



MVCF VILLAGER

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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| ◆ 8:30 a.m. Sunday | Adult Sunday School |
| ◆ 9:30 a.m. Sunday | Worship Service |
| ◆ 10:00 a.m. Sunday | Children's Bible Adventures |



A SERVANT'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Church Family,

I'm sure you've heard me say it in the past. January 1st is my favorite day of the year! I love it! As much as I enjoy the holidays, the mad rush is over, life has quieted down and there is a fresh new slate waiting to be written on. But there is one inherent problem. Remember the old saying, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail"? It's kind of like that with the New Year. I'm not talking about resolutions - just simple planning to accomplish some things that will better your quality of life and the lives of those around you. Now, let me explain the difference between resolutions and planning. A resolution states that I will do something in the coming year. It is filled with the hope that somewhere in the next 12 months I find the time, resources and motivation to get it done. Often resolutions start on New Year's Day and end the same evening. Planning takes a different approach. It starts by making sure that the goals are realistic. Then it counts the cost and makes a list of resources needed. Then it starts to strategize. That means a time line where certain things must be done by certain dates. Motivation builds upon its self as you accomplish each segment of the goal. The closer you get to the finish line, the more you pour on the steam.

There is nothing wrong with "Big Thinking". Just make sure you break it down to manageable tasks. There are things in your heart that you've always wanted but never "really" believed could happen. This just could be the year that you achieve success beyond your wildest dreams. It all starts with a plan. Remember, *resolutions* boast of what I'm going to accomplish. *Planning* ends in accomplishment.

May His grace walk you through your plans in the coming year!

Pastor Carl

May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

Psalm 20:4 (NIV)



Legacy Women's Conference
 Ladies mark your calendars for
 March 2-4, 2012

\$140 for the weekend
 all meals included.

To sign up register call
 858.278.2633
 There will be a sign up sheet
 in the Fellowship Hall
 after Service on Sundays.

Youth Group
 7th to 12th grade
 Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Serra Mesa Food Pantry
 Open Wednesdays
 10:00–2:00 p.m.
 Second Saturday of the month
 10:00–2:00 p.m.

Church Camp 2012
 May 11-13, 2012
 See Scott Fiori to start a payment plan

O Come
 Let us
 Adore
 Him



Mission Village Christian Fellowship, Trinity Korean Presbyterian Church and The Living Word Christian Fellowship will be celebrating Epiphany

Sunday, January 8th
 (this will be our tenth annual Epiphany Service/Potluck).
 Worship begins at 11 a.m.

Potluck follows. As we have done the past few years, we are asking each family to create an ethnic statement of who you are and bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert to share. Please take your dishes into the kitchen before the service. The ovens will be available to keep food warm, and the refrigerators will keep them cold.

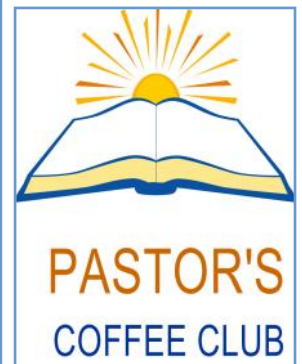
Adult Sunday School



David Casey
 leads the study and
 discussion.
 We meet Sundays in the
 Fellowship Hall from
 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

Home Fellowships

- Mondays**—2:00 p.m. June Angus Home
 9271 Irvington Ave., 92123 858.277.4156
- Tuesdays**—4:00 p.m. Mary Jo Cooper Home
 9165 Rebecca Ave., 92123 858.278.2046
- Thursdays**—7:00 p.m. Thibodeaux Home
 3228 Towser St., 92123 858.569.0051
- Fridays**—7:00 p.m. Armstead Home
 3336 Stellar Dr., 92123 858.278.3389
- Sunday**—6:30 p.m. Young Adult Home Fellowship
 Please Call for location 619.337.0616



Wednesday,
 January 11, 2012
 10:00 a.m.



WORTH IN THE SON

Our worth is not in what we do.

It is not in our accomplishments, however big.

It is in one thing alone: The Son.

We all come from different backgrounds. Some of us are believers in Jesus, some are not. But regardless of what we accept or reject about the Son of God, one truth remains: Our worth is in Him. It is not in us or anything that we can accomplish or have accomplished.

For those of us who reject the gospel message, there is proven love.

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

You may reject Christ, but He has shown you your worth. He has proven it, in fact. Can you imagine a God that actually would stoop to such “a low” as to enter into His creation and die for it? It would be hard, impossible even, to imagine if the Bible did not describe such a God to us. The Greek and Roman Gods were petty and selfish. Many other “gods” described in various religions are not far from the same. But none of them have died for you.

