



“When the Pastor Wept”

Paul was not a celebrity preacher.

He was a missionary. A teacher. A tentmaker. A spiritual father. A tearful shepherd.

In Acts 18–20, we see Paul the pastor, not just Paul the preacher. He plants churches, builds leaders, reasons in synagogues, and even raises a sleepy teenager from the dead (shoutout to Eutychus). But it’s in his final address to the Ephesian elders that we see the soul of a faithful shepherd laid bare.

“I did not shrink from declaring the whole counsel of God.”

“I served with humility and tears.”

“I consider my life worth nothing... if only I may finish the race.”

These aren’t the words of a man chasing applause. They’re the words of a man who loved people more than comfort, who saw ministry as a marathon rather than a spotlight, and who knew the greatest measure of success is not fame but faithfulness. Paul poured out his life so that others might know Christ. His ministry was marked not by polish, but by perseverance—not by ease, but by endurance.

And notice what Paul leaves behind. Not a five-year plan. Not a strategy. Not a stack of leadership manuals. He leaves them with grace. He commends the elders “to God and to the word of His grace,” trusting that what he built with tears would be sustained by the Spirit.

It’s a beautiful reminder to us all—whether we are leading a church, raising a family, mentoring a teen, or simply walking beside a friend through a hard season. What matters most isn’t how loud we are, but how deeply we love, how humbly we serve, and how fully we finish.

There is something sacred about tears in ministry—tears shed in prayer, in loss, in gratitude, in longing. Paul’s tears remind us that ministry, in any form, is holy ground where love and sacrifice meet.

This week, consider your own “race.” Are we pouring out our lives for the sake of others? Are we shrinking back—or pressing on? When we finish, may we be able to say, like Paul, “I have fought the good fight... I have finished the race... I have kept the faith.”

Grace and perseverance,
Laugh often and Fear not!
David!



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

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Family Ministry News

Youth Group –

Youth Group Nov. 16th 4-6 p.m.

Children -

Child-care provided during services.
Sunday School @ 10:30am – Nov. 16th

U50s/adults.

Next meeting is Dec. 14th at 1:00 p.m.

Winter is Coming!!

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





It's that time again!

Pick up an Operation Christmas Child shoebox during normal office hours or on Sunday. Fill with fun gifts, and **return** by Sunday, **November 16**

Church van
available on first
come, first served
(14 seats) - \$5
suggested donation
for gas.

**Olive
Garden**
ITALIAN KITCHEN

6850 W Cheyenne Ave
(Meet at the restaurant)

"Blessed Bites" Lunch Event

Thursday, 11/20/25
Noon

(Open to all, invite a friend - sign up in the Narthex)

*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)



Service of Solace



Mountain View Presbyterian Church
invites you to attend our annual Service of Solace.

December 7, 2025 @ 7:00pm
8601 Del Webb Blvd (Sun City)

Open to the public - all are welcome

October 2025 Session Meetings Highlights

The Deacons will be providing communion preparation training. Deacon Sandy Gandy purchased new crosses for new member bags, ordered Thanksgiving cards. Advertising for the Service of Solace (Sunday, December 7) will be placed in a Sun City magazine "SCS Life."

Pastor David read to Session a letter of thanks from the Dendy family for the support of Session, staff, and the congregation during Faith Dendy's health issues. Pastor David had postponed the annual staff reviews and will undertake the reviews soon. Pledge cards for the fall pledge drive will be sent the week of October 27 with Dedication Sunday on November 9. The Church Picnic on October 19 was a great celebration with 100 people in attendance.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship). Pastor Appreciation Sunday is October 26. Communion by intinction will be served on Commitment Sunday, November 9. Advent begins on Sunday, November 30. Plans are for decorating the Church for Advent and Christmas Sunday, November 23 at 4:00 p.m. We will invite Grace Presbyterian to participate. Pizza will be served. Elder Karla Canfield has been working with Domsy Glass Company on fabricating a new baptismal font for MVPC. Elder Canfield hopes to have a prototype soon. The performance of the Messiah by the joint choirs of MVPC and Grace Presbyterian is subject to the schedule for construction completion of Grace's new church facility.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC). The presentation of "Protecting our Children" October 5 was a great event and well received. The Church Picnic on October 19 included a pet blessing of 16 dogs. Thanks Pastor Gary Wall and the Pet Ministry team. Holiday Giving Opportunities: Thanksgiving Boxes (150 boxes) for Olive Crest to be returned on November 2. Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes collection for Samaritan's Purse will be available for pickup on November 2 and returned by November 16.TBD. Salvation Army Angel Tree donations are hopefully to be reinitiated. The Project 150 the "Denim Drive" finishes on October 26 focusing on new and old jeans for teens - the collection bin was full and overflowing. Food Banks - \$820.00 was donated by the Men's breakfast crew for the month of October to Westminster Presbyterian Church and Salvation Army food donations for October was estimated at a value of \$5000.00. The Women's Ministry plans to donate Christmas presents to Club Christ children at the December Tea Party. The Hoving Home Night of Hope Gala on October 16, 2025 was attended by 9 MVPC.

