

Weekly Messenger 10-10-2025



It's hard to call the beginning of my faith journey a "conversion." I was eight years old, raised in the church by Christian parents. Yet I was struck by the stark realities of life and death staring into my grandmother's casket. I found myself alone one evening watching television. It was a televised Billy Graham crusade and I was mesmerized. As Reverend Graham spoke from John 3:16, my eight-year-old soul was moved to respond. I wanted eternal life! My father and I knelt by our gold couch in the family room, and I invited Jesus into my heart.

I believe with all my heart that Jesus pursued me and sent people into my life to show me the way to salvation. Some of us are Timothy's like me — raised in the church with perhaps no specific date and time when we "accepted" Christ. We were nurtured in the church and grew up and into faith. Others, like we'll discover this Sunday, are Saul/Paul's, rebellious toward God and pursuing our own selfish purposes until one day, confronted by our sin and need for salvation, turn by faith to Christ as an adult. Sometimes these conversion stories are dramatic accounts of leaving the old life and turning to follow the Jesus way.

We're going to discover some people this Sunday in Acts 8-9 who have different responses to the Gospel message of good news in Jesus. It we be an opportunity for all of us to revisit our conversion stories, and whether our hearts remain soft to the tender leading of God's Spirit to follow Jesus, no matter the cost.

I'm looking forward to seeing you Sunday!

Gary



Sunday Worship Services
8:30 am – Traditional
10:30 am- Contemporary

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Family Ministry News



Youth Group –
Youth Group Oct. 12th 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Children -
Child-care provided during services.
Sunday School @ 10:30am – Oct. 12th

U50s/adults.
Next meeting is Oct. 12th at 1:30 p.m.

Have a Great Autumn!!
CJK



Join the MVPC family this Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
for Virtual Church!

Go to the MVPC webpage @ www.mviewpc.org and select
Facebook or YouTube

CLOSED CAPTION AVAILABLE

Are you missing out on Pastor David's wonderful virtual sermons because you can't hear what is said?
We now know closed caption is available on the YouTube broadcast. Follow the directions below:

On Youtube under the video, where you can start, pause, etc. is a "cc". Click on that to start closed



Congratulations Dr. Mark Wherry on
being inducted into the

**Hastings College Fine Arts
Hall of Fame**

**MVPC PET MINISTRY
ANNUAL PET BLESSING**

**Sunday
Oct. 19, 2025**



Noon to 12:30pm



**Lone Mtn Park
Picnic Area
4445 N Jensen St
Gazebo Area #2**



**Get your pet
blessed and then
enjoy the Church
Picnic with family
and friends!**



**Pets must be on
Leash at all times.**

**LOVE
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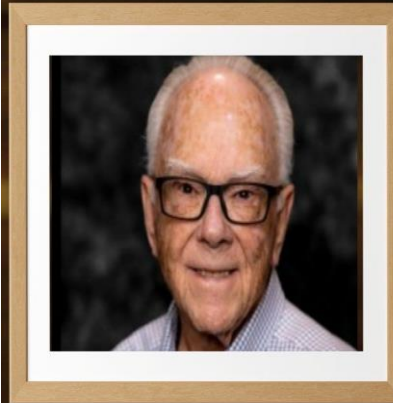


**LOOKING FOR AN
OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE?**

**WE NEED USHER
VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE
ONCE A MONTH.**

**TRAINING WILL BE
PROVIDED.**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED,
PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE
NARTHEX.**



**Gerald "Jerry" Heiss
Memorial
10-15-25
2:00pm**



Reception immediatly following.



**Colleen Suggs
Memorial
10-18-25
2:00pm**



Reception immediatly following.

September 2025 Session Meetings Highlights

The Deacons presented “Decluttering Strategies” on September 23 with 17 in attendance. Thanks to Anya Fontes & Allison Gray for coordinating and presenting the event. The Deacons have purchased new crosses for new member bags and ordered Thanksgiving cards. Marketing for the December 7 Service of Solace will be placed in a Sun City magazine “SCS Life.”

