



The Crossroads of Surrender

Every journey eventually reaches a crossroads. A place where the road splits and a decision must be made. Turn left or turn right. Continue forward or go back. Stay on the comfortable road or take the one that feels uncertain.

In Luke 9, Jesus describes one of the most important crossroads in the Christian life.
“If anyone would come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”

These words are not easy. They challenge our instincts for control, comfort, and self-direction. Yet they also reveal one of the deepest truths of the Gospel:
The road to life always passes through surrender.

This Sunday we continue our Lenten journey in the series *The Road of the Redeemed*. Each week we are exploring a different “mile-marker” along the path that ultimately leads to the cross and the empty tomb. Week four brings us to a crossroads.

Interestingly enough, that theme came alive for me during a recent trip to Roatan. Beautiful beaches, vibrant coral reefs, curious monkeys, winding island roads, and unforgettable sunsets all became unexpected reminders that life often requires letting go of control and trusting the direction God is leading. Sometimes spiritual insight shows up in surprising places.

Jesus teaches discipleship involves three movements: denying ourselves, taking up our cross, and following Him. In other words, faith is not simply about believing the right things—it is about surrendering our lives to the One who leads us.

That word “surrender” can sound intimidating. But in the kingdom of God, surrender is not defeat—it is the doorway to freedom.

When we cling tightly to our own plans, we often end up exhausted and restless. When we trust Christ with our direction, we discover a deeper life than we could have designed ourselves.

Lent is a season that invites us to pause and consider which road we are traveling.
Are we gripping control, or trusting Christ?
Are we protecting comfort, or embracing the journey of discipleship?

The crossroads awaits us all.

See you Sunday as we explore Mile-Marker Four on *The Road of the Redeemed* and discover why the road of surrender is actually the road to life.

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 Mar. 15th.



Children -
Sunday School Mar. 15th during 2nd service.

U50s/adults.
Next meeting will be Mar. 29th at 1:00 p.m.



Lent – a season of reflection.
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

LENT

prayer • fasting • almsgiving

Grocery Store Rewards Programs

MVPC's Grocery Program participates with Smith's, Albertsons, and Vons to allow a portion of your regular grocery purchases to be returned to MVPC for the benefit of our mission programs.

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). Gift cards are available in \$100 and \$25 denominations.

When multiplied by dozens of participants, our returns become substantial. In 2025, Smith's returned \$527.53 to MVPC (an increase of \$136.58 or 35% over 2024), and Albertsons gift cards earned MVPC \$250.00. Albertsons gift cards also make great gifts! You can purchase Albertsons gift cards from Jeff Patterson - 702-528-8199.



MVPC Health Ministry

Do you have a medical background?

Interested in an opportunity to apply your experience and serve your church family?

We are looking for volunteers to serve on a MVPC Health Ministry Team.

There is an "interest" sheet in the Narthex. Please sign up to learn more about this ministry opportunity!

God's Grace Cancer Support

Thursday 2:00-3:00pm
All are welcome, join any time!

Mountain View Presbyterian Church
8601 Del Webb Blvd.
702-341-7800



You're never alone in the fight!

Isaiah 41:10



GRIEF SHARE®

GRIEF RECOVERY
SUPPORT GROUP

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

2026 PER CAPITA *UPDATE*

The governance of the Presbyterian Church USA is a hierarchy, with local churches (such as MVPC) overseen by Presbyteries (for MVPC, the Presbytery of Nevada), and groups of Presbyteries overseen by Synods (for the Presbytery of Nevada, the Synod of the Pacific), and, at the top, the General Assembly. To support this governance, each local church is annually assessed a per member fee called the “per capita,” a Latin phrase which translates “for each head.”

For 2026, MVPC’s per capita fee was \$48.00 for each member. From that \$48.00, the Presbytery of Nevada received \$31.52, the Synod of the Pacific received \$5.22, and the General Assembly received \$11.26 (the amounts vary from year to year). MVPC makes its per capita payment in February each year. MVPC’s total per capita billing for 2026 was \$14,467.00.

To assist in budgeting, the Session annually requests each member to contribute the applicable per capita. So far in 2026, we have a shortfall of approximately \$9,000 in member contributions of per capita, leaving a significant gap paid out of general operating expenses.