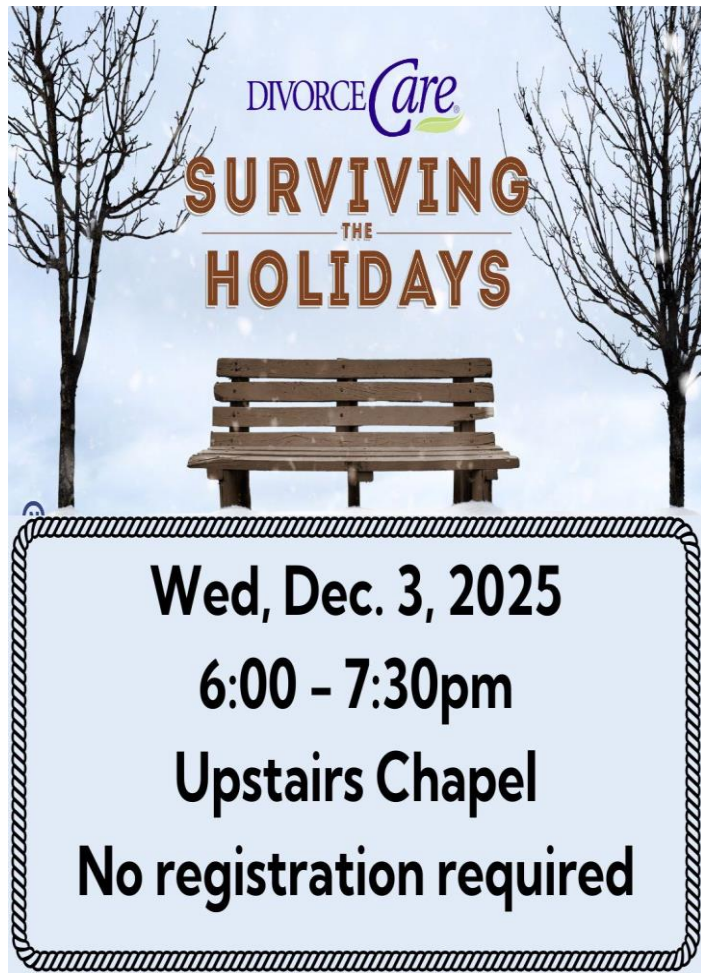
The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation) reported on Youth and Family Ministries events - Trampoline Park on October 5, and Moapa Corn Maze on October 23. The Bookstore has new fall items and the Coffeeshop has yummy fall drinks. The Commission has begun updating its policies and will meet in November to review. Women's Ministry events - Just Us had lunch at Olive Garden on October 13; Women's Breakfast on October 18 at The Summit: Blessed Bites hosted by Women's Ministry but open to all at Bagel Café October 30.

The Gather Commission (taking care of gathering in large and small groups). Thanks to all who helped make the Church Picnic on October 19 awesome.

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). Electrical repairs to bring the elevator into code compliance are being scheduled. The solar power system has been serviced and is operating at full potential power generation.

Elder Karla Canfield has agreed to be moderator of the Nominating Committee and has enlisted Laura Martin (Elder Representative), Nancy Amato, Barb Maletsky, and Sara Kirschman (Deacon Representatives), John Bull, Cam Camburn and Richard Becker (members at large) to serve on the Committee. A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 2 between services to elect the Nominating Committee.

The scheduled November Session meeting is the day before Thanksgiving. Session voted meet on Wednesday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m. for its November/December meeting.



PET CORNER- Pet Ministry is available to assist with the rehoming of pets. If you or someone you know needs to give their pet a new home or you are looking for a new pet, contact the church office.

We are introducing Peter the cat, who needs a new home. His current owner is allergic to cats and would like to give him a good, loving home. Peter is one year old and weighs between 8 and 10 pounds. If you are looking for a wonderful cat companion, contact the church office to coordinate a meeting with Peter and his owner!

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! Normally we meet on the last Friday of the month at 10am in the chapel. Because of Thanksgiving our November date is the 21st. The December date also changed due to the party. In January we will be back to the last Friday of the month.

Here are the books and meeting dates for the upcoming months.

