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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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| ◆ 8:30 a.m. Sunday | Adult Education Class |
| ◆ 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 a thinkin' folks, I'm a thinkin'. Some people think it's dangerous when I start to think. But there is some thinkin' that just can't go unthought. And, today, my thinkin' centers around a topic that all of us need to think more about. "How we approach Scripture." Now, I realize this may seem a little obscure or nebulous. But if Scripture is going to impact our lives and be applicable for today's living and lifestyles we must approach it in a manner that will maximize its effect upon us. Just picking up a bible and randomly reading cannot be criticized. But neither can it be considered the best way to learn. And learning is what discipleship is all about. So, then, let's look at some ways to help maximize our time in the Word.

Be Systematic

Perhaps buy a bible study on a particular book in the bible or a topical study. These are readily available at your Christian book store. And then there is the old fashioned way. Just pick a book and read your way through it.

Be Consistent

Schedule a time that allows you to read without interruption. Be consistent. For our bodies to be healthy, we must eat nutritious meals every day. Reading the bible once a week is a spiritual diet that will eventually cause you to starve. Strive to read daily.

Seek Understanding

Find a translation that you are comfortable with. Free bible study tools and reading programs are offered online at blueletterbible.org. Take time to use a commentary, if necessary, to help you get to the correct contextual message of the passage.

Draw a conclusion

What is the main focus of today's reading? How can I apply it?

I pray that the Holy Spirit will help you in your bible reading so that you can grow in His love, understanding and faith.

Blessings on You,

Pastor Carl



Wed, Aug 13
10:00 a.m.



FELLOWSHIP



Beach Night is on Wednesday evenings starting anytime after 5:00 at our usual place North of the Hilton Mission Bay. Please feel free to bring friends, dogs, blankets, chairs, STUFF TO SHARE (desserts, etc) and anything else you need.

Most of the nights are picked for providing meals - but there are a few open. It's really easy and the church will reimburse you the cost of the meal. There will be a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Please see me if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Jennifer French

FOUNDATIONS - MVCF Youth Group
Wednesday Nights
7pm at MVCF

See Caleb Hummel or Luke Jacobs For More Information
Check Out the FOUNDATIONS Blog at
<http://mvcfyouth.blogspot.com>





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

In July, we had our annual Vacation Bible School.

This year's theme was "Cosmic City."

It was a science based curriculum designed to teach children the wonder of God.



The MVCF campus was truly cosmic thanks to Christopher French's amazing vision of how to make the sanctuary, café, crafts area and the cosmic city lab (youth room) look out of this world. In case any of you didn't know we have solid gold man in our midst named Christopher French – thank you for your tireless and amazing work on this years VBS.

Christopher was helped in teaching by Michelle Lee from Trinity Presbyterian and she put on a puppet show each night to assist with teaching and the kid's loved it!! Thank you Michelle, you were a blessing to all of us during this week. Thank you Hannah French for filling in for your dad as the scientist in the lab and all the other places you helped each night! To round out the French Family – Jennifer French made the most delicious snacks, showed Veggie Tales (very big hit!) and taught and prayed with the children. Caleb French is all grown up, he was awesome helping with snacks and filling in as teacher of the 3rd and 4th graders, he was truly a pro with them. Thank you, Samantha McKinney for taking over for Jennifer a few nights. You did a fabulous job. The other snack helpers were Selorm Adjibolosoo, Selassie Adjibolosoo, Kelly Kingsbury, and Troy Leak, thanks to all of you.

A very big thank you to Terri Carver, who organized the games for the week. The kids all had an amazing time playing dodge ball, volleyball, water races and numerous other fun games Terri thought up. The kids and youth volunteers absolutely loved the games. DJ Brennan is amazing, he helped with games and ran the words for the music each night. DJ, we could not have done it without you. Thank you Don Brennan for being there each night just at the right time to help us avoid crisis. You did an amazing job with the sanctuary screen and lights that put stars in the sky.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The sanctuary was filled with about 50 children each night who all danced and had so much fun singing the songs taught and led by Leah Peek. She impressed us all with her energy and enthusiasm. There is not a child who attended that wasn't truly blessed by Leah and the passion she puts into teaching the kids the songs. They all knew the songs and the hand movements by the second night! Thank you, Leah for also being our time keeper and ringing the time bell.