Session encourages each member who has not done so to contribute his or her per capita of \$48.00. Member payment of the per capita increases budget certainty and frees up funds for church expenses and programs. Simply indicate that your payment is to be applied to the “per capita.”



One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) supports the work done for these causes.

This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Typically received during the season of Lent, this Offering helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations.

MVPC will receive OGHS on Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026. There will be special offering envelopes in the pews. Make checks payable to MVPC, note “OGHS” in the memo line.

Thank you for supporting OGHS, an Offering that responds directly to the call to do justice in Micah 6:8. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

*Holy Week
Worship
Schedule*

Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026
8:30 & 10:30am

Maundy Thursday
April 2, 2026
7:00pm

Good Friday
April 3, 2026
Noon & 7:00pm

Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026
8:00am
9:30am
11:00am

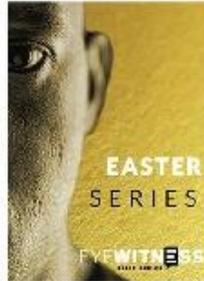


RightNow Media is a free service offered to MVPC/Guests/Friends. You will have exclusive access to hundreds of Bible studies and topical videos led by world-class teachers along with a multitude of Christian-based videos for your family to enjoy.

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!

The Easter Series

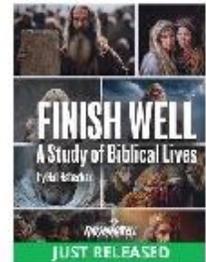
Eyewitness Bible Series is pleased to present The Easter Series. This series is a collection of eight episodes from other Eyewitness series. These episodes are selected to be watched on each day of Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday and ending on Easter Sunday.



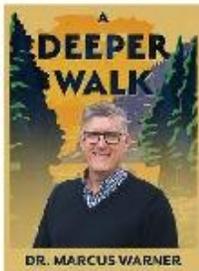
Finish Well: A Study of Biblical Lives

This study explores the lives of several key biblical characters to examine how they finished their earthly journeys—whether in strength, struggle, or redemption. Through these lives, we learn that finishing well isn't about perfection—it's about perseverance, faithfulness, and trust in God's grace until the end.

Hal Habecker introduces this series on aging and fulfilling God's purpose, emphasizing that aging is a meaningful part of God's plan. Hal argues that older people are a valuable resource often ignored by culture citing 2 Timothy 4:6-8 and Psalm 90:12 to underscore the need for wisdom and purpose in aging. Hal encourages continuous service to God, regardless of age, and stresses that retirement does not diminish one's mission. He concludes by urging everyone to live out their calling as effective disciples for Christ.



A Deeper Walk

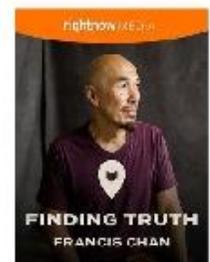


Too many Christians are stuck and unable to go deeper in their walk with God because traditional discipleship models are overly left-brained and miss the heart. These models are broken and

need to be re-engineered if the Western Church is going to produce spiritually vibrant and emotionally mature disciples. In A Deeper Walk, Marcus Warner examines how status quo discipleship broke down and provides a model for whole-brained, heart-focused discipleship based on the gospel's four essential elements: freedom, identity, Spirit, and heart-focused community—FISH.

Finding Truth (Students)

In this four-session series, pastor and author Francis Chan invites students into the power and confidence that comes from anchoring their identity, purpose, and relationships in the truth of Scripture. Students will walk away with practical steps toward building their lives on the firm foundation of the Bible.



Silly Scriptures (Kids)

Silly Scriptures are cartoons that teach Bible stories through short, catchy songs. Bible heroes come to life in these original songs that are written with one goal in mind: to teach kids about the Bible in a fun and exciting way!



Laugh Often And Fear Not (LOAFN) Book & Gift Shop



Did you know that the LOAFN Book & Gift Shop has been in operation for over 12 years now? That's right! And during that time, this shop has purchased furniture and sports equipment for our youth plus sent them to camps and mission trips!

We want to continue to grow our shop and provide even more services to our youth. To do this, we need your support.

