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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

The "CORE" of Our Mission

Outreach/Evangelism: Reaching out to the people we know who do not know Jesus Christ.

Teaching/Discipleship: Helping new believers grow in grace and knowledge through structured ministries.

Dear Family,

The church is a complex entity wherever you find it. We happen to be "Mission Village Christian Fellowship." Nonetheless, we're as complex as any other fellowship of believers. We each have a history that is unique to us. We each are at a particular stage or chapter in our journey with Jesus. More importantly, we need each other—probably more than we realize. Being your pastor, one of the things that I have been trying to do this first year is to figure out who we are and what God would have us do in our "uniqueness." What I have discovered is that uniqueness applies only to the methods and not the mission. The mission we are to be about is the same one the disciples were given. It is what all fellowships have in common. We find it in Matthew 28:18-20. *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* So, that's it: reaching people. Again, the uniqueness of our fellowship is in the ways we find to accomplish our mission. In the future you'll hear me talking much about the mission of the church and the methods we already have in place to reach people.

The first method is PRAYER. Before some can be reached with the Gospel and compelled to come to Christ, their heart must be softened. That's the job of the Holy Spirit.

The second method is simply INVITING people to church, a place where they can hear the Word.

The third method is the ministry of HOME GROUPS. Many people won't respond to an invitation to church and many of us have a difficult time asking them. But a Home Group is a great place to bring a friend or an acquaintance where they can be introduced to Christians in a non-threatening environment.

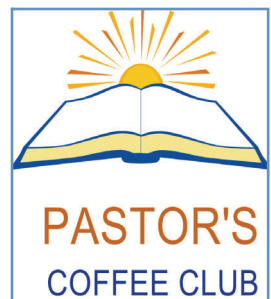
The fourth is the most obvious, PERSONAL SHARING. Whether it's at the grocery store, the bus stop, or with a long time friend, sharing the Gospel is the most exciting thing a Christian can do.

The fifth method is by BEING INVOLVED in one of the ministries of the church and using it as a bridge to sharing your faith. As a fellowship, we are involved in many different places in our community from the homeless to rest homes to the military.

So, you see, our mission is the mission all Christians share: To take the Gospel to our world. I urge you to find a method that works for you and plan a strategy, beginning with prayer, to reach someone you know with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In Kingdom Service,

Pastor Carl



Wed, Sept 10
10:00 a.m.



SERVICE

I have been planning to have a God's Extended Hand corner for quite some time. To let you know how they are coming along and to give a monthly PanHandlers report. I am opening this corner with a request for help from the Mission on 16th & Island and the PanHandlers.

First of all, GEH wants to thank whoever generously donated the computer and accessories a few months back. They are being used and enjoyed. If anyone else is thinking of getting a new computer, monitor, printer, etc., I want to let you know that there is still a need at the mission for donations. I thank you also.

The PanHandlers, actually Elaine and I, are in need of help on Wednesday (Sept 10th) of GEH week. That is the day Elaine pre-cooks any meat that we are planning to use for the Saturday meal and any eggs that need to be boiled, and gets a jump on the veggie chopping. There will be pots to help lift and broth to pour to save for Soup Weather. I will be setting up for Thursday PanHandlers and delivering 'cake kits.' If anyone would like to spend a couple of hours on Wednesday the 10th at 1:00 p.m., please let me know. September we will be boiling chickens and eggs and chopping onions and celery. We are planning a Chicken Pasta Salad, with bread or chips and a side dish with bananas during the praise/worship time and cake for dessert.

We still need the 'usual PanHandlers' on Thursday the 11th and any newcomers who would like to slice, dice, stir, mix and make napkin rolls that day. Saturday servers are always needed. Mike and Erin (Erin is a neighbor of Jeremiah and Edie's and the great granddaughter of Stella who celebrated her 100th birthday with us) will be in the kitchen, but we will need 5 others to set up the dining room and serving area and then serve the meal cafeteria style. I will be cutting the 12 cakes for Kathy (another neighbor of Jeremiah and Edie's who came to help Stella during communion) to serve at the tables.