Pastor David reported on the Fuller Theological Retreat with Jeff Holck on September 19-20, focusing on forgiveness and reconciliation. There will be one more retreat to be scheduled next year. The fall sermon series on the Book of Acts is underway with Men’s and Women’s Bible studies, Young Adults, Youth and Sunday School simultaneously studying the Book of Acts. The staff will have annual reviews with Pastor David October 7. Long time member Deloras Singleton is in Sky Canyon Rehab facility. Pledge Sunday and November communion will be on November 9. The annual Church Picnic will be on October 19 following the 2nd service.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship) reported that the choirs from Grace Presbyterian and MVPC are working on a joint presentation of Handel’s “Messiah” to be presented to each congregation in December.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC) reported on Holiday Giving Opportunities: 150 Thanksgiving Boxes for Olive Crest to be distributed to the congregation either October 12 or 19 for delivery by November 2; Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes collection for Samaritan’s Purse to be announced; Salvation Army Angel Tree donations hopefully to be reinitiated. Dementia Support group monthly meetings are going well according to Paula Anderson, coordinator. Pet Ministry will host a Pet Blessing during the church picnic on October 19; forty pet homeless bags have been prepared; newspaper collection continues for the Poppy Foundation Cat Rescue. The Commission is planning a Denim Drive for Project 150 on October 26 focusing on new and old jeans for teens. The Project 150 14th Annual Fall Celebration will be held on October 2, 2025 with Gary Wall and Peg Albrecht, MVPC Project 150 volunteer, planning to attend the event. The Family Promise \$14 million Navigation Center grand opening and open house will be Tuesday, September 30. Salvation Army monthly donations for September valued at approximately \$2000 and September Men’s Breakfast donations to Westminster Food Bank totaling \$710. “Protecting Our Children,” promoting responsible gun ownership in order to reduce child gun deaths, is scheduled for October 5, with Anne Lawton and Paul Tomlinson as presenters and content based on the Be SMART for Kids campaign.

The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation) reported that Children, Youth, and Young Adults are all studying the Book of Acts in tandem with Pastor David’s sermon series.

The Gather Commission (taking care of gathering in large and small groups) noted that a 5th Sunday brunch on August 31 was a great success with a special thanks to Gary Wall for cooking. Football Sunday on September 21 was also a huge hit.

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). Elder John Meola reported that the kitchen’s reverse osmosis system has been replaced. The elevator failed a safety inspection due to electrical issues and repairs will be made. The solar power system panels are being cleaned to assure full potential power generation. LED lights will replace current parking structure lights to brighten up parking areas.

Pastor David and Elders Laura Martin, Karla Canfield and Chris Kirschman reported on the fall Presbytery meeting September 9-10 at Zephyr Cove Conference Center, Lake Tahoe.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

MVPC Book Club

Our group usually meets the last Friday of each month, at the Church, in the Chapel, at 10:00 a.m. This is the case for October, but due to the Thanksgiving holiday, in November we'll meet Friday, November 21st. We'll meet earlier during the month of December for our annual Christmas gathering, with plans to be determined.

We enjoy reading and discussing books! For our monthly meeting, we select a book together to read and discuss. We welcome anyone who is interested to join us!

Here are the books and meeting dates for the upcoming

October 31st **The Great Alone**

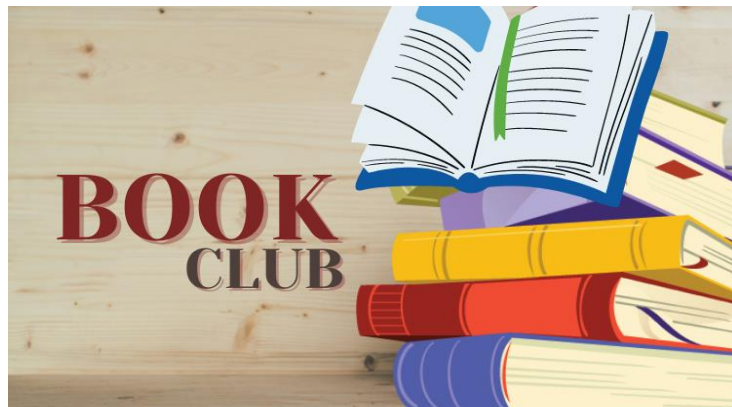
by Kristin Hannah

November 21st **Flight of Dreams**

by Ariel Lawson

December **TBD**

*"But a Book is only the Heart's Portrait——
every Page a Pulse." Emily Dickinson*
Happy Reading!