Would you please take a few moments of your time and complete this survey and return to the LOAFN Book & Gift Shop **by March 29th?**



We are making it worth your while by having a drawing for ONE lucky winner! On April 12th, we will draw one survey and that person will receive a **\$25 gift certificate** to be used in the LOAFN Book & Gift Shop.



Survey available in the Narthex!

ONE LUCKY WINNER on April 12!



Happy St. Patrick's Day!



FIND YOUR PERFECT VOLUNTEER MATCH!



Are you looking for a new volunteer opportunity?

Register today to participate in an exciting volunteer speed matching event! You will have 60 minutes to meet with several local community organizations that need dedicated and caring volunteers like you.

TALK TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM:

- ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION
- BLOOD CANCER UNITED
- CLEVELAND CLINIC
- CLUB FOR CHRIST
- DIGNITY HEALTH
- FIRST NEVADA
- HELPING HANDS
- JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES
- OLIVE CREST
- 1CARE HOSPICE
- OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE
- PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION
- PROJECT 150
- THREE SQUARE

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

REFRESHMENTS 10:00AM - 10:30AM

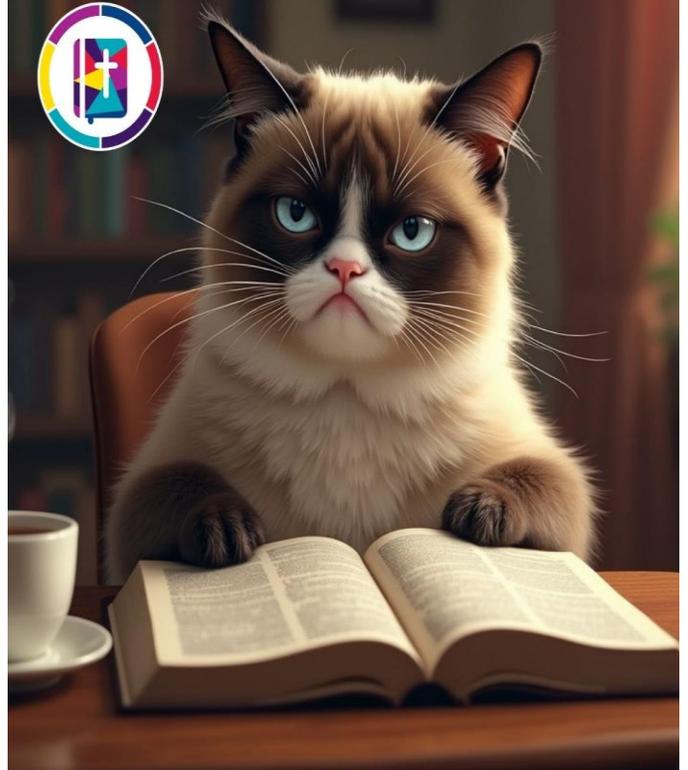
SPEED MATCHING BEGINS AT 10:30AM

EVENT ENDS AT 12:00P

MOUNTAIN VIEW
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
8601 DEL WEBB BLVD.
LAS VEGAS, NV 89134

Registration is required. Please email Reagan at reknoblauch@alz.org or call 725-241-5224.

Men's Bible Study - Mar. 17 is cancelled.
Pastor's Bible Study - Mar. 18 is cancelled.
Both groups will resume the following week.



February 2026 Session Meetings Highlights

The Deacons are hosting “Meet Your Deacons” on Sunday, March 8 with the theme “Favorite Sports Team.”