Each night the children left the sanctuary to go to the crafts area and pick up the fantastic crafts they had made that night. Leslie Huffor was the crafts leader again this year. She is so organized, patient and thoughtful of each group that comes into the crafts area. The ordering of supplies and planning for this begins months in advance. Thank you, Leslie for all of your hard work. Leslie had some wonderful helpers this year that she could not have done without, Bruk Agiro (who also filled in with the 3rd and 4th graders), Nicole Drasko, Anna Luther, Jennifer Park, Christina Pak, Jessica Huh and Sabrina Buytaert.

Each group had a group leader, the PreK-Kindergarten class was lead by Michael Fiori and Daniel Wloczewski – you boys were wonderful. Thank you both for being there every night. Thank you to Yun Myoung and Sara Kirby for also helping with the little ones. Sara and Daniel also helped with games. The 1st and 2nd grade class was lead by Joel McKinney and he had 2 amazing helpers as well. Ashlyn Flaherty and Alexis Logsdon are girls from the neighborhood who showed up each night and helped with this class. What a blessing they were.

Our very own Sunday school teacher Jim Ryer led a large group of 3rd and 4th graders. Good job Jim this is an age that gets a little squirrely to say the least. Jim had a helper who arrived each night at 5:00 pm named Yuhan Kim. Yuhan helped with whatever was needed and we are truly grateful for all you did this week. Last but not least, the 5th and 6th grade group was lead by two brave girls, Kelsey McKinney and Casey Lawson. You girls did a great job! This was our largest class, on Friday night there were 18 kids in this group.

That brings me to Tony Davee – you filled in to help with this class, you played Moses in the teaching, you made sure the facilities were locked up each night – Thank you Tony. Thank you, Pastor Carl for being there each night and doing the snack time teaching on Friday night. The registration went smoothly thanks to the work of Jennifer McKinney and her crew. The first night was the hardest and could not have been possible without Pauline Casey and Elaine Morgan. You are both awesome.

We also want to thank our "Prayer Warriors" who each night prayed over us and each child individually – thank you for your prayers. All of us owe a big Thank You to everyone who cleaned up on Saturday and helped to bring the church back to earth.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this VBS a success and such an amazing blessing to each and every child who attended, it is truly a group effort. God moved in a powerful way and it was a blessing to see him in the laughter and smiles of the children.

Joel and Jennifer McKinney





EVANGELISM

If you can't feed a billion people, then feed just one.

If you can't hire twenty million unemployed, then hire just one.

If you can't support an army, then pray for one soldier.

If you can't cure disease, then visit one person in the hospital.
One smile provides healing.

If you can't save the world, then improve your community;
and if you can't improve your community, then help your next-door neighbor.

We can't save the world, but we can save those within hugging distance.

Don't give up. Don't become overwhelmed.
We are responsible only for the people in our breathing space.

Charity begins with the next person you see.
Charity begins with just you and just me.
If everyone on earth felt this way, what kind of planet would it be?

Lisa Lindsey, Cincinnati, OH~

GAME NIGHT Saturday Aug16

Come and enjoy an evening of your favorite board or card game at MVCF. We love to play Mexican Train Dominoes but you may enjoy another game.

Bring a friend and a snack to share and join us for Game Night at the church.

Third Saturday of each month) at 6pm.

See Mary Jo or Mike Loren if you are interested or have questions.



Set aside **Thursday, August 14th** to join in a Hymn Sing at 7:00 in the church sanctuary.

Bob Elliott will again provide accompaniment to our requested hymns. It is a great time to share with one another and review the great hymns of yesterday.

SODA POP

By Selah Khepra

There was a time when soda pop was a dime
and gasoline was just fifteen cents
It was a time when you minded your Mama
and fought for her good name like no other.
It was a time when we had prayer in schools and gangs didn't bother you.
It was a time when a young girl kept her secret surprise and saved herself
for marriage right before your very eyes.
It was the time when soda pop was a dime
and gasoline was fifteen cents!

There was a time that a man's word and his handshake meant more to
him and to you than the money in his pocket.
A time when "Make in America" and "Soldier" meant something, and
every word the President said was listened to as time well spent.
Today! It's sad but it's true what happened to the presidency,
the money, the women, me and you!
What happened to the time when soda pop was a dime
and gasoline was fifteen cents?