Welcome to...





RightNow Media is a free service offered to MVPC/Guests/Friends. You will have exclusive access to hundreds of Bible studies and topical videos led by world-class teachers along with a multitude of Christian-based videos for your family to enjoy.

It's easy to sign up, email Tami Samek, Ministry Coordinator at Tami@mviewpc.org and she will set you up and you can start accessing great Bible-based studies/videos today!

What Does the Bible Say?

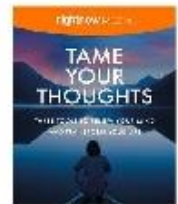
The Bible has a lot to say about life, relationships, and how to commune with God. But it's also an epic story of how God, in his love, created the world, sustained it through the evil of sin, and sent his Son to save it. In this six-session series, speaker and author Sharon Hodde Miller will answer the question, "What does the Bible say?" From original creation to new creation, we will learn how God's covenant faithfulness is ultimately displayed in the work of Jesus and the mission of the church.



Tame Your Thoughts

Three Tools to Renew Your Mind and Transform Your Life by Max Lucado: Have you been feeling weighed down by worry? Or caught up in a web of self-critical thoughts? The good news is that with God's help, you can learn to renew your mind, break free from negative patterns, and become a little more like Jesus every day. This six-session Bible study explores three Scripture-based tools for managing your thoughts:

- Practice Picky Thinking: Monitor the airspace of your thoughts and don't allow the destructive ones to land.
- Identify UFOs: Scan for any untruths that are creating false narratives that are leading to overreactions.
- Uproot and Replant: Don't let the ugly weeds of Satan's lies grow. Pull them up by the roots and replace them with God's truth.



These three tools will help you take every thought captive and test the messages that replay in your mind against the truth of God's Word. You will also learn to overcome common thought traps like anxiety, guilt, rejection, dissatisfaction, and more. No matter who you are or where you come from, progress is possible.

Excavating the Evidence for Jesus - The Top-10 List for Christ's Ministry

Archaeologist and author, Dr. Titus Kennedy, explores the scripture, history, archaeology, and evidence for the ancient world surrounding the public ministry of Jesus Christ. The home base for the series is Dr. Kennedy's research lair, a secret basement where he stores maps, slides, tools, and artifacts from his various excavations and adventures. In addition to teaching with a collection of resources, Titus treks outside his lair for special visits to Israel's archaeology sites and museums. Designed for all ages, Excavating the Evidence is fun and educational, encouraging families to dig deeper into the Gospels together.



Peter (Youth)

In this 5 part series Taylor Brown examines the life of Jesus' disciple, Peter. The five discussions focus on: What in your life do you need to let go of, what it looks like to follow Jesus, How to speak about what you believe, and how to live as a Christian who sometimes fails.

We are here
to help!

DIVORCE Care®

for those going through
separation or divorce

MVPC Group Now Meeting
Monday @ 6:00pm
Esther Room
(2nd fl - Fellowship Hall)



MVPC CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday
October 19th
Noon

(Burgers, Hotdogs, Beans,
Beverages provided)

Fun Games

Lone Mtn Park
Gazebo Area #2
4445 N Jensen St

Salad & Dessert
Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex



GRIEF SHARE®

GRIEF RECOVERY
SUPPORT GROUP

Group meets on Tuesday
1:00pm - 3:00pm Chapel
No registration required



Women's Bible Study
every Tuesday @
9:45am or 7:00pm



DENIM DRIVE



AS PART OF OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF PROJECT 150 WE ARE COLLECTING GENTLY USED AND NEW DENIM JEANS FOR TEENS ON **SUNDAY 10/26**.

PROJECT 150 SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED MEN'S JEANS, SO GENTLEMEN MAKE SURE TO CHECK THE BACK OF YOUR CLOSET FOR THOSE OLD LEVYS!

PLEASE PLACE ITEMS IN THE LARGE WHITE BIN IN THE NARTHEX. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED CARE OF THIS WONDERFUL CHARITY.



