pastor has been quite busy finishing his dissertation, helping Andrew with his Eagle Scout project and college choices plus helping Even to get good grades and be the best student he can be! We pray for all our Youths to do well. We encourage them to do their school work loud & proud!

Fundraiser for Taft Middle School.

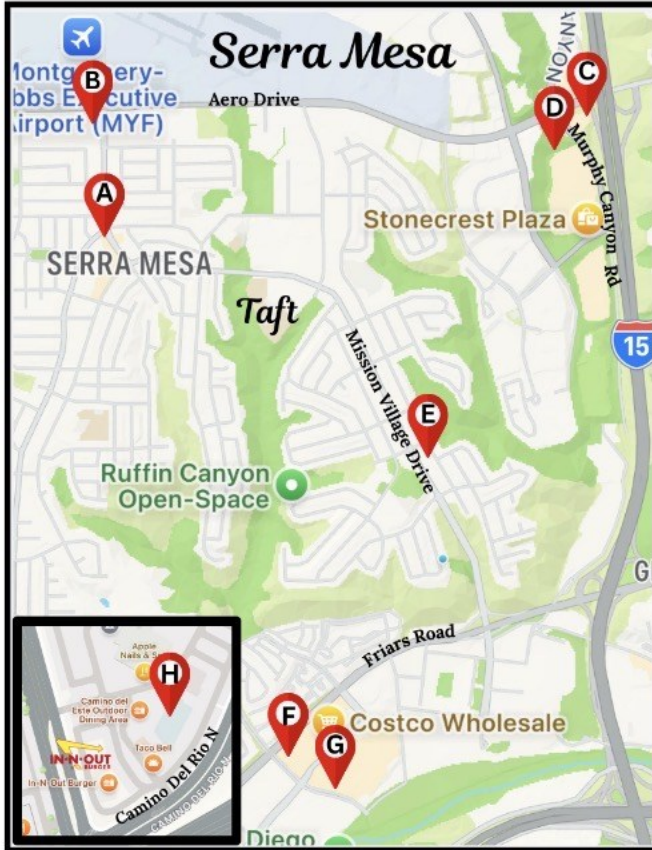
If you have any questions:

(619) 807-1896



Taft Middle School PTO

venmo.com



The card must be present for discounts!



Must present card at time of purchase - Not valid with other offers, discounts, or specials - Limit 1 offer per person per day - Discounts apply to menu/retail price - "BOGO" offers valid on item of equal or lesser value - Not valid on alcohol - Valid only at listed locations.

Taft PTO Discount Card Cheat Sheet

Business Name	Deal	Address
A Serra Mesa Barbershop	\$5 off Haircut	3369 Sandrock Rd, San Diego, CA 92123
A SD Sandwich Company	20% off total price!	3373 Sandrock Rd, San Diego, CA 92123
A Little Sam's Pizza	15% off orders of \$40 or more	3250 Greyling Dr, San Diego, CA 92123
A Subway	Buy a regular 6" sandwich + 30 oz drink, get a regular 6" FREE	3298 Greyling Dr Suite A, San Diego, CA 92123
A Goody's Donuts	20% off total purchase	3244 Greyling Dr, San Diego, CA 92123
A Maggie's Cafe	15% off when you spend \$20 or more	3232 Greyling Dr, San Diego, CA 92123
A Bear Buns Bakery	15% discount off purchase	3251 Greyling Dr, San Diego, CA 92123
B Casa Machado	15% off orders of \$40 or more	3750 John J Montgomery Dr, San Diego, CA 92123
C Pick Up Stix - Murphy Canyon	Free 6 piece cream cheese wonton with a purchase of any entree +drink	3737 Murphy Canyon Rd, San Diego, CA 92123
C McDonald's	BOGO Deal - Buy one, get one FREE sandwich	9871 Aero Dr, San Diego, CA 92123
D Stonecrest Auto Repair & Tires	\$10 off any service	3690 Murphy Canyon Rd #101, San Diego, CA 92123
E Java Garden	15% off of food and beverage of \$20 or more	2699 Mission Village Dr, San Diego, CA 92123
F Island's Fine Burgers & Drinks	20% of total purchase	2441 Fenton Pkwy, San Diego, CA 92108
G Oggi's	Free Oggi's Stix w/ purchase of a regular priced entree	2245 Fenton Pkwy Ste 101, San Diego, CA 92108
H Pick Up Stix - Mission Valley	Free 6 piece cream cheese wonton with a purchase of any entree +drink	2019 Camino Del Este, San Diego, CA 92108

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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Council Members

Pastor	Steve de Vos
Moderator	Ronda Adams
Clerk	Joanna de Vos
Financial Secretary	Tony DaVee
Treasurer	June McCollough
Children's Ministry	Open
Youth Ministry	Terri Carver
Adult Ministry	Open
Stewardship	Frank Romeo
Fellowship	Jenny Fiori
Service	Open
Missions / Evangelism	Matt & Ellen Davis
Finance Ministry	Open
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
Elder..... Carl Jensen

Staff

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