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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 Sunday School |



## A SERVANT'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Church Family,

As I sit here in my office listening to “He Reigns” I am confronted with the reason some areas of my life are in disarray. God doesn’t want to reign in “general”. He wants to reign “period”! When something is out of order in our lives, it’s because we’ve ceased to allow Him control. And sometimes we have misguided expectations when He is in control. Many times God allows the storms to rage. He doesn’t take it away just because we’ve given it to Him. What it means is that we’ll make it to shore safely. There may be some battle marks and bruises (I call them “Character Marks”) but nonetheless, we will find safety if He remains in control. The choice is ours. I can ask Him to take control, but never fully release the situation into His hands, or I can ask and then let go. The latter is difficult. But ultimately it is the only sure path to victory. I am so thrilled that “He Reigns” this world and all of His creation. Now my prayer is “teach me, oh Lord, to let you reign in me.”

Your Pastor,

Carl



*Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

**1 Peter 5:6-7(NIV)**



## POEMS FROM THE HEART

By Mignon Armstead

### THE HAT

Darling, she said,  
your hat is stunning, so smart,  
so chic, so – red! she said.

What will the Elders think?  
Wouldn't it be better pink?  
Or blue?  
Or some classic, neutral hue?  
But red?! she said.  
I find it terribly – well –  
you know, it is the age old sign of –  
Hell!

I fear it smacks of hussydom, my dear.  
It may create unwanted talk,  
or stumble someone else's walk.

Darling, I shan't tell you what to do;  
but I must confess, that hat is you!



## RANDOM THOUGHTS

Have you ever wondered about the various names given to God's chosen people? Here is the modern understanding of each:

HEBREW – This is the language spoken by God's chosen.

ISRAELITE – One occupying the land given in covenant by God to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

JEW – This is the name given to those who follow Judaism.

What was happening between the last writings of the Old Testament and the books of the New Testament?

Following the return of the Hebrews to the Holy Land, the area was still under the control of the Persians for another 100 years. It seems to have been a mild and tolerant rule allowing the high priest to attend to his duties. The region was then controlled by the governor of Syria.

In 334BC Syria fell to Alexander the Great and the Hebrews came under the Greco-Macedonian Empire. For a time the Jews found themselves treated favorably. But when Alexander died and the Empire was divided into four parts, Judea was caught between the Greek powers in Egypt and Syria. During this period a great number of Jews migrated to Egypt to escape the hard times. It was during this period that the Septuagint translation of the Old Testament was begun.

In 198BC Judea was conquered by Antiochus III and annexed to Syria. At first the Jews were permitted to regulate their own lives and the high priest was able to do his duty. Leaders who followed were less tolerant to the Jews and the Temple was profaned by Antiochus IV in 171BC and many inhabitants were put to death. In 168BC Antiochus put a statue of Jupiter (A Roman god) on the Temple alter. Temple worship was forbidden and the people were condemned to eat pork – as predicted in Daniel 8:13.

The excesses of Antiochus provoked a revolt under the leadership of Mattathias, the first of the Maccabees, a priest of great character. In 165BC Judas Maccabee who regained possession of Jerusalem, purified and rededicated the Temple. This initiated a period of priest-rulers of Judea until 63BC when the Romans entered Judea to put down a series of conflicts that threatened the peace of the region. The apocryphal book, I Maccabees tell the history of this time.

Julius Caesar appointed Herod governor of Galilee who was given the title of King of Jews. It was during his reign that Jesus was born. Rome was in control of the Holy Land when the Gospels began to record the events of Jesus' life.

How does our faith in Christ make us perfect?

The word perfect has two distinct meanings in English. It can mean to be without flaw or imperfection, as in "God's love for us is perfect", or "There is none perfect except Christ". It can also mean complete, as in, "He made a perfect fool of himself."

Christ's love for us does not make us free from defect or sin;

rather it makes us complete (perfect) in that we can overcome the effects of sin in our life through His sacrifice. In God's wisdom we became sinners following Adam's digression and in Christ love we become purified through the completion of Jesus' sacrifice.

By Russ Armstead

• S U M M E R •

## TRAVEL BINGO

Summer travel is fun, but sometimes getting to the destination can take a long time. Try this homemade bingo game to entertain you and your family while you vacation this summer.

### What you need:

- Sheets of 8½" x 11" paper (one for each player)
- Stickers (16 for each player)
- Pencil, pen, marker or crayon

### What you do:

1. Before your trip, list different things you might see as you travel.
2. Take each 8½" x 11" sheet of paper and fold it in half, from top to bottom. Fold it in half again from top to bottom. Then fold it in half from side to side and then again. Unfold the paper and you should have 16 equal-sized squares, four across horizontally and four down vertically.
3. Family members write one thing from the list in each of the 16 squares. They can place them in any order. For non-readers, someone can draw pictures in each square.
4. Put the sheets and stickers in the car in an easy-to-reach place.
5. While traveling, when you see an object that's on your card, say it out loud. Put a sticker in that square.
6. The first person to get four in a row wins the first round. The first person to fill two rows wins the second round. The first person to fill the entire sheet wins the game.