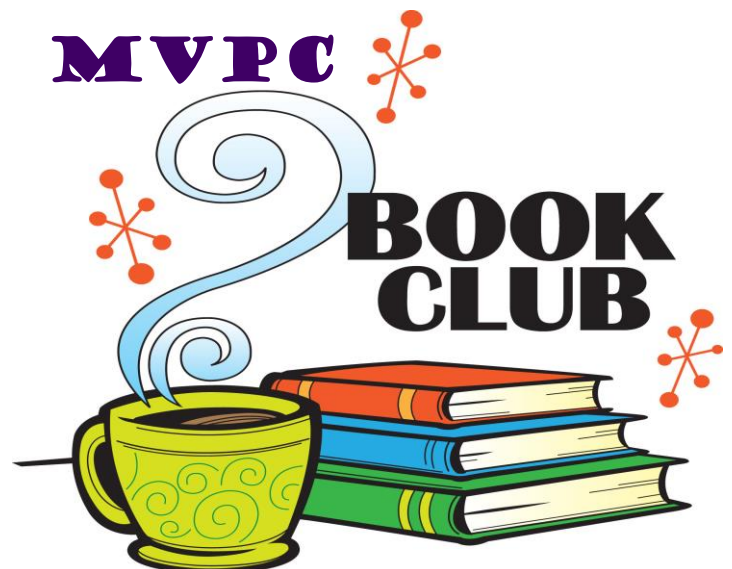
November 21st
Flight of Dreams by Ariel Lawson

December 12th - Christmas Party
Please bring appetizers to share and a wrapped gift (cost less than \$25). We will meet at a member's home.

January 30th
One Thousand White Women by Jim Fergus

That's the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet" - Jumpa Lahiri

Happy Reading!

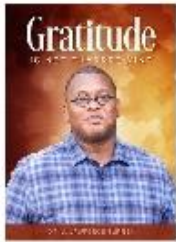




RightNow Media is a free service offered to MVPC/Guests/Friends. You will have exclusive access to hundreds of Bible studies and topical videos led by world-class teachers along with a multitude of Christian-based videos for your family to enjoy.

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!

Gratitude Is Not Thanksgiving

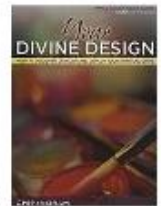


The only appropriate response to the faithfulness and goodness of God is GRATITUDE. In this study, Pastor Jason Turner will convey a biblical understanding of the necessity for authentic gratitude in the

life of a faithful follower of Jesus. Jason will explore how we express it to God and communicate it to those through whom God works to bring about His good and perfect will for our lives. Gratitude is a worshipful disposition toward a good and gracious God. Jason will explore four main characteristics of what gratitude is not in moving us to understanding that gratitude is something that Christ Followers should model in their everyday life.

Your Divine Design

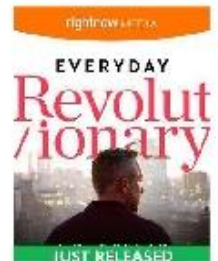
Do you know how God has uniquely wired you? Every believer was created to play a strategic role in the body of Christ with the gifts God has given them. But many of today's Christians face one difficult question: How do I discover my spiritual gifts and then use them effectively in my church?



This series will unpack key passages from Romans, Ephesians, and 1 Corinthians to explore the role of spiritual gifts in the believer's life, while helping you to pinpoint your own. With Biblical insight and practical steps, you'll learn how to discover, develop, and deploy your spiritual gifts so you can live a life of greater impact.

Everyday Revolutionary

How to Transcend the Culture War and Transform the World.



Tired of being a pawn in the culture war? Feeling squeezed between political and theological extremes? How do we live faithfully when we don't feel at home in this increasingly secular culture? Pastor and Bible teacher J. D. Greear calls us to reimagine our Christian witness in today's world. In this practical and encouraging six-session series, discover biblical insights for witnessing well in our polarized, post-Christian world.

The Creators (Kids)

The Creators tells the story of a group of friends who join forces to create films that are "meaningful, virtuous, and good." Both clever and creative, The Creators weaves biblical truths into engaging stories with humor and the right dose of seriousness. Enjoy this light-hearted children's series that will make your kids laugh and leave them with important truths to consider.



MVPC Talent Show

The Women's Ministry is thinking about hosting an MVPC Talent Show in 2026 – a fun evening to celebrate the amazing gifts God has given our church family!

Before we make plans, we'd love to know if you'd be interested in participating or attending.

Singers, musicians, dancers, comedians, scripture readers, and all kinds of talents are welcome! All ages and acts – solo, family or group – can take part.

If this sounds like something you'd enjoy, please let us know! Sign up in the Narthex or contact Allison Gray at allison@mviewpc.org.

