

HIGHLIGHTS IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER



MISSION VIEJO CHRISTIAN CHURCH MEETS SUNDAYS AT 9AM & 11AM!

Mission Viejo Christian Church is a life-giving church in Mission Viejo, CA with powerful worship, practical messages, and programs your kids will love!

Come worship with us on Sundays. We also offer LIVE online services simply by visiting our website at mvcchome.org to watch online.

Sundays at 9:00AM and 11:00AM



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

We love celebrating birthdays at Young at Heart! Please take a moment to **CALL, SEND A CARD** or **TEXT** birthday wishes to our wonderful friends. We celebrate their special days on the first Thursday of each month with a birthday dessert during our service time!

A very happy birthday to: Margaret Guerrero-1, Charlie Buffaloe-3, Bonnie Concialdi-5, Jeannie Hall-5, Linda Thomason-10, Pat Sayles-13, Jeannine Lattime-15, John Schell-16, Nelida Rosen-19, Mary Okida-22, Sharen Tait-23, and Thera Bredeweg-29.



MOVIE MATINEE, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

Join us at the Regal Edwards Theatre in Aliso Viejo to watch the new release of **Sarah's Oil**. Tickets are available for **\$9.00/pp** if you are a RCC member, or we can purchase a ticket on your behalf if you **RSVP & Pay by Thursday, Nov. 6th** at our Young at Heart meeting.



VETERAN'S DAY TRIBUTE, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

Join us as we honor all our veterans on this day. If you know a veteran, invite them to join us. (*But please let us know their name*). Join us in thanking our veterans for their service. John 15:13 – *"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."*



FRIENDSGIVING BRUNCH, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

A special time of worship, a delicious Thanksgiving Brunch (Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Veggies, Sweet Potatoes, Garlic Knots & a Yummy Dessert) and don't forget the great fellowship with our Young at Heart family on this day. **\$12/pp.**

Final day to RSVP & Pay is November 13th.



We will not be meeting on November 27th. May your Thanksgiving be filled with God's love, laughter, and the warmth of family. See you December 4th!



27192 Jeronimo Road, Mission Viejo, CA 92692

www.mvcchome.org

Sunday Services @ 9 & 11AM

Sunday Service live ONLINE

YOUNG AT HEART...WHERE FRIENDS BECOME FAMILY

Young at Heart meets
Thursdays from 9:00AM–11:00AM

BRING A FRIEND... They are Always Welcome!

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NOVEMBER 2025

YOUNG AT HEART MINISTRY OF MISSION VIEJO CHRISTIAN CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Margaret Guerrero	1
Charlie Buffaloe	3
Bonnie Concialdi	5
Jeannie Hall	5
Linda Thomason	10
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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 6TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

NOVEMBER 11TH TUESDAY MOVIE MATINEE

NOVEMBER 13TH VETERAN'S DAY TRIBUTE

NOVEMBER 20TH FRIENDSGIVING BRUNCH



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THANK-FULL GOES BEYOND COUNTING YOUR BLESSINGS

"One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan." Luke 17:15-16 (NIV)

So, 'tis the season to be thankful. Everywhere you look, people are talking about being thankful, focusing on expressing thankfulness and even posting the reasons they're thankful on social media every day.

But you know what? Being "thankful" does not automatically mean we are being thank-full. Being thankful for the good things is really just being glad we are benefiting from those good things and appreciating God's blessings on us. But being truly thank-full requires looking beyond our blessings, to the One who blesses. It's about being full of gratitude for Christ, not just being full of thanks for what He has given us or done.

If someone were to ask me today to spontaneously list the things I am thankful for, my list would probably be very similar to yours - family, food, a home, clothes, friends, health, etc. Each of these things are huge blessings, and tremendous reasons to be thankful, and certainly worth being grateful for.

But I began to wonder: *Is appreciating those blessings which I can physically touch or see really creating a solid attitude of thank-full-ness? Do I still feel thank-full when life is hard?*

What about when we feel we don't have anything to be thankful for from this past year? What about those of us who have had children and grandchildren stray from the Lord, or those who received a challenging health diagnoses? What about those grieving the loss of someone they loved or struggling with yourself or someone you love being in and out of the hospital?

Maybe you can relate to one or more of those situations or are experiencing a different hardship in life, and if so, maybe the thought crossed your mind that possibly this is just not the year to feel thankful. But Thanksgiving isn't just about counting our blessings.

Thanksgiving Day originally started with the Pilgrims, a group of believers who in the midst of extreme hardship, loss of loved ones and minimal food and supplies, *still believed* they were extremely blessed. They chose to celebrate and thank God for His blessings even though life was difficult and their blessings were few.

As I thought about this topic and the Pilgrims' unwavering thankfulness, I recalled the story found in Luke. In Luke 17:11-19, we read a story about a man whose heart was focused on Jesus, not just focused on his blessings. It's the story of when Jesus had compassion, mercy and grace for ten lepers on the roadside, and healed each one of them ... but only one returned to say *thank you*. Only one healed leper recognized that not only was his body healed, but also his soul. Only one man was so overwhelmed and full of thank-full-ness, that he took the time to say thanks.

The leper still had lots of problems in his life to face, but due to being thank-full, he heard Jesus give him the greatest blessing of all, when He said in Luke 17:19, *"Rise and go; your faith has made you well."*

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As I read this story, I had to ask myself some hard questions: *Am I thankful for what I do have, and what Jesus has done in my life, or feeling unthankful or negative about what I don't have, and what I feel Jesus hasn't done for me yet?* I couldn't help but wonder if my faith was helping me have an attitude of true gratitude in my heart, like the Pilgrims and the healed leper, even though everything in life wasn't as I wanted it.

There will always be things we may not feel thankful for, but we can still be thank-full by putting a different focus on what thankfulness really is. Let's open the door for our hearts to be transformed as we focus not on just thanking God for our blessings, but thanking Him for being the One who blesses. Amen?

Lord, forgive us that when things go wrong in life, we focus more on all that's going wrong, than all the positives. Thank You for Your blessing of love, grace, mercy and eternal life. Fill our hearts with Your spirit this month of Thanksgiving so we can all be thank-full.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

"Sneakers speak louder than words." Here are just a few of the very comfy and cool looking sneakers that were worn on Sneakers Day!

NATIONAL SNEAKERS DAY!



FAMILY POTLUCK



Over 50 delicious entrees, sides & salads were enjoyed by our Young at Heart family at our Annual Family Potluck in October.

WHAT OUR Y@H FAMILIES HAVE BEEN UP TO



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR NOVEMBER BORN FRIENDS!



CANDY CORN HARVEST, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

This was the best year for costumes! Static Cling, Pirates, Jaywalkers, a Horse, Toast & a Cat were just a few of the many creative costumes!



MATTHEW 28:19-20

Our MISSION at MVCC focuses on the big picture...
"Reaching people with the Good News of Jesus Christ to make disciples who make disciples."

REAL. LOVE. ON MISSION.

A vibrant Church where **REAL** discipleship happens, where **LOVE** is on display and lives are released
ON MISSION for Christ!

BEST WAY TO STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

Many communications are sent via email, text or calls, so please keep us informed if your info changes! Be sure to read your Heartbeat Newsletter and Monthly Calendar to see how you can worship & connect with friends at Young at Heart & MVCC.

Send your phone, email, address updates or photos to:
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