

# Weekly Messenger 01-09-2026



## Wisdom for 2026: An Invitation to Begin Well

Every new year brings with it a familiar desire: to live better than we did before. We hope to make wiser decisions, strengthen our relationships, and navigate life with a little more clarity and peace. Yet many of us discover that knowing what to do and actually living well are not always the same thing.

That tension is exactly why the Book of Proverbs has spoken to generations of believers across thousands of years. Proverbs is not a book of abstract theology or lofty ideals. It is grounded, practical, and deeply honest about real life—about choices, consequences, words, work, relationships, and trust. It asks not only what we know, but how we live.

This January, I invite you to begin the year with a new sermon series titled *Wisdom for 2026*. Over six weeks, we will explore some of the most well-known and well-loved proverbs, discovering how ancient wisdom continues to speak with surprising relevance today. Rather than offering quick fixes or easy answers, Proverbs invites us into a way of life shaped by discernment, humility, and faith.

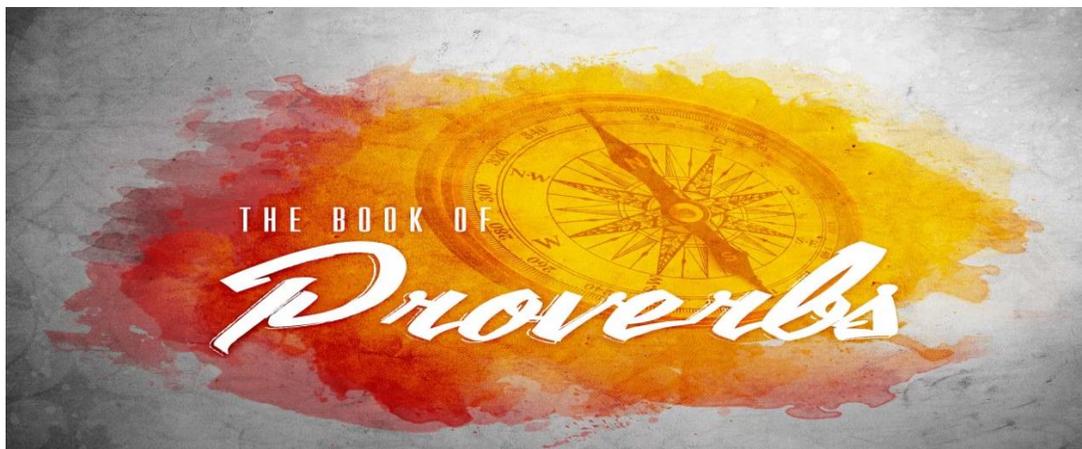
Proverbs makes a bold statement about where wisdom actually begins. It challenges many of our modern assumptions and gently confronts our desire to be self-sufficient and in control. Proverbs suggests that wisdom is not something we simply accumulate, but something that grows from the posture of our hearts.

This series is designed not just to inform us, but to shape us—to help us slow down, listen more carefully, and align our lives with what truly leads to life. Whether you are facing a major decision, feeling uncertain about the future, or simply longing for deeper direction, Proverbs offers guidance that is both timeless and trustworthy.

As we step into 2026 together, our hope is not merely that we become smarter, but that we become wiser - learning to live with intention, faith, and humility in a complex world. I hope you'll join us this Sunday as we begin this journey and discover why where we start matters more than we often realize.

I have missed you over the last two Sundays and cannot wait to reconnect and see you face to face this Sunday!

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



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

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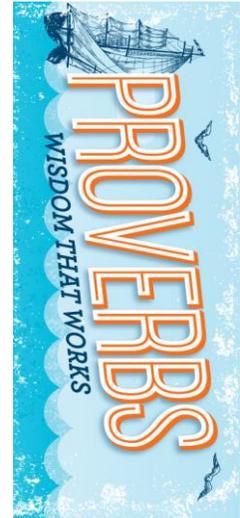
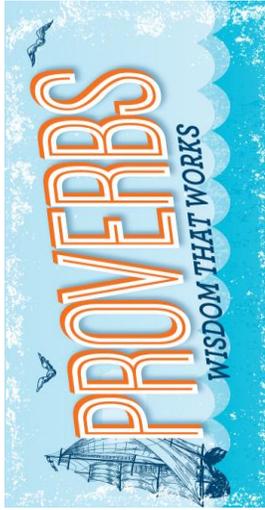
# Family Ministry News

**Youth Group –**  
Youth Group 4:00 p.m.

**Children -**  
Sunday School Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> during 2<sup>nd</sup> service.

**U50s/adults.**  
Next meeting will be Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

The year of wisdom!  
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](http://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



The MVPC Veterans Committee  
will be holding a planning meeting  
on Sunday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> between  
services. We will be meeting in the  
upstairs chapel, Esther.