Divine Dealing - time change!
Tuesday's from 11:30 to 1:30pm



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Weekly Bible Study Groups

Men's Group - Tues. @ 7pm

Pastor's Bible Study - Wed. @ 10am

**LAUGH OFTEN
& FEAR NOT!**

Our Vision

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It's what we do!

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Olive Garden
ITALIAN KITCHEN

6850 W Cheyenne Ave
(Meet at the restaurant)

JUST US
Lunch Event

**Monday, 10/13/25,
12:30pm**

(Open to all women who have lost a spouse -
sign up in the Narthex)



Hosted by Women's Ministry

301 N Buffalo Dr.
Meet at the restaurant.

BAGEL CAFE
- Est. 1996 -

**Oct. 30th
10:30am**

"Blessed Bites"

Join your church family and friends for
a time of fellowship and great food!

Open to all, invite a friend.
(Carpooling encouraged)
Sign up in the Narthex.




Women's Breakfast

Devotion/Prayer: Cam Camburn
Sign-up in the Narthex

October 18th @ 9:00am
Cost is \$20.00 (tax & tip included).

The Summit Restaurant
2215 Thomas W Ryan Blvd.




**October is
Pastor
Appreciation
Month**

We are so fortunate to have such an
amazing pastoral team led by Pastor David!

Join us on Sunday, October 26 as we
recognize and celebrate them.

There will be a card box in the
Narthex if you would like to leave
a word of encouragement.





Anya Fontes – Oct. 11th
 Richard Trenkler – Oct. 12th
 Joshua Taylor – Oct. 13th
 Charleen Grime – Oct. 14th
 Brayden Harper – Oct. 15th
 Joshua Dendy – Oct. 16th



Shaun and Taylor Anne Conry – Oct. 11th
 Dave and Beth Dworkin – Oct. 16th

This Week's Events

Sun., Oct. 12

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, SC
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, SC
 1:00 p.m. Grace Presbyterian Church, SC
 1:30 p.m. U50's, Mark
 4:00 p.m. Youth Group, FH
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, CH

Mon., Oct. 13

9:00 a.m. Quilters, FH
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, CH
 12:30 p.m. Just Us Lunch
 3:00 p.m. Just Us Team Meeting, CH
 4:30 p.m. Women's Ministry Meeting, CH
 6:00 p.m. Divorce Care, Esther
 7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anon., CH

Tues., Oct. 14

9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study, CH
 11:30 a.m. Divine Dealing, FH
 1:00 p.m. Griefshare, CH
 5:30 p.m. Narcotics Anon., CH
 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study, FH
 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, CH

Wed., Oct. 15

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study, FH
 2:00 p.m. Jerry Heiss Memorial, SC
 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir, CH
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, SC

Thurs., Oct. 16

5:00 p.m. Redeemed Worship Rehearsal, SC
 6:30 p.m. Compassionate Friends, FH
 7:00 p.m. Grace Choir Rehearsal, SC
 7:00 p.m. AI Anon Meeting, Esther

Fri., Oct. 17

2:00 p.m. Knitting, FH

Sat., Oct. 18

9:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast, Summit
 2:00 p.m. Colleen Suggs Memorial, SC
 5:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH



Messenger articles and Sunday announcement requests are due in the Church office by **Wednesday at noon** each week! Thank you for your cooperation!

LET THE PEOPLE PRAY

Pray without Ceasing. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Our Members

- The Brannen Family
- The Brink Family
- The Buck Family
- The Bull Family
- The Bunce Family
- The Camara Family
- The Camburn Family
- The Cameron Family

Our World

- People of Germany
- Gaza Peace Talks
- Ukraine War

Our Nation

- Government Shut down
- Supreme Court Term
- Airport Delays

Our City

- School crossing safety
- Housing market
- EMT shortage

Our Churches

1. St. Anne Catholic Church
2. From the Heart Church
3. Real Life Church

Our Congregation

Rae Narcisse-Bryant, Kathy Gray,
Betty Jones, Miriam Malfara,
Elaine Poole, Jerry Takier

- Elders: Al Youmans
- Deacons: Diane LoChirco,
Barbara Maletsky

Other Prayer Concerns...

Sympathy to the family of Jerry Heiss
Abigail Radabaugh