Today we live in a world of cosmetic miracles.
You can make yourself look younger even though you are older.
A woman can look so good to you today, it's true! But check 'em out real
close it might be a man standing right next to you.
What happened to the time when soda pop was a dime
and gasoline was fifteen cents?

It was a time when a yellow rose took a seat on a bus riding
down the street and a young King and a little queen
marched with strong men without defeat.

A time when God and America would smile, when justice was tempered
with mercy every once in a while.
Yes! Mahayla Jackson and Ella Fitzgerald too – sang songs that nations
were moved, the young and the old and even me and you.
A time when words like Priest, Pastor, Teacher, Police, black belt were
trusted and challenged you to bring out the
best champion man or woman in you.
A time when internet and cablevision didn't steal your mind or time
nor take you children from you.
A time when two level teaspoons of sugar sweetened the strongest cup of
coffee and some of the best words of the day were
"its ten o'clock – Do you know where your children are?"
and "The few, the proud, and the brave."

Old men have you forgotten? ...Young men have you
known or heard?
There really was a time when soda pop was a dime
and gasoline was just fifteen cents.

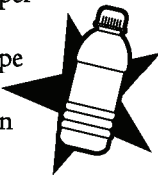
KID'S PAGE

REFRESHING ★ SUMMER ★ ACTIVITY

Try this activity with your Sunday school. It's a fun way to give people more than just a cold drink. It helps them learn about the Bible and your church.

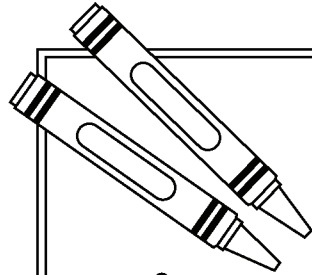
What you need:

- Bottled water
- Tubs or ice chest filled with ice
- Printed labels or cut pieces of paper the same size as the existing water-bottle label
- Permanent markers (if you're not using preprinted labels)
- Clear contact paper
- Scissors
- Clear packing tape
- Poster board
- Adult supervision



What to do:

1. On labels or pieces of paper, write a verse about the living water Jesus gives us (for example, John 4:13-14; John 6:35; Revelation 22:17). Also include your church's name and contact information, as well as an invitation to worship or to an activity.
2. Either laminate the new labels or cover them in clear contact paper (to keep them from getting soggy).
3. Tape the labels to the back of the bottles.
4. Make a "FREE Water!" poster.
5. Find a park, local festival or corner where people pass by needing a cold drink. Be sure to have adult supervision.



Just for **KIDS**

The Water of Life

To beat the summer heat, we're often refreshed by a cold drink. Complete the puzzle below for a reminder of what Jesus offers us when we thirst.

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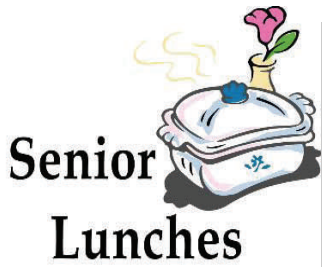
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$\overline{5+7}$	$\overline{12-3}$	$\overline{9-3}$	$\overline{6-1}$						

Revelation 22:17, NIV

Answer:
"Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life." Revelation 22:17, NIV



MVCF-Common Ground Café hosts the Living Well Senior Lunches on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday every week at 11:00 a.m. for a donation of \$3.50 a meal.

The menu is posted on the bulletin board by the Church Office and in the café.

For reservations, please call Beverly at least two days in advance at 858.571.2994.

Every week a group of folks meet to pray for the church, for those who are ill or hurting, and for our land. During the summer we meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

Please join us.



**HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS
ON HIATUS DURING SUMMER**

Join Us for Beach Nights
On Wednesday Evenings for a
Great Time of Fellowship
See Bulletin or Call Church Office
(858.278.2633) for More Information



SPECIAL EVENTS

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Michelle Hunt—02
Josh McKinney—07
Steve Little—12
Pat Redding—14
Rose Engledow—14
Sabina Adjibolosoo—15
Jean Fortanas—16
Berenice Trickett—16
Joseph Faria—17
Gene House—17
Alex Fiori—18
Pastor Carl Baker—22
Goeff Hunt—26
Kevin McCasland—31

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Andy & Terri Carver—01
Joel & Jennifer McKinney—05
Ed & Claire Robillard—08
Goeff & Michelle Hunt—12
Steve & Linda Little—12
Carl & Susan Baker—16
Ned & Leah Peek—22
Russ & Mignon Armstead—25
Don & Julie Brennan—27
David & Brenda Casey—31

To view the complete MVCF calendar, go to:
www.mvcf.net and click on [Calendar of Events](#).

Saturday, Aug 30
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

...tired of cooking or eating alone?
Is your cupboard bare?
Fast food and take out eating up your budget?
Come to the "Mission Village Community Meal"

We're Serving Salad During the Summer and It's FREE!!!

What's the menu? Salad, bread, and dessert.
When? The last Saturday of every month
What time do we eat? Anytime between 4-6 p.m.
Where? The Garden Room at Gethsemane Lutheran
2696 Melbourne Drive, San Diego
Who's doing this? Gethsemane Lutheran Church and
Mission Village Christian Fellowship
More information from 858.277.6572 or 858.278.2633
Volunteers and donation accepted.

COMMUNITY MEAL VOLUNTEER POSSIBILITIES

- I can bring a salad ingredient (reimbursement offered if needed).
- I can bake fresh bread or will buy a loaf of bread.
- I will bake cookies.
- I have containers to donate that can be used to send extra home with someone.
- I will set up (be here by 3:15 p.m. and you can eat first!).
- I will help clean up (come and eat at 5-5:30 p.m. to help at 6 p.m.).
- I will make a donation so that we can offer this meal without charge (identify your gift as "Community Meal").
- I will come and eat and get to know our neighbors.
- I will invite family, friends and neighbors.
- I will go to my immediate community with door hangers.
- I will encourage and pray for this time of fellowship.

Please cut this out and turn in to Mary Jo.

Name _____

Telephone _____



AUGUST CALENDAR

Fri	1	Bunco & Potluck, 6:00 p.m.
Sat	2	Open
Sun	3	New Members Class, 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School, 8:30 a.m., Worship, 9:30 a.m. Middle School Group & Children's Sunday School Kearny Mesa Convalescent Visit, 3:00 p.m.
Mon	4	Open
Tues	5	Open
Wed	6	Beach Night
Thurs	7	PanHandlers Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Fri	8	Open
Sat	9	God's Extended Hand, 8:00 a.m.
Sun	10	Adult Sunday School, 8:30 a.m., Worship, 9:30 a.m. Middle School Group & Children's Sunday School MCRD/Immanuel Convalescent Visit, 2:00 p.m.
Mon	11	Open
Tues	12	Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Wed	13	Pastor's Coffee Club, 10:00 a.m. Beach Night
Thurs	14	Hymn Sing, 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Fri	15	MVCF Articles Due
Sat	16	Men's Breakfast/Work Party Dominos/Game Night, 6:00 p.m.
Sun	17	Adult Sunday School, 8:30 a.m., Worship, 9:30 a.m. Middle School Group & Children's Sunday School
Mon	18	Open
Tues	19	Open
Wed	20	Beach Night
Thurs	21	Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Fri	22	Open
Sat	23	Open
Sun	24	Adult Sunday School, 8:30 a.m., Worship, 9:30 a.m. Middle School Group & Children's Sunday School
Mon	25	Open
Tues	26	Open
Wed	27	Beach Night
Thurs	28	Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Fri	29	Open
Sat	30	Community Salad Meal with Gethsemane, 4:30 p.m.
Sun	31	Adult Sunday School, 8:30 a.m., Worship, 9:30 a.m. Middle School Group & Children's Sunday School MCRD/Immanuel Convalescent Visit, 2:00 p.m.

Mission Village Christian Fellowship

You are invited to worship with us each week and to accompany your children as they participate in our Church School program.

We are a family church and serve every age:

Adult Class..... 8:30 a.m.
 Coffee Fellowship 9:00 a.m.
 Worship & Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
 (Coffee Fellowship Following Worship)

**Nursery and toddler care is available
 during Worship Service and Sunday School**

Staff and Leadership

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TIME VALUED MATERIAL