You may be a believer in Jesus and are absolutely “on fire” for Him. You may even be a pastor or serve in ministry at your church doing amazing things for God. But your worth is not in these things. No matter how many copies (or how few) your books have sold, no matter how many people you have led to Jesus, no matter how many pats you get on the back Sunday morning, your worth is safely kept in the Son. Oh yes, you too are loved, but you are more than that. You are children of God.

*“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”¹
John 3:1*

God is not some distant being to you. He is Abba. He is *daddy*.

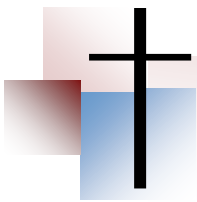
“Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” Galatians 4:6

There are so many places to find our worth in this world. But only one true place and that is in Jesus Christ. Regardless of whether you are a believer or not, your worth is in Him. You can’t escape it. He died for you. He wants to save you. He wants to give you a real life, one that is abundant in meaning. He doesn’t want to make you “religious.” He just wants *you*. Can you believe it?

Come to the Son.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

Andy Nelson, Youth Pastor



JUST FOR FUN

THIS MONTH'S birthdays

- 04—Marjorie Trickett
- 06—Raquel Ruiz
- 07—Senyo Adjibolosoo
- 14—Cameron Steck
- 18—Karen Kilpatrick
- 23—Linda Little
- 25—Kristin Nelson
- 28—David Casey



In the book of Judges, a cycle is repeated many times: The Israelites do “what is evil in the sight of the Lord,” God hands them over to an enemy nation, they cry out to the Lord and he appoints a judge, or political/military leader, for them. Under the judge’s leadership, the Israelites conquer their adversary and prosper – until they start doing “what is evil in the sight of the Lord” all over again.

Who was not one of these judges?

- A. Deborah
- B. Ehud
- C. Esau
- D. Shamgar

Answer: C (See Judges 3-5.)

THIS MONTH'S anniversaries

- 02—Roger & June McCollough
- 18—Luke & Christina Jacobs





JUST FOR FUN

NO-SEW FLEECE SCARF



Winter is a difficult time for people in need, so make this scarf to help someone stay warm.

What you need:

- Medium-weight polar fleece, 60" standard width (a 9" portion will make one scarf)
- Scissors
- An adult to help

What you do:








1. Cut a piece of medium-weight polar fleece to the size of 60" x 9". Cut the fabric across its width so the material is stretchy.
2. Trim off the edge binding. To add "fringe" along each end, make a 6"-long cut every half inch.
3. For curly fringe, pull each strand and then let go sharply. Another attractive option is to tie an over-hand knot at the top of each strip.
4. Donate your scarf to a local group that helps people in need. For greater impact, encourage your Sunday school classmates or other friends to make scarves, too.



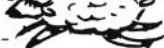





A caring disciple

In **Acts 9**, Peter tells of a woman who lived in Joppa. She performed good works and helped the poor. Solve the puzzle below to reveal this disciple's two names.

Instructions: Cross out the letters that spell each object and write the remaining letter on the blank.

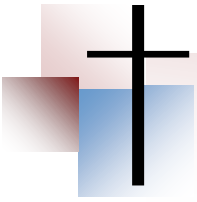
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Her name in Greek

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___ dchilnero		
___ drove		
___ acehtr		
___ sarcos		
___ nusoaatim		

Answers: Tabitha, Dorcas





JANUARY 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Kearny Mesa Conv. Visit 	2	3 4 p.m. MJ Cooper HF 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting	4 10-2 p.m. SM Food Pantry Noon—Friendship Lunch—Gethsemane 7 p.m. Youth Group	5 7 p.m. Thibodeaux HF	6 6:30 p.m. Bunco 7 p.m. Armstead HF 	7
8 11:00 a.m. Joint Epiphany Service 	9	10 4 p.m. MJ Cooper HF 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting 7 p.m. Council Mtg.	11 10-2 p.m. SM Food Pantry Noon—Friendship Lunch—Gethsemane 7 p.m. Youth Group	12 7 p.m. Thibodeaux HF	13 7 p.m. Armstead HF	14 8 a.m. God's Extended Hand 10-2 p.m. SM Food Pantry
15 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Jacob's Young Adult HF	16 2 p.m. June Angus HF	17 4 p.m. MJ Cooper HF 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting	18 10-2 p.m. SM Food Pantry Noon—Friendship Lunch—Gethsemane 7 p.m. Youth Group	19 7 p.m. Thibodeaux HF	20 7 p.m. Armstead HF	21 8:00 Men's Breakfast
22 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Jacob's Young Adult HF	23 2 p.m. June Angus HF	24 4 p.m. MJ Cooper HF 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting	25 10-2 p.m. SM Food Pantry Noon—Friendship Lunch—Gethsemane 7 p.m. Youth Group	26 7 p.m. Thibodeaux HF	27 7 p.m. Armstead HF	28
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