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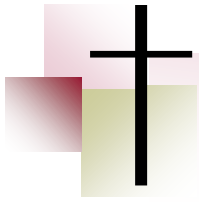
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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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,

Genesis 50:15-17 (NIV) *When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: 'this is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.*

Joseph's brothers had treated him badly. They resented him because he excelled and they paled in comparison. But the story doesn't end with their demise. It simply can't and here is why. "Joseph wept". He was tender hearted. He had the right to exact revenge and he certainly, at this point in his life, had the means, but he didn't have the heart. His heart was one of forgiveness and love. I have come to conclude that there had to be something more to it. Something "in the making" of Joseph's tender heart. What makes a heart tender and loving? I find myself constantly rebuking the urge to be bitter and hard. The only remedy I have found is staying close to God. Love and forgiveness is His nature, not mine. But if I walk close to Him, I find the strength to be like Him. And so did Joseph.

So, go ahead and be tempted to be bitter and unforgiving. You really have no choice in the matter of temptation anyway. Just don't give in to it. Climb up next to God and listen for instruction. Allow Him to empower you to forgive and love. It works every time!

Enjoy Your Kingdom Walk,

Pastor Carl



Outwitted

He drew a circle that shut me out --
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But Love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in.

Edwin Markham (1852 - 1940) was a Californian who taught school in the Bay area. Eventually he went to New York and became one of many influential poets in America. This poem recognizes that in our relationship with other people, if they don't show friendliness, then it becomes our responsibility to include them, not ignore them.

The discipline of gratitude

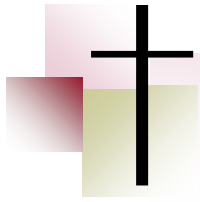
Gratitude ... goes beyond the “mine” and “thine” and claims the truth that all of life is a pure gift. In the past I always thought of gratitude as a spontaneous response to the awareness of gifts received, but now I realize that gratitude can also be lived as a discipline. The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy.

—Henri J.M. Nouwen

Bible Puzzle

Can you find the names of 16 books from the Bible in the paragraph below without the aid of your bible? (One minister found 15 of the books in 20 minutes, but it took him weeks to find the last one.)

I once made the remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu; kept people looking so hard for facts...and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of books of the Bible in this paragraph.



NIGHT LITANY

He said, “Let’s go out
walking. We need to walk.
I want to talk.”

We bundled up against
the chill and trudging off
into the dark, encountered
rain.

It was very cold.
He put my freezing fingers,
clasped in his,
into his pocket.

He claimed he wanted talking
but never said a word.

We sloshed in silence through the night;
in silence there were volumes said
of love.

Of need.

Of touching and desire.

Many miles and moments passed
till we turned home again.

“Thanks,” he said, “for coming.
I needed time to talk.”

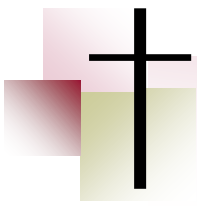
~Mignon Armstead



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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

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



JUST FOR KIDS

Attitude of GRATITUDE

The Thanksgiving holiday reminds us that we should always be grateful for the many blessings God provides. Keep a special gratitude journal, and write in it often to keep an attitude of gratitude.



What you need:

- Paper (8 1/2" x 11" sheets, plain or lined)
- Stapler
- Stickers
- Crayons or markers

What you do:

1. Fold several sheets of paper in half.
2. Staple the pages together on the folded crease.
3. Write "Attitude of Gratitude" on the cover.
4. Decorate your journal with stickers and drawings.
5. On the inside cover, write "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV).
6. Use your journal daily as a reminder of your blessings and as a guide for when you say prayers.



Just for KIDS

He gave thanks

This Thanksgiving, you may share a special meal with family and friends. Do you remember the time when Jesus shared a meal with thousands of people and gave thanks?

Use the clues to find important words from Matthew 14:19 (NIV).

Across	Down
1. opposite of down	2. another name for humans
3. opposite of up	3. twelve of Jesus' closest friends
4. more than one loaf	5. what a lawnmower cuts
6. penniless	
8. place where God dwells	
9. bass, halibut, salmon and others	
10. past tense of give	
11. a command you give to a dog	

Across: 1. up, 3. down, 4. leaves, 6. broke, 8. heaven, 9. fish, 10. gave, 11. sit
 Down: 2. people, 3. disciples, 5. grass, 7. thanks, 9. five

MVCF EVENTS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

05—Mignon Armstead
07—Mitchell Cook
09—John Nowak
09—Kelley Kingsbury
10—Anna Aray
14—Eneida Flores
16—Carl Jensen
16—Chuchk Gibb
18—Angela Peek
21—Scott Fiori
22—Mary Jo Cooper
24—Ed Robillard
30—Lillian Stone

HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Angus, Mon @ 2 p.m.
Adjibolosoo, First & Third Monday @ 7
Thibodeaux, Thurs @ 7 p.m.
Women's Fellowship, Wed @ 7 p.m.
Armstead, Fri @ 7 p.m.
See Bulletin or Call Church Office
(858.278.2633)
for More Information

There are several place for you to check us out on
the web! www.servants4jesus.com or mvcf.net

And now...

<http://twitter.com/mvcf> & [Facebook](#)



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 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
Administrative Elder Russ Armstead
Elders Tony DaVee
Chris French
Paul Staley
Carl Jensen
Worship Leader Paul Staley
Counseling Ministry Janetta Stephen
Youth Pastor Caleb Hummel
Administrative Assistant Ronda Adams

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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Service	Open

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