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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 vow for the new year

Making plans for your life in the new year? Could it be that God already has a plan for you and is patiently waiting for you to make that plan a reality?

When one considers how everything seems to have a purpose in nature (atoms, genes, plants, animals, etc.), it makes sense to believe that each of us has a purpose as well. On the other hand, if all of creation seems to have just happened without any reason, then this means our minds and spirits must have no reason or purpose as well. How can we trust them?

But believers trust that there is a great Intelligence that brought everything into existence.

There is a Mind and a Heart at the center of all creation. If that's the case, then life can only make sense when we seek what the Creator has in mind for us.

Jesus, who knew the Mind and Heart of God better than anyone who ever lived on Earth, once said to the erring Peter: "You are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things" (Mark 8:33, NRSV).

Setting our minds on human things can get us into trouble. That's why it often seems we live in a crazy mixed-up world. How can life ever be fulfilling, without the purpose God has for that life?

To set one's mind on divine things leads us to consider the one vow we should take seriously for the new year. Your will, Lord. Your will and nothing else.





EVANGELISM

2008 – Who knows (other than God) what will happen this year? But let's think about 2007 for a moment and give thanks. Even for the painful episodes – I'm convinced that God allows pain & suffering in our lives to drive us to Him, much as a little child is compelled to seek out Mom or Dad whenever a big boo-boo occurs. So let's encourage one another to give thanks to God for ALL things in 2008, whether good or bad, pleasurable or painful.

And let's also thank God for our weaknesses this year. We are all thankful for our gifts and abilities, but there are good reasons to be thankful for our weaknesses also. Those with tremendous gifts and abilities are so often susceptible to the worst condition of all – self-pride (aka self-righteousness). If I was not “blessed” with several weaknesses, I just might succumb to the evil condition of self-righteousness, so I am very thankful. This sounds crazy to many, but not to those who truly experience the amazing love that a relationship with Christ provides.

“Awfully simple when you know Jesus, simply awful when you don't.”

God bless you! Keep the faith in 2008!

Evangelism

Adult Sunday School



David Casey leads the study and discussion.

Home Fellowship Groups

Angus - Mondays at 2:00 p.m.
Adjibolosoo - Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
Thibodeaux - Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
Armstead - Friday @ 7:00 p.m.
See Bulletin or Call Church Office
(858.278.2633) for More Information



Youth Night!
Every Wednesday
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Happy New Year!

Our Christmas Pageant "Live from Bethlehem" was a wonderful experience for the children and the adults who helped. We had a wonderful time rehearsing and bringing all of the pieces of the pageant together.

Thank you very much to all of the children for your dedication and hard work and to all of you adults who helped me so much!

Please continue to brainstorm of fun and exciting ways to share Jesus with our children and the church through them, and don't hesitate to bring those ideas to me.

As we enter into 2008 please pray for our children and the Children's Ministries here at Mission Village Christian Fellowship.

Joel McKinney

FOUNDATIONS - MVCF Youth Group
Wednesday Nights
7pm at MVCF

See Caleb Hummel or Luke Jacobs For More Information
and

Check Out the FOUNDATIONS Blog at
<http://mvcfyouth.blogspot.com>



JUST FOR KIDS

COUNTDOWN TO THE
New Year

Celebrate the blessings of the previous year and the hope of the New Year with this fun party idea and craft.

What you need:

- Brown paper lunch bags or colorful bags
- Construction paper
- Markers
- Glue
- Scissors
- Stickers (optional)
- Inexpensive prizes or treats (see ideas below)

What you do:

1. Before New Year's Eve, assemble a bag for every hour before midnight that you plan to celebrate.
2. Use construction paper and markers to make a clock with a different time for each bag.
3. Glue a clock onto each bag.
4. Decorate the bags with stickers or other designs.
5. Fill the bags with inexpensive prizes or treats, each accompanied by a Bible verse. Here are a few suggestions:
 - Plastic party-favor watches ("The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore" Psalm 121:8, NIV.)
 - Bookmarks ("Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture" 1 Timothy 4:13, NIV.)
 - Small notepads and pencils ("Let love and faithfulness never leave you ... write them on the tablet of your heart" Proverbs 3:3, NIV.)
 - Sweet treats ("Taste and see that the LORD is good" Psalm 34:8, NIV.)
 - Party noisemaker, in a bag to be opened at midnight ("Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth" Psalm 98:4, NRSV.)
6. Open each bag at the time shown on its clock.

