

# Weekly Messenger 01-16-2026

## Wisdom for 2026: Learning to Trust Again

Trust is one of those words we use easily but practice reluctantly. We talk about trusting God, sing about trusting God, and even pray about trusting God—yet when life becomes uncertain, trust is often the first thing we quietly take back.

The Book of Proverbs speaks directly into that tension. In a world filled with options, opinions, and endless information, Proverbs offers wisdom that is not loud or flashy, but steady and deeply grounded. It reminds us that wisdom is not only about knowing what to do—it is about knowing *who* to rely on when the way forward is unclear.

Proverbs invites us to trust God not partially, not cautiously, but wholeheartedly. This kind of trust is not naïve optimism or blind faith. It does not deny difficulty or ignore reality. Instead, it is a deliberate choice to place confidence in God's character rather than our own limited perspective. Trust, in the biblical sense, is less about having all the answers and more about choosing direction over certainty.

Many of us begin the New Year 2026 carrying decision fatigue, lingering anxiety, and the quiet pressure to “figure everything out.” We lean heavily on our own understanding because it feels safer and more familiar. Yet Proverbs gently challenges that instinct. Wisdom, it suggests, grows when we loosen our grip on control and acknowledge that God sees the whole picture—even when we only see the next step.

Trust also shapes the paths we take. When we insist on relying solely on ourselves, life can become complicated, reactive, and exhausting. When we trust God, our path may not always be easy, but it becomes clearer, steadier, and more purposeful. Wisdom does not promise a life without obstacles; it promises a life guided by the One who knows where the road leads.

As we continue our *Wisdom for 2026* sermon series, we are exploring how ancient wisdom speaks directly to modern uncertainty. This week's focus invites us to reflect honestly: where are we leaning, and what might change if we trusted God more fully?

Wisdom begins with reverence. It grows through trust. And it unfolds one faithful step at a time.

See you 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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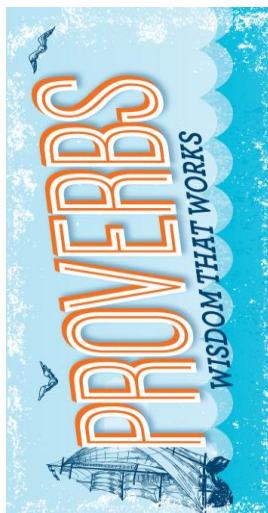
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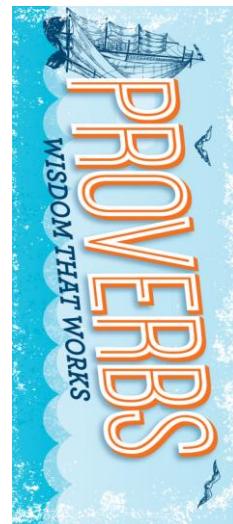
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# Family Ministry News



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



**Children -**  
Sunday School Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> during 2<sup>nd</sup> service.

**U50s/adults.**  
Next meeting will be Jan. 25<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

January 19, 2026

MLK DAY  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Church Office Closed

Ministry supporting women who have lost a spouse

# JUST US

"Galentine's Lunch"

Monday, Feb. 9, 2026

Noon

Sign-up in the Narthex



7690 W. Lake Mead Blvd

Meet at the restaurant.

Separate Checks

# 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



# GRIEF SHARE®

GRIEF RECOVERY  
SUPPORT GROUP

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

# **“The Well” (Caregiver Support Group)**

**Feeling drained?**

**Caregiving can be rewarding, but it is also challenging. Taking time for yourself can make you a better caregiver.**

**13-week series  
Jan. 22 – Apr. 16  
10:00am – 11:00am**

**Take Care of Yourself as a Caregiver**



## **“The Well” (Caregiver Support Group)**

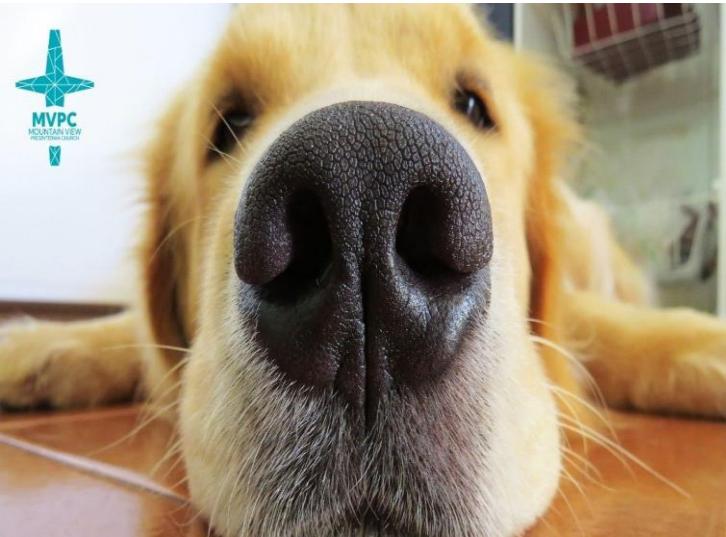
**Are you currently caring for a loved one, whether a parent, spouse, child or friend? Caregiving, while done in love, often drains one's energy. Caregivers often have a sense of feeling useful and needed, however the ongoing demands of caring for someone can lead to a Caregiver neglecting caring for themselves.**