Pastor David reported that the annual Congregational meeting (with dinner) on Sunday, February 22 had over 80 attendees and went well. Annual reports were emailed to the congregation with the weekly Messenger and bulletin on February 20. The Lenten sermon series is entitled “Road of the Redeemed.” Lenten services will be held on Maundy Thursday (April 2), Good Friday (April 3), and three services on Easter Sunday (April 5) at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Communion will not be served on Easter (the first Sunday of April), but will be served instead on Sunday, April 12. Grace Presbyterian Church is moving into its new church building. During services on Sunday, February 22, Grace Pastors Jim Houston-Hencken and Craig Sanders thanked MVPC for sharing its facilities during Grace’s extended construction.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship). Elder Karla Canfield reported that the Commission conducted usher and greeter training in January and liturgist training in February. Liturgists received new materials to assist with preparation of prayers of confession and assurances of pardon. Lenten devotionals were passed out to the congregation beginning at the Ash Wednesday service. Domsy Glass Company has begun fabricating a new baptismal font for MVPC, which will take several weeks to complete. The Commission has secured some new Christmas decorations for Advent 2026. The February 13 Talent Show was very well done and beyond expectations, with a free-will offering of \$1,200 to be given to Family Promise.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC). Elder Laura Martin provided a report on a new program to support shut-in members during the Christmas season beginning 2026. The Commission reported in the Annual Report total mission giving during 2025 being approximately \$171,000. The Pet Ministry bake sale on Sunday, February 8 raised \$2,300 which will be given to Hearts Alive Village and Home for Spot rescue and adoption facilities. The mission trip to Alaska is scheduled for June. A mission trip to Maui (in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity) is scheduled for May. The Project 150 hygiene products collection on February 15 went extremely well. Thanks to MVPC for its generosity. MVPC will host a table at the annual Club Christ gala. Food Banks - \$800 was donated by the Men’s breakfast crew for the month of February, and Salvation Army food donations for February were estimated at a value of \$4,000.

The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation). Summer Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 14-17 (later than in previous years). The Just for Us women’s group had 15 attendees at its “Galentine’s” lunch. Women’s Ministries will be painting Easter themed rocks to adorn the courtyard area during Easter and sponsoring a sleep seminar on Wednesday, March 18. The Commission encourages the congregation to check out the Book Store and Coffee Shop after services.

The Gather Commission (taking care of gatherings in large and small groups) reported it has a new team of 8 volunteers serving during Fellowship hours. Upcoming events include the 5th Sunday brunch on March 29, the Spring Fling and Memorial Day weekend pancake breakfast.

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). Elder Al Youmans reported that MVPC’s HVAC contractor, Liberty Air, is analyzing repair and replacement requirements for the upcoming warm months. Also working on low water flow issues in the Fellowship Hall restrooms.

Session approved a fundraising program “Comedy for a Cause” on May 15 with proceeds to go to the proposed children’s play area.

The next scheduled Session meeting is on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.



SCAM ALERT

📢 Important Notice for Our Church Family
We want to make everyone aware of an increase in scam emails and text messages pretending to be from our pastors, staff, or church leadership. These messages may:

- Ask for money, gift cards, or "urgent favors"
- Use language that feels pressured or unusual
- Come from email addresses or phone numbers that look similar but aren't official

✦ Please remember: Our church will never ask for personal information, gift cards, or financial help through text or unofficial email.

If you receive a suspicious message:

- Do not reply
- Do not click any links
- Screenshot it and let us know so we can stay aware

Your safety matters to us. Thank you for staying alert and helping protect our community.

Women's Breakfast

Devotion & Prayer by Linda Feuerstein

March 21, 2026 @ 9:00am

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

The Summit Restaurant
2215 Thomas W Ryan Blvd.

Sign-up in the Narthex



Sleep Seminar Dr. Devin Luzod

March 18, 2026

11:30am, Fellowship Hall

Includes light lunch.

Open to all, invite a friend!

Sign up in the Narthex

Hosted by Women's Ministry

new location

new location

MARKET GRILLE CAFE

"Blessed Bites"

March 26, 2026 @ Noon

Church Van available
(limited seating)

Private Room - Order off
the Menu - Separate checks
All are welcome!

Market Grille Café
(Homemade Greek and Italian food)
7070 N. Durango Dr. (At Elkhorn)

Hosted by Women's Ministry



Rock
Painting
for
Easter

March 16
2pm

All are welcome,
bring the kids!

Sign up in
the Narthex

“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.

Tuesday
10:00am – 11:00am
Chapel

Take Care of Yourself as a Caregiver



We are introducing Joey the Chihuahua, who needs a loving home. He was found abandoned and a church member's adult son and family is taking care of him. The family already has a larger dog and are not able to keep Joey.

He is healthy and his estimated age is between 1-2 years old. There are no medical records for Joey, so it is unknown if he has been vaccinated or neutered. It is recommended that Joey be rehoused to someone who does not have another dog. Joey is not friendly to the other dog who lives in his current home. Joey does have a lot of energy and loves people and children. Call the church office if you are looking for a great companion.



