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MISSION VILLAGE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

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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

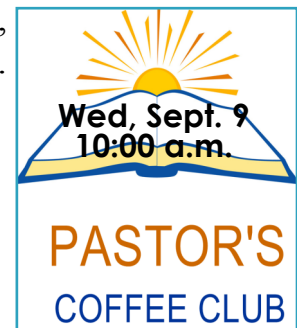
Dear Church Family,

So, have you been dancing in the rain lately? You remember, facing life with a positive attitude. Realizing that storms come and go but we make the choice to get washed overboard or dance in the rain. As for me, I believe it would be honest to say I've been dancing in the rain. It's just been a very slow two step. Sometimes when the storm is all around, you have to find consolation in the mere thought that there is sun shining somewhere for someone and you're on the list somewhere. But I realize that hearing this from me is just rhetoric if it has no foundation. Well, it does. Jesus said, ***"In the world you will have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."***(John 16:33) Trouble is coming brothers and sisters. And aren't you glad? James said, ***"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."***(James 1:2-4) And Peter said, ***"In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials."***(1 Peter 1:6)

So, the bottom line is this. Trials are good for us. Are you buying it? I hope so because it's true. Nobody wants pain and suffering. We don't start the day hoping that something tragic will happen to us. But, nevertheless, when they happen God uses them to build us up in our faith. And for that, we are thankful. Praise God for trials.

Hanging in There and Hoping You are Too!

Pastor Carl



Psalms 37:1-7 (NIV) Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.



BACK FROM SUMMER

MONDAY AFTERNOON HOME FELLOWSHIP

The Monday Afternoon Home Fellowship meets in the home of June Angus at 2:00 PM. The Bible study leader is June Angus and the study starts Sept 14th.

The studies enjoyed in the past have included Beth Moore Studies, various books in both Old and New Testament and books dealing with spiritual growth. Currently, the book of Nehemiah has offered so much insight on prayer.

Each week a portion is assigned for home reading and discussed the following meeting. Enthusiasm runs high in the group and they welcome all newcomers.

THURSDAY HOME FELLOWSHIP

The Thursday Home Fellowship meets in the home of Red and Van Thibodaux at 7:00 PM. The Bible study leader is Russ Armstead and the study starting on September 3rd will be the Book of Romans.

The study is aimed at a better understanding of our relationship with our Savior and the connection between Paul's writing to the Romans and us today. The members are expected to read the study material prior to the lesson and be prepared to discuss the material looking for relevance to our lives today.

The meeting begins with fellowship and getting caught up with one another. The Bible study follows and a time of prayer concludes the study. Hostess Van Thibodeaux provides coffee, cold drinks, and munchies. Afterward the group often spends more time in socialization.

FRIDAY NIGHT HOME FELLOWSHIP

The Friday Night Home Fellowship meets in the home of Russ and Mignon Armstead at 7:00 PM. The Bible study leader is Tony DaVee and the study starting on September 11th will be the Minor Prophets.

The study will look at the relationship between the prophesies of the Old Testament and the situations we find ourselves in today. Tony determines selected readings from the various prophets and the members read the passages out loud and respond to questions and thought provoking responses.

The group begins with praise chorus singing lead by Chris French. It continues with the reading of the passages and discussion of them and concludes with a time of prayer. Hostess Mignon Armstead provides coffee and cookies are often available as the group relaxes in social interaction.



A Call to Prayer

Starting September 15th

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

FOUNDATIONS - MVCF Youth Group

Starting September 16th

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at MVCF Youth Room



CHEESE AND THE TRINITY

So many things in God's awesome creation are a shadow of some aspect of the Creator. The trick to explaining the shadow is to keep it simple. That is the challenge for a Sunday school teacher, regardless of the age group involved. One of the best hooks for kids and often times adults are either crafts or food, thus "Cheese and the Trinity."

We see this wonderful block of cheese and it is big and orange and smooth and solid without any flaws and blemishes, HMMM hmmm. However our cheese has some unique properties and characteristics.

We take one large beautiful hunk of this cheese and we enjoy and savor the color and the taste. Maybe we will add some wine and crackers. Maybe we will just simply enjoy the nourishment and blessing of this cheese. God the Father provides us with many wonderful blessings and He is the author of all we need.

However, we have problem. There is this rat and this rat eats up so many of our good things. In addition, this rat poops and corrupts everything else. Yuck. We will have to sacrifice a chunk of our wonderful cheese and trap that rat and put him where he can't corrupt anything. Jesus had to be a sacrifice for us to defeat Satan and the corruption of death's sting. Jesus the Son of God would be the sacrifice so that we could enjoy the blessings of the God the Father.

Finally we have another need for our cheese. We have a lot of friends who are hungry. I know! We will take what is left of the cheese and melt and mix into macaroni and make the best macaroni and cheese for all our friends. So many will be able to enjoy our cheese. The Holy Spirit can be spread among so many of us macaronis, er, I mean people. The Holy Spirit will cover us and fill us and allows us to really enjoy God's delicious blessing.