**Here are a few signs.**

- **Are you feeling exhausted, overwhelmed or anxious**
- **Are you feeling lonely or disconnected from others**
- **Easily angered or impatient**
- **Trouble sleeping**

**MVPC is offering a Caregiver Support Group to give you the opportunity to meet with other Caregivers and share how things are going. This is a safe place to share and ask questions. Let us help you refuel and refill your “Well”!**

**First meeting on January 22 at 10:00am – 11:00am.**



**“I smell something yummy!”**

**Pet Ministry Annual Bake Sale**

**Sunday February 8th  
after both services**

Attention MVPC Bakers our Pet Ministry is hosting a bake sale and we need some help! We would love some of your delicious baked goods themed Superbowl and/or Valentine's Day plus any Sugar Free recipes for the sale. All proceeds to be donated to a local animal rescue.

Baked goods can be dropped off at Fellowship Hall on Sat., Feb. 7h between 1-4 PM or on Sunday morning before each service! If you would like to drop them off in the kitchen during the week please mark them for BAKE SALE! Please label your baked item clearly with what it is including ingredients such Nuts or Sugar Free etc.

We need many Volunteers to help on Saturday (prep) and Sunday. **Volunteer on Sat. Feb 7th 1:00-4:00pm** to label and organize the donated goods – any amount of time you can help is appreciated.

**Volunteer on Sun., Feb. 8th 7:45- 8:30am** – set up & sell baked goods 9:30-10:30am – sell baked goods 11:30-12:45pm – sell baked goods & clean up.

If you can assist in baking and or volunteering your time, please RSVP what day/time you can help to: [Tammy.petlover2017@yahoo.com](mailto:Tammy.petlover2017@yahoo.com)



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 Dinner  
& Talent Show**

## February 13

Pastor David Dendy, MC

Dinner - 6pm      Talent Show - 7pm

Sign-up for Dinner in the Narthex



Join us for great food, fellowship & fun!

*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.

## MVPC Alaska Mission Trip



### Information Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 18th  
11:45am-1:00pm



MVPC Chapel - Lunch provided  
Questions?

Email: [gary@mviewpc.org](mailto:gary@mviewpc.org)

Interested in joining MVPC?



New Member

New Member Class  
Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026  
4:30pm - Chapel

MVPC  
MOUNTAIN VIEW  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Divine Dealing

Tuesday's  
11:30 to 1:30pm

All are welcome,  
no sign-up required!



Thank  
You!

MVPC Pet Ministry was able to send  
\$700 to Pawsitive Difference as a  
result of your generous support of  
the toy sale.



We will be supporting Hearts Alive  
Village and Home For Spot with the  
proceeds from our upcoming Bake  
Sale on Superbowl Sunday Feb. 8th!



Patricia Engelhardt – Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>

Nancy Korten – Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>

Jill Eaton – Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>

Nancy Thomas – Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>

Zach Athens – Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>

Alane Ehrhardt – Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>

Kacie Walther – Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>

Gene Braden – Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Declan Conry – Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Lynne Kuzminski – Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mary Ritzdorf – Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>



Al and Barb Maletsky – Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>

Harold and Carol Hoyt – Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>

## This Week's Events

### Sun., Jan. 18

8:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship, SC

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, SC

11:45 a.m. Mission Trip Meeting, CH

12:00 p.m. Elder Training, Esther

1:00 p.m. Grace Presbyterian Church, SC

4:00 p.m. Youth Group, FH

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH

**Mon., Jan. 19** **MLK Day/ Office Closed**

7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anon., CH

### Tues., Jan. 20

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. 21

10:00 a.m.

Pastor's Bible Study, FH

5:00 p.m. Bell Choir, CH

7:00 p.m. Choir, SC

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH

### Thurs., Jan. 22

10:00 a.m.

Caregiver Support Group, CH

12:00 p.m. Blessed Bites

2:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group, CH

4:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry, Mark

5:00 p.m. Redeemed Worship Rehearsal, SC

7:00 p.m. Al Anon, Esther

7:00 p.m. Grace Choir Rehearsal, SC

### Fri., Jan. 23

2:00 p.m.

Knitting Group, FH

### Sat., Jan. 24

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

- Brenda Levitan
- Bob and Maya Lewis
- Dale and Arina Lewis
- Jo Ellen Lewis
- The Lietzke Family
- Katherine Lightner
- Diane LoChirco
- Tom Lohmann

## Our World

- People of Iran
- Ukrainian Winter
- Uganda Elections

## Our City

- Copper Wire Theft
- Traffic School zones
- Foster parents

## Our Nation

- Minnesota tensions
- Winter Weather
- Nasa missions

## Our Churches

1. Dunamis Christian Fellowship
2. Glorifying Christ Ministries
3. Southern Hills Baptist Church

## Our Congregation

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

- Elders: Paul Curatolo
- Deacons: Melody Edwards-Becker,  
Alane Ehrhardt

## Other Prayer Concerns...

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