**Wed. @ 10am**

**LAUGH OFTEN & FEAR NOT!**

**Pastor's Bible Study resumes Jan. 14th @ 10am**

# God's Grace Cancer Support

13 week series  
Jan. 8 - Apr. 2  
2:00-3:00pm  
Open to all

*You're never alone in the fight!*

*Isaiah 41:10*

### BOOK CLUB

This is a new year and new books to read. Please join us as we discuss a selected book. We meet in the Chapel on the last Friday of the month at 10am. Our upcoming books are:

**January 30th** - One Thousand White Women by Jim Fergus

**February 27th** - In Order to Live - A North Korean Girl's Journey to Freedom by Yeonmi Park

**BOOK CLUB**

MVPC  
MOUNTAIN VIEW  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# GRIEF SHARE<sup>®</sup>

GRIEF RECOVERY  
SUPPORT GROUP

**Group begins on Tues, Jan. 13, 2026**  
**1:00pm - 3:00pm Chapel**  
**No registration required**

## November/December 2025 Session Meetings Highlights

Session met December 3 for both its November and December meetings.

The Deacons are finalizing plans for the Service of Solace on Sunday, December 7.

Pastor David reported that the Advent sermon series is entitled "The Waiting Room of God." 2026 sermons will start out with the Book of Proverbs. The Staff Christmas lunch is December 15. Christmas Eve Services will be at 4:00, 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. The Messiah will be presented on December 7 and at Grace Presbyterian's service at 2:00 p.m. on December 14. On December 3, Gary Wall and Pastor David attended the Family Promis luncheon in its new facility.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship). Approximately 37 helpers, including members of Grace Presbyterian, decorated the Church for Christmas on November 23. The Commission continues to work with Domsy Glass Company on fabricating a new baptismal font for MVPC. Sundays, December 28 and January 4 will have just one service at 10:00 a.m. The Commission will hold usher and greeter training in January.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC). Elder Laura Martin reported on advancing 2026 food bank distributions to assist with the effects of the government shutdown. MVPC sent \$2,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Relief earmarked to assist victims of Hurricane Melissa, primarily in Jamaica. The Pet Ministry annual bake sale will be held in February. The denim collection to benefit Project 150 was valued at approximately \$3,000. MVPC filled 125 Thanksgiving food boxes for Olive Crest. And 150 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. Olive Crest "Be the Miracle" toys and gift cards donations collected on December 7. Food Banks - \$975.00 was donated by the Men's breakfast crew for the month of November to Westminster Presbyterian Church (which fed 300 families for Thanksgiving) and Salvation Army food donations for October was estimated at a value of \$5000.00. The Quilting Group which meets at MVPC donated \$3,000 for missions.

The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation) is updating its policies manual. The Youth Group has enjoyed combining with youth from Grace and Green Valley Presbyterian Churches for various activities. Bible studies are all going well. Christmas caroling is on December 14. Women's Ministry events - Just Us visited the Bellagio conservatory; Women's Christmas brunch on December 6 has almost 50 signed up.

The Gather Commission (taking care of gathering in large and small groups). A special thank you to Gary Wall for cooking for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Brunch on November 30. A wonderful kickoff to Advent.

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). Electrical repairs to bring the elevator into code compliance were performed. The elevator still needs fire marshall approval for the repairs. The gardeners will be removing a number of bushes and replacing them with plants requiring less water. The parking lot lighting has been upgraded with new LED fixtures providing significantly more light

Elder Karla Canfield, moderator of the Nominating Committee, reported on nominees. Session set December 14 for a special Congregational meeting to elect new Elders and Deacons for terms beginning January 1, 2026. Session also scheduled the annual Congregational meeting for Sunday, February 22.

The next scheduled Session meeting is on Wednesday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m.





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](mailto:Tami@mviewpc.org) and she will set you up and you can start accessing great Bible-based studies/videos today! Happy New Year!

### Doing Good - The Book of Titus

If Christians are “saved by grace,” totally apart from good works, what difference does it make if we Do Good or not? In this series, from the book of Titus, Chip Ingram reveals that there are four key reasons why Doing Good matters so much. He also explains how we can become people who habitually Do Good – and the first step begins with who we are, not what we do. According to Scripture, Doing Good is not just a suggestion, it is very powerful, and can be costly. Chip encourages us, however, that the price of not Doing Good, can be even more costly. This series clarifies what Doing Good will do in you and then through you, for the benefit of others and the glory of God.



### Jesus Changes Everything (YOUTH)

\* Note: The real-life stories in this series contain mature themes.\*

Teenagers often feel trapped. They're stuck in the same habits, depression sets in, and they wonder about their purpose. Life might seem pointless or hopeless at best. The lie that says nothing will ever change pulls teenagers deeper into the rut.



But Jesus offers a way out. He reaches down to give life—a new path to follow. He has the power to free us from habits, redeem our relationships, and give us a new identity. It all begins by deciding to follow Him, because a life surrendered to Jesus is a life transformed.

In this 4-part series, Nick Hall, Founder and Chief Communicator for PULSE, a ministry focused on reaching the next generation for Christ, talks to students about how a relationship with Jesus changes everything—our identity, relationships, habits, and mission. Students will be challenged to allow Jesus to transform every aspect of their lives.