## TRAVEL BY DAY OR NIGHT

The way people travel has changed over time, but one thing has not changed — God was with people in biblical times just as He is with you and your family as you travel during your summer vacations.

Count the number of letters for each name, and then write the name in the spaces next to the verse that matches. (*Hint: Besides counting the number of letters in the name, also pay attention to whether the person is from the Old Testament or New Testament.*)

### NAMES

Paul    Moses    Joseph    The Israelites    Abram    crowds  
Samaritan    Jesus    Naaman    Angel of God

### VERSES

"The \_\_\_\_\_ had been traveling in front of Israel's army ...." Exodus 14:19

"And \_\_\_\_\_ went out from Pharaoh's presence and traveled throughout Egypt." Genesis 41:46

"Go in peace," said Elisha. After \_\_\_\_\_ had traveled some distance ...." 2 Kings 5:19

"\_\_\_\_\_ traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem." Genesis 12:6

"\_\_\_\_\_ traveled through that area, speaking many words of encouragement to the people, and finally arrived in Greece." Acts 20:2

"\_\_\_\_\_ traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1

"Large \_\_\_\_\_ were traveling with Jesus." Luke 14:25

"\_\_\_\_\_ traveled to the plains of Moab and camped along the Jordan across from Jericho." Numbers 22:1

"\_\_\_\_\_ led Israel from the Red Sea .... For three days they traveled in the desert ...." Exodus 15:22

"But a \_\_\_\_\_, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him." Luke 10:33

Answers: Angel of God; Joseph; Naaman; Abram; Paul; Jesus; crowds; The Israelites; Moses; Samaritan





# JULY CALENDAR

Wed	July	1	Beach Night - Fiori's
Thurs		2	Women's Study # 12 at 7:00 p.m.
Fri		3	Open
Sat		4	Fourth of July
Sun	July	5	Adult Sunday School - 8:30 a.m.; Worship - 9:30 a.m. Kearny Mesa Convalescent Visit - 3:00 p.m.
Mon		6	Office Closed
Tues		7	Council Meeting
Wed		8	Pastor's Coffee Club, 9:00 a.m. Beach Night - BYO
Thurs		9	PanHandler's at 9:30 a.m.
Fri		10	Open
Sat		11	God's Extended Hand - 8:00 a.m.
Sun	July	12	Adult Sunday School - 8:30 a.m.; Worship - 9:30 a.m. Immanuel Convalescent Visit - 2:00 p.m.
Mon		13	Open
Tues		14	Council Meeting
Wed		15	Beach Night - Baker's
Thurs		16	Open
Fri		17	Open
Sat		18	Men's Breakfast & WorkParty
Sun	July	19	Adult Sunday School - 8:30 a.m.; Worship - 9:30 a.m. Annual Meeting after Service
Mon		20	Open
Tues		21	Open
Wed		22	Beach Night - Jacobs
Thurs		23	Open
Fri		24	Open
Sat		25	Open
Sun	July	26	Adult Sunday School - 8:30 a.m.; Worship - 9:30 a.m. Celebration Sunday - June Angus' Home Fellowship Immanuel Convalescent Visit - 2:00 p.m.
Mon		27	Open
Tues		28	VBS
Wed		29	VBS No Beach Night
Thurs		30	VBS
Fri		31	VBS



To view the complete MVCF calendar, go to:  
[www.servants4jesus.com](http://www.servants4jesus.com) and click on [Calendar of Events](#).



# MVCF EVENTS

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Selassie Adjibolosoo—08  
 Ann Graff—10  
 Andrew Wingler—13  
 Bobby Leigh—22  
 Jennifer McKinney—23  
 Melba LaFond—28  
 Kelsey McKinney—29  
 Michelle Cook—30

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

08 –Christopher & Jennifer French  
 29—Ed & Sandy Clark  
 29—Don & Elaine Morgan

## HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Will start back up in September  
 See Bulletin or Call Church Office  
 (858.278.2633)  
 for More Information



## There will be No Food Distribution

through Feeding America San Diego Food Bank  
 and Mission Village Christian Fellowship Church  
**Until further notice**

**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 28-31**  
 for more information see  
**Carrie Stinson or Christopher French**



**Celebrating  
 50 years serving  
 our Community**

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars

August 1, 2009

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Concert & Barbeque on the Lawn!**

Mission Village Christian Fellowship will be joining Gethsemane Lutheran in celebrating 50 years of serving in Serra Mesa, all are invited, so please invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

## 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 ..... Tony DaVee, Chris French, Paul Staley  
 Administrative Elder ..... Russ Armstead  
 Elder In Training ..... Carl Jensen  
 Worship Leader ..... Paul Staley  
 Support and Counseling Ministry ..... Janetta Stephen  
 Youth Pastor ..... Caleb Hummel  
 Administrative Assistant ..... Ronda Adams  
 Newsletter Editor ..... Terri Loren

## Council Members

Moderator	Ned Peek
Clerk	Rosannah Kingsbury
Financial Secretary	Tony DaVee
Treasurer	June McCollough
Finance	Kathleen Staley
Children's Ministry	Carrie Stinson
Youth Ministry	Luke Jacobs
Adult Ministry	Scott Fiori
Stewardship	Gene House
Fellowship	Sabina Adjibolosoo
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