*We are here
to help!*

DIVORCE *Care*

for those going through
separation or divorce



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

Our Vision

LOVE
God

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People

KNOW
God

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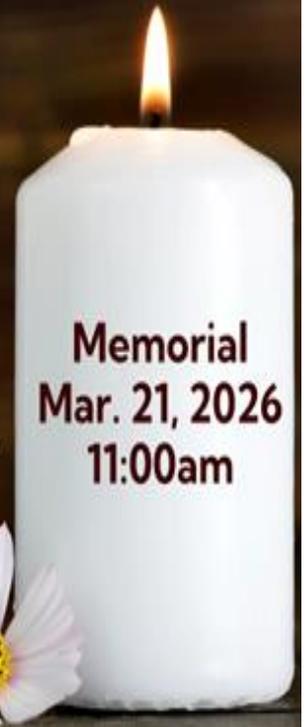
It's what we do!

LAUGH OFTEN
FEAR NOT!

MVPC Book Club



**Katheryn "Kathy"
Brannen**



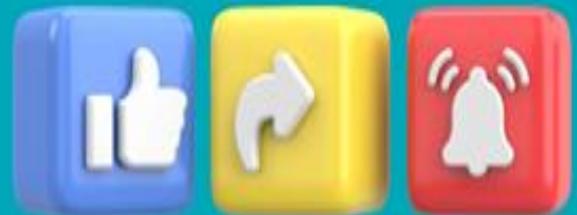
Reception immediatly following.

Love Reading and Making New Friends?

Come join us as we discuss the
selected book for the month ...
Murder Takes a Vacation by Laura
Lippman

We meet in the Chapel here at
MVPC on the last Friday of every
month from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.
This month is scheduled for March
27, 2026.

All are most welcome to join us as
we discuss the book and form close
faith based friendships and
insights. Hope to see you there!



Follow MVPC on Social Media!



YouTube



Facebook



Instagram



X (Twitter)

Church Website – www.mviewpc.org
YouTube and Facebook – connect directly
from our website, click on icon in the upper
right corner.

Instagram – @mvpcclasvegas
X(Twitter) – @MVPCLasVegas

SUBSCRIBE





Phil Pupanek – Mar. 16th
 Larry Johnson – Mar. 17th
 Theresa Schrotberger – Mar. 17th
 Aaron Bull – Mar. 18th
 Elizabeth Hill – Mar. 20th
 James Letvin – Mar. 20th

This Week's Events

Sun., Mar. 15

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

Mon., Mar. 16

9:00 a.m. Quilters, FH
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, CH
 2:00 p.m. Rock Painting, FH
 6:00 p.m. Divorce Care, Esther
 7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anon., CH

Tues., Mar. 17

9:45 a.m. **St. Patrick's Day**
 11:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study, FH
 1:00 p.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

Wed., Mar. 18

11:30 a.m. Sleep Better Seminar, FH
 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir, CH
 7:00 p.m. Choir, SC
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH

Thurs., Mar. 19

10:00 a.m. Caregiver Support, Group, CH
 2:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group, CH
 5:00 p.m. Redeemed Worship Rehearsal, SC
 6:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting, Esther
 7:00 p.m. Al Anon, FH

Fri., Mar. 20

2:00 p.m. Knitting Group, FH

Sat., Mar. 21

5:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH



Wayne and Gail Petersen – Mar. 17th
 Jeff and Yleanna Camara – Mar. 19th
 James and Maria Rothermel – Mar. 19th



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 Price Family
- The Pupanek Family
- Georgia Purpura
- The Ramseth Family
- Joanne Reason
- The Reichart Family
- The Reitz Family
- Deane Richardson

Our World

- People of Dubai
- Strait of Hormuz safety
- Economic stability

Our Nation

- Spring severe weather
- Kilauea Volcano eruption
- Travel safety

Our City

- Housing costs
- Pedestrian Safety
- Gas prices

Our Congregation

Susan Doscocil,
Sally Hahn, Lois Letizia,
Delores Singleton

- Elders: Dwight Rickard
- Deacons: LaValle Vita,
Nancy Amato

Our Churches

1. Holy Spirit Catholic Church
2. Las Vegas Church of Nazarene
3. Hope Church

Other Prayer Concerns...

Sympathy to the family of Kathy Brannen