### Off the Couch Into Creation - Season 1



Join the Wild Brothers — Morgan, Hudson, Kian, and Asher — as they transition from their adventurous upbringing in Indonesia to exploring the natural wonders of the United States.

Determined to prove that adventure isn't limited to distant lands, they embark on journeys starting right in their backyard. This award-winning series inspires families to discover the beauty and excitement of God's creation close to home.

### God's Uncommon Man Tony Dungy & James Brown

Do you ever wonder what it looks like to be a man of faith? In this three-session series, sportscaster James Brown and former NFL coach Tony Dungy will teach us what it means to be an “uncommon man”—a man who follows God faithfully. Are you ready to take the next step in your life of faith? Learn what it takes in *God's Uncommon Man*.

January 18, 2026

**Per Capita Sunday**



**Amount for 2026:  
\$48.00 per member**

Please make checks payable to MVPC or select "Per Capita" for online giving option - thank you!

# MVPC Pet Ministry

Pet Ministry will meet this Sunday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> between services in the Mark room upstairs. All are welcome to join.

*We are here  
to help!*

# DIVORCE *Care*

for those going through  
separation or divorce

## MVPC New Group Starts

Jan. 26, 2026

6:00 - 7:30pm

(Group meets from Jan. 26 to Apr. 20)



## Our Vision

**LOVE**  
God

**LOVE**  
People

**KNOW**  
God

**KNOW**  
People

**SERVE**  
God

**SERVE**  
People

**It's what we do!**

# LAUGH OFTEN & FEAR NOT!

## Women's Breakfast



January 17, 2026 @ 9:00am

Cost is \$20.00 (tax & tip included).

The Summit Restaurant  
2215 Thomas W Ryan Blvd.

Sign-up in the Narthex



## "Blessed Bites" at

**Snooze**  
BREAKFAST. BRUNCH. LUNCH.

1075 S Rampart Blvd

Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026 @ Noon

Church van first come, first served  
Separate checks

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

Open to all, invite a friend.  
Meet at the restaurant.  
Sign up in the Narthex.



We are introducing Cookie the dog, who needs a new home. She is a 4 year old beagle and husky mix, around 70 lbs.

She is healthy and is spayed and vaccinated. She barks when meeting new people but then becomes friendly and likes to be petted.

The current owner would like to give Cookie a good and loving home.

If you are looking for a wonderful dog companion, contact Gary Wall to coordinate a meeting with Cookie.



Baylee Bosignore-Washburn – Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>  
 John Meola – Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Michele Weber – Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Del Heiss – Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Byron Peterson – Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Anglea Thalgott – Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Thomas Thomson – Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Jack Follette – Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Lois Letizia – Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Linda Vance – Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Shaun Conry – Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Allison Gray – Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>

# This Week's Events

## Sun., Jan. 11

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

## Mon., Jan. 12

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

## Tues., Jan. 13

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

## Wed., Jan. 14

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study, FH  
 10:30 p.m. Dementia Support Group, CH  
 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir, CH  
 7:00 p.m. Choir, SC  
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH

## Thurs., Jan. 15

2:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group, CH  
 5:00 p.m. Redeemed Worship Rehearsal, SC  
 6:30 p.m. Compassionate Friends, FH  
 7:00 p.m. Al Anon, Esther  
 7:00 p.m. Grace Choir Rehearsal, SC

## Fri., Jan. 16

2:00 p.m. Knitting Group, FH

## Sat., Jan. 17

9:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast, Summit  
 5:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH



**Monthly Caregiver Support Group**  
 Build a support system with people who understand.

Meeting the 2nd  
 Wednesday of  
 each month  
 10:30am

Mountain View  
 Presbyterian Church  
 8601 Del Webb Blvd.  
 Las Vegas, NV

Call 1.800.272.3900 to  
 register.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

Alzheimer's Association support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for caregivers of people living with dementia to:

- Develop a support system.
- Exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions.
- Talk through issues and ways of coping.
- Share feelings, needs and concerns.
- Learn about community resources.



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

- Jim Lange
- Bob Langeliers and Cheryl Hodges
- Vivian Larson
- Lance Latham
- The Latta Family
- Anne Lawton and Paul Tomlinson
- Lois Letizia
- The Letvin Family

## Our World

- People of Ukraine
- Lebanon tensions
- Venezuela politics

## Our Nation

- Minnesota tension
- Salt Lake Church Shooting victims
- NASA Space Mission

## Our City

- Traffic Safety
- Housing prices
- Animal rescues

## Our Congregation

Bob Berry, Sally Hahn, Janet Jones,  
Peg Pollack, Delores Singleton,  
Jeff Southwell

- Elders: Karla Canfield
- Deacons: Goldie Asmo,  
Deann Dutt

## Our Churches

1. Destiny Church
2. Oasis Christian Church
3. Peace Way Christian Center

## Other Prayer Concerns...

The Pulido – Reyes Family  
Leah McCormack  
Rick Shafer  
Billy Sagerman  
Tad DuBois