Just for KIDS

IN WITH THE NEW

It's "time" for New Year's resolutions! We should always want to improve ourselves for God, looking to Jesus as our example. God will work with us and through us when we come to him in prayer.

Using the clock's hour hand, copy each word to help you complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.

" _____ , _____ is _____ , _____ is a _____
 _____ ; the _____ has _____ , the _____ has _____ !"

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"



MVCF EVENTS

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Marjorie Trickett - 04
 Senjo Adjibolosoo - 07
 Adessa Kingsbury - 08
 Jacob Kingsbury - 23
 Leslie Huffor - 27
 David Casey - 28
 Edie Riffe - 31

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

GAME NIGHT - Saturday January 19

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.

January 19 (third Saturday of each month) at 6pm.

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

Saturday, January 26

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 Soup During the Winter and It's FREE!!!

What's the menu? Soup, bread, and dessert.
 When? The last Saturday of every month (Jan 26)
 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 _____



JANUARY CALENDAR

Wed, Jan 2	Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m., No Youth Group Meeting
Thurs, Jan 3	Home Fellowship - Thibodeaux, 7:00 p.m.
Fri, Jan 4	Home Fellowship - Armstead, 7:00 p.m. Bunco & Potluck, 6:00 p.m.
Sun, Jan 6	Joint Epiphany Service & Potluck, 11:00 a.m. Kearny Mesa Convalescent Visit, 3:00 p.m.
Mon, Jan 7	Home Fellowship - Angus, 2:00 p.m. Home Fellowship - Adjibolosoo, 7:00 p.m.
Tues, Jan 8	Pastor's Coffee Club, 10:00 a.m. Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Wed, Jan 9	Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.
Thurs, Jan 10	Home Fellowship - Thibodeaux, 7:00 p.m. PanHandlers
Fri, Jan 11	Home Fellowship - Armstead, 7:00 p.m.
Sat, Jan 12	God's Extended Hand, 8:00 a.m. Villager Articles Due
Sun, Jan 13	Adult Sunday School, 8:30 a.m., Worship, 9:30 a.m. Youth Group Parents Meeting, After Worship MCRD/Immanuel Convalescent Visit, 2:00 p.m.
Mon, Jan 14	Home Fellowship - Angus, 2:00 p.m. Home Fellowship - Adjibolosoo, 7:00 p.m.
Tues, Jan 15	
Wed, Jan 16	Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.
Thurs, Jan 17	Home Fellowship - Thibodeaux, 7:00 p.m.
Fri, Jan 18	Home Fellowship - Armstead, 7:00 p.m.
Sat, Jan 19	Men's Breakfast/Work Party Dominos/Game Night, 6:00 p.m.
Sun, Jan 20	Adult Sunday School, 8:30 a.m., Worship, 9:30 a.m.
Mon, Jan 21	Home Fellowship - Angus, 2:00 p.m. Home Fellowship - Adjibolosoo, 7:00 p.m.
Tues, Jan 22	
Wed, Jan 23	Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.
Thurs, Jan 24	Home Fellowship - Thibodeaux, 7:00 p.m.
Fri, Jan 25	Home Fellowship - Armstead, 7:00 p.m.
Sat, Jan 26	Community Soup Meal with Gethsemane, 4:30 p.m.
Sun, Jan 27	Adult Sunday School, 8:30 a.m., Worship, 9:30 a.m.
Mon, Jan 28	Home Fellowship - Angus, 2:00 p.m. Home Fellowship - Adjibolosoo, 7:00 p.m.
Tues, Jan 29	Amantis Luncheon Meeting
Wed, Jan 30	Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.
Thurs, Jan 31	Home Fellowship - Thibodeaux, 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Pastor Carl N. Baker
 Ministers ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE CONGREGATION
 Elders Russ Armstead, Tony DaVee, Chris French, Paul Staley
 Elders In Training David Casey, , Carl Jensen
 Support and Counseling Ministry Janetta Stephen
 Administrative Assistant Ronda Adams
 Newsletter Editor Terri Loren

Council Members

Moderator	David Casey
Clerk	Jennifer McKinney
Financial Secretary	Tony DaVee
Treasurer	Ronda Adams
Finance	Kathleen Staley
Children's Ministry	Joel McKinney
Youth Ministry	Luke Jacobs
Adult Ministry	Carl Jensen
Service (Interim)	Mary Jo Cooper
Stewardship	Mike Loren
Fellowship	Jennifer French
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Evangelism (Interim)	Jim Ryer
Finance	Kathleen Staley



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