If anyone would like to ride along in the mission mobile with me on Tuesday the 9th and help me shop, that would be most welcome also. It is somewhat of an all day job which is slowed down by my lack of math abilities. I am usually at Costco by 10:00 and then work my way to Food 4 Less, Smart & Final, and any specials I happen to see in the paper. It shouldn't be too bad this month as we already have our chickens in the freezer from when the 'cheap chicken sales' were going on.

Please call, write, or e-mail me if you can help us out.

Thanks so much and God bless,

Mary Jo Cooper
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Senior Lunches



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

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



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>

HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Angus, Mon @ 2 p.m. (beg 9/8)
Adjibolosoo, Mon @ 7 p.m. (beg 9/15)
Thibodeaux, Thurs @ 7 p.m. (beg 9/4)
Women's Group, 2nd & 4th Fri @ 7 p.m.
Young Adults, Sun @ 6 p.m. (beg 9/7)
See Bulletin or Call Church Office
(858.278.2633)

WELCOME New Members

Ann Graff
Cameron Steck
Adande Washington



SPECIAL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mark Flanagan—05
Red Thibodeaux—07
Tyler McKinney—08
Joan Stephen—09
Selorm Adjibolosoo—12
Paul-Michael Dekker—12
Lana Drasko—12
Laura Wingler—14
Maxine Wille—14
Catherine Kirby—20
Jodie Drass—20
Christopher French—28
Les Avritt—29

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Senyo & Sabina Adjibolosoo—02
Doug & Nettie White—07

GAME NIGHT Saturday Sept 20

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.

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

Saturday, Sept 27
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 _____



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Mon	Sept	1	Labor Day Picnic, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. MVCF Office Closed
Tues		2	Open
Wed		3	Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.
Thurs		4	Home Fellowship - Thibodeaux, 7:00 p.m.
Fri		5	Bunco & Potluck, 6:00 p.m.
Sat		6	Open
Sun		7	Adult Sunday School, 8:30 a.m., Worship, 9:30 a.m. Kearny Mesa Convalescent Visit, 3:00 p.m. Young Adult Fellowship, 6:00 p.m.
Mon		8	Home Fellowship - Angus, 2:00 p.m. Home Fellowship - Adjibolosoos, 7:00 p.m.
Tues		9	Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Wed		10	Pastor's Coffee Club, 10:00 a.m. Pre-PanHandlers Setup Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.
Thurs		11	PanHandlers Home Fellowship - Thibodeaux, 7:00 p.m.
Fri		12	Women's Group, 7:00 p.m.
Sat		13	God's Extended Hand, 8:00 a.m.
Sun		14	Adult Sunday School, 8:30 a.m., Worship, 9:30 a.m. MCRD/Immanuel Convalescent Visit Young Adult Fellowship, 6:00 p.m.
Mon		15	Home Fellowship - Angus, 2:00 p.m. Home Fellowship - Adjibolosoos, 7:00 p.m.
Tues		16	Open
Wed		17	Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.
Thurs		18	Home Fellowship - Thibodeaux, 7:00 p.m.
Fri		19	Olin Mills - Church Directory Appointments
Sat		20	Men's Breakfast/Work Party Olin Mills - Church Directory Appointments Game Night, 6:00 p.m.
Sun		21	Adult Sunday School, 8:30 a.m., Worship, 9:30 a.m. Young Adult Fellowship, 6:00 p.m.
Mon		22	Home Fellowship - Angus, 2:00 p.m. Home Fellowship - Adjibolosoos, 7:00 p.m.
Tues		23	Open
Wed		24	Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.
Thurs		25	Home Fellowship - Thibodeaux, 7:00 p.m.
Fri		26	Women's Group, 7:00 p.m.
Sat		27	Community Salad Meal with Gethsemane, 4:30 p.m.
Sun		28	Adult Sunday School, 8:30 a.m., Worship, 9:30 a.m. Young Adult Fellowship, 6:00 p.m.
Mon		29	Home Fellowship - Angus, 2:00 p.m. Home Fellowship - Adjibolosoos, 7:00 p.m.
Tues		30	Open

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

PastorCarl 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 Andrew Winger
 Support and Counseling Ministry Janetta Stephen
 Youth Pastor Caleb Hummel
 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	Scott Fiori
Stewardship	Mike Loren
Fellowship	Jennifer French
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