Women's Ministry Christmas Potluck Brunch



**Sat., Dec 6th
11:00am
Fellowship Hall**

Open to all women – bring a friend.

**For questions, email
Allison@mviewpc.org**



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



MVPC and GPC Church Christmas Decorating Party!

Sunday, Nov. 23rd
4:00 – 6:00pm

Come join the fun
for as long as
you can and
enjoy some pizza!

Sign up in the Narthex!

Divine Dealing

Tuesday's
11:30 to 1:30pm



LOVE
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Fellowship 5th Sunday Brunch

November 30, 2025
Served after both services.

**LAUGH OFTEN
& FEAR NOT!**

Our Vision

LOVE
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It's what we do!

**LAUGH OFTEN
& FEAR NOT!**

Grocery Program

The holidays are great times to boost our Mission giving by participating in our Grocery Program, with a portion of your purchases returned to MVPC:

1. **Smith's.** Smith's program, called **Inspiring Donations**, rebates to the Church a portion of your purchases. Please update the registration of your Smith's Reward Card number (or phone number) at www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/inspire. The Church's organization number is CF673. After registration, every purchase at Smith's earns money for the Church.
2. **Albertsons and Vons.** Purchase Albertsons gift cards, which are useable at all Albertson's, Vons and other affiliated stores across the country, including Acme (Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware), Jewel/Osco (Illinois), Safeway (throughout the West), Kings (New Jersey, New York and Connecticut), Randalls (Texas), Shaw's and Star Markets (New England) . Albertsons gives the Church 5% of the amount of the gift card purchased (\$100 gift card = \$5 to MVPC).

When multiplied by dozens of participants, our returns become substantial. Through the three quarters of 2025 thus far, Smith's sent MVPC \$363.316 from participation in the Inspiring Donations program. So far this year, MVPC's return on Albertsons/Vons gift cards has been \$150. Albertsons/Vons gift cards also make great gifts! You can purchase Albertsons gift cards from Jeff Patterson.

Women's Breakfast



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

November 15th @ 9:00am
Cost is \$20.00 (tax & tip included).

The Summit Restaurant
2215 Thomas W Ryan Blvd.



JUST US

Bellagio Conservatory - Holiday Display

Monday, Nov. 17, 2025, 10am

Church van available for up to 13
(first come-first served)

Donations to cover gas appreciated
Sign-up in the Narthex



Happy Birthday



Emily Darling – Nov. 17th
 Ellen Whittemore – Nov. 17th
 Katherine Forred – Nov. 18th
 Patricia Matawitz – Nov. 18th
 Victoria Worrell – Nov. 20th
 Hannah Conry – Nov. 21st
 Gary Mickelson – Nov. 21st
 Cole Vanderwerf – Nov. 21st

Happy Anniversary!

Terry and Carole Zahn – Nov. 21st

This Week's Events

Sun., Nov. 16

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

Mon., Nov. 17

9:00 a.m. Quilters, FH
 10:00 a.m. Just Us Event, Bellagio
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, CH
 6:00 p.m. Divorce Care, Esther
 7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anon., CH

Tues., Nov. 18

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., Nov. 19

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study, FH
 11:15 a.m. Nominating Committee, CH
 1:30 p.m. Small Group, CH
 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir, CH
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, SC

Thurs., Nov. 20

12:00 p.m. Blessed Bites, Olive Garden
 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. Al Anon Meeting, Esther

Fri., Nov. 21

10:00 a.m. MVPC Book Club, CH
 2:00 p.m. Knitting, FH

Sat., Nov. 22

11:00 a.m. Goulet Memorial Service, CH
 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

- Diane Emick
- Pat Engelhardt
- The Evans Family
- Doris Facer
- Jean Fandrich
- Roy Fedotoff
- Linda Feuerstein
- Jack Follette

Our World

- People of Venezuela
- India/Pakistan Tension
- Ukraine War

Our Nation

- Air traffic Controllers
- Winter Weather
- Government Shutdown effects

Our City

- Cross walk safety
- Food Bank supplies
- Holiday travel

Our Churches

1. Trinity United Methodist Church
2. Desert Harvest Church
3. University United Methodist Church

Our Congregation

Rae Narcisse-Bryant, Katherine Forred,
Kathy Gray, Betty Jones,
Laura Martin, Elaine Poole,
Sally Ritter, Delores Singleton,
Jeff Southwell

- Elders: Laura Martin
- Deacons: Anya Fontes,
Ron Forret

Other Prayer Concerns...

Abigail Radabaugh
Rick Shafer
Jesse Keeley
Tom Gorham