And there you have it: The One Big Cheese - a delicious blessing, a sacrificial offering and a nourishment spread among many, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

"Celebration Sunday"

After service Sunday, September 27

Armstead's Home Fellowship will be providing
Celebration Luncheon



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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| Tues | Sept | 1 | Open |
| Wed | | 2 | Open |
| Thurs | | 3 | Thibodeaux' Home Fellowship - 7:00 p.m. |
| Fri | | 4 | Bunco/Potluck 6:00 p.m. |
| Sat | | 5 | Open |
| Sun | Sept | 6 | Adult Sunday School - 8:30 a.m. Worship - 9:30 a.m. Kearny Mesa Convalescent Visit - 3:00 p.m. |
| Mon | | 7 | Labor Day - Office Closed |
| Tues | | 8 | Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m. |
| Wed | | 9 | Pastor's Coffee Club, 10:00 a.m. |
| Thurs | | 10 | PanHandler's at 9:30 a.m. Thibodeaux' Home Fellowship - 7:00 p.m. |
| Fri | | 11 | Armstead's Home Fellowship - 7:00 p.m. |
| Sat | | 12 | God's Extended Hand - 8:00 a.m. |
| Sun | Sept | 13 | Adult Sunday School - 8:30 a.m. Worship - 9:30 a.m. Immanuel Convalescent Visit - 2:00 p.m. |
| Mon | | 14 | June Angus' Home Fellowship - 2:00 p.m. |
| Tues | | 15 | A Call to Prayer - 7:00 p.m. |
| Wed | | 16 | Youth Group - 7:00 p.m. |
| Thurs | | 17 | Thibodeaux' Home Fellowship - 7:00 p.m. |
| Fri | | 18 | Armstead's Home Fellowship - 7:00 p.m. |
| Sat | | 19 | Men's Breakfast & WorkParty |
| Sun | Sept | 20 | Adult Sunday School - 8:30 a.m. Worship - 9:30 a.m. |
| Mon | | 21 | June Angus' Home Fellowship - 2:00 p.m. |
| Tues | | 22 | A Call to Prayer - 7:00 p.m. |
| Wed | | 23 | Youth Group - 7:00 p.m. |
| Thurs | | 24 | Thibodeaux' Home Fellowship - 7:00 p.m. |
| Fri | | 25 | Armstead's Home Fellowship - 7:00 p.m. |
| Sat | | 26 | Open |
| Sun | Sept | 27 | Adult Sunday School - 8:30 a.m. Worship - 9:30 a.m. Celebration Sunday - Armstead Home Fellowship Immanuel Convalescent Visit - 2:00 p.m. |
| Mon | | 28 | June Angus' Home Fellowship - 2:00 p.m. |
| Tues | | 29 | A Call to Prayer - 7:00 p.m. |
| Wed | | 30 | Youth Group - 7:00 p.m. |

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

GROWING UP FAST!

In September, Monarch butterflies migrate to warmer climates. In God's wonderful design, these butterflies have gone through an amazing transformation. This craft will remind you of the ongoing transformation that God has planned for you, too.

What you need:

- Clear, one-gallon zipper baggie (with no writing)
- Colored tissue paper
- Scissors
- Wooden, one-piece clothespin
- Pipe cleaner
- Black permanent marker
- Glue and wiggly eyes (optional)
- Magnet tape

What you do:

1. Turn the baggie inside out and rub it on your head to create static cling. Then turn the baggie right-side-out again.
2. Cut tissue paper into 2" x 2" squares.
3. Fill the baggie with tissue squares.
4. Press excess air out of the bag and zip it. Lay the baggie on its side (this will form the butterfly's wings) so the zipper is at the top.
5. Pinch the baggie with the clothespin so it divides the baggie into two equal parts to create the butterfly's head and body.
6. Thread the pipe cleaner through the hole atop the clothespin to form the antennae.
7. With a permanent marker, write "Romans 12:2" on the bottom half of the clothespin.
8. Draw on eyes (or glue on wiggly eyes).
9. Attach a strip of magnet tape to the back of the clothespin. Then display the butterfly on your refrigerator.



Be transformed

It's the beginning of a new school year, and you'll be growing and changing every day. Below is an important lesson that God wants you to remember.

Color in the letter boxes that have an asterisk (*).

Then write the letters that are left on the lines below to finish Romans 12:2.

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"Do not _____ any longer to the _____ of this _____, but be _____ by the _____ of your _____. Then you will be able to _____ and _____ what _____ will is — his good, _____ and _____ will." *Romans 12:2, NIV*

Answers: conform, pattern, world, transformed, renewing, mind, test, approve, God, pleasing, perfect



MVCF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

07—Red Thibodeaux
09—Joan Stephen
12—Selorm Adjibolosoo
12—Paul Michael Dekker
14—Laura Wingler
14—Maxine Wille
20—Jodi Drass
28—Christopher French
29—Les Avritt

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Senyo & Sabina Adjibolosoo—02
Admasu & Etalemahu Agiro—18

HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Angus, Mon @ 2 p.m.

Thibodeaux, Thurs @ 7 p.m.

Women's Fellowship, TBA

Armstead, Fri @ 7 p.m.

See Bulletin or Call Church Office

(858.278.2633)

for More Information



September



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 at 858.571.2994.

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 Class8:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship9:00 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
MinistersALL THE PEOPLE IN THE CONGREGATION
Administrative Elder.....Russ Armstead
Elders Tony DaVee
Chris French
Paul Staley
Carl Jensen
Worship LeaderPaul Staley
Counseling MinistryJanetta Stephen
Youth Pastor.....Caleb Hummel
Administrative Assistant Ronda Adams

Council Members

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| 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 |
| Missions | Brenda Casey |
| Service | Open |

Evangelism



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