



## The Garden Where Sorrow Meets Strength

There is a place on the journey of faith that we often try to avoid.

A place of deep emotion.  
A place of hard decisions.  
A place where the weight of life feels almost too much to carry.

Scripture calls it a garden.

In Matthew 26, Jesus enters the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before His crucifixion. What unfolds there is one of the most honest and powerful moments in the entire Gospel.

Jesus is not calm and composed. He is overwhelmed with sorrow. He tells His closest friends that His soul is “deeply grieved, even to death.” Then He does something remarkable—He prays.

*“My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me...”*

It is a prayer filled with raw honesty. Jesus expresses His desire for another way. Yet He continues: *“Yet not as I will, but as You will.”*

In that moment, we see the tension between human longing and divine surrender. Jesus does not deny the pain. He brings it fully before God. And through prayer, something shifts.

The circumstances do not change. The cross still awaits Him. But Jesus leaves the garden with renewed strength and clarity.

That is the power of prayer.

This Sunday, as part of our Lenten series *The Road of the Redeemed*, we will explore Mile-Marker Five: **The Garden of Sorrow**. Along the way, we will reflect on what it means to bring our own struggles, fears, and grief before God.

We all face “garden moments” in life—times when decisions are difficult, outcomes are uncertain, and the emotional weight is real. In those moments, we may find ourselves asking the same question Jesus did: “Is there another way?”

The good news is that we are not alone in those moments. Jesus has walked that path before us.

And through Him, we learn that surrender is not weakness—it is strength.

See you Sunday!  
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 –**  
No Youth Group Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**Children -**  
Sunday School Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> during 2<sup>nd</sup> service.

**U50s/adults.**  
Next meeting will be Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> 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](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

# 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](http://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**

## Roberta “Vicki” Etling

MVPC recently received a generous gift from the estate of Roberta “Vicki” Etling. Vicki joined MVPC in November 2016. Vicki gave abundantly of her time, talent and treasure, serving as a Deacon and donating to various MVPC projects, including children’s and youth ministries, the coffee shop and the beautiful mural of tiles near the cross at the front of the Sanctuary.

Vicki was a veteran of the United States Air Force. She met her husband, James, an Air Force sergeant, at Hamilton Air Force Base in Novato, California. They were married on the Base in May 1955. Vicki subsequently went on to work for the Federal Aviation Administration. She and James retired to Las Vegas in 1994. James passed away in January 2001.

Vicki loved dancing and was very involved in various groups in Sun City, performing in many shows. She also loved her numerous “fur baby” cats and had pictures of them all over her house.

Vicki particularly enjoyed helping people and was a great friend and Deacon. Vicki passed away on March 6, 2024 at the age of 87 and was laid to rest with her husband, James, at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City.

MVPC is thankful for Vicki’s service during her lifetime and for her incredible generosity to include MVPC in her estate plan. A wonderful testament to her love of and service to MVPC.



### 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

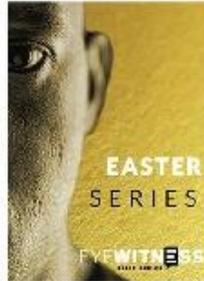


RightNow Media is a free service offered to MVPC/Guests/Friends. You will have exclusive access to hundreds of Bible studies and topical videos led by world-class teachers along with a multitude of Christian-based videos for your family to enjoy.

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

### The Easter Series

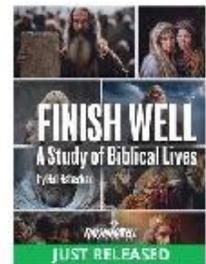
Eyewitness Bible Series is pleased to present The Easter Series. This series is a collection of eight episodes from other Eyewitness series. These episodes are selected to be watched on each day of Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday and ending on Easter Sunday.



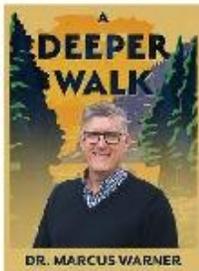
### Finish Well: A Study of Biblical Lives

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

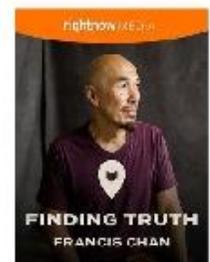


Too many Christians are stuck and unable to go deeper in their walk with God because traditional discipleship models are overly left-brained and miss the heart. These models are broken and

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!**



## Fellowship 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Brunch

March 29, 2026  
Served after both services.

**LAUGH OFTEN & FEAR NOT!**

Hosted by Men's Ministry



## 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:

- HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS
- SOCIAL SERVICES
- AGING SERVICES
- EDUCATION
- TECHNOLOGY
- KIDS PROGRAMS
- ...AND MORE!

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.

Event organized by: Alzheimer's Association  
Dover's Southwest Chapter



Big thanks to Allan Clark for crafting this beautiful cross for our Easter decorations.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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



CHURCH  
OFFICE

CLOSED

EASTER MONDAY

APR. 6, 2026

\*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)





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

**LOVE**  
People

**KNOW**  
God

**KNOW**  
People

**SERVE**  
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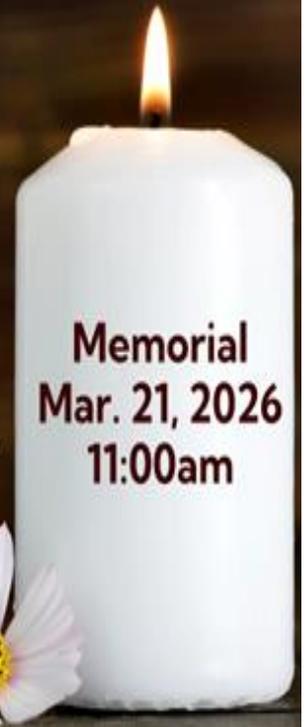
**It's what we do!**

**LAUGH OFTEN**  
 **FEAR NOT!**

# MVPC Book Club



**Katheryn "Kathy"  
Brannen**



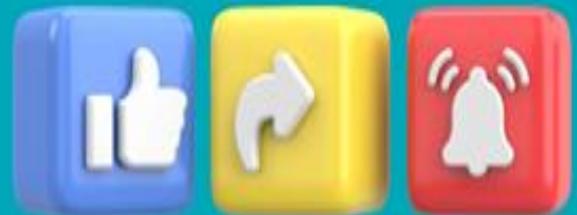
Reception immediatly following.

## 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](http://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





Sally Hahn – Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Michael Plinski – Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Tami Samek – Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Debra Pick – Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Sandy Gandy – Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Neil Seidler – Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Barbara Maletsky – Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>  
 John Wherry – Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>



Bill and Susan Lietzke – Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>

## This Week's Events

### Sun., Mar. 22

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, SC  
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, SC  
 3:00 p.m. Gardner Wedding, SC  
 4:00 p.m. Youth Group, FH  
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, CH

### Mon., Mar. 23

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

### Tues., Mar. 24

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. Women's Bible Study, FH  
 7:00 p.m. Men' Bible Study, CH

### Wed., Mar. 25

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  
 7:00 p.m. Session, Esther

### Thurs., Mar. 26

11:00 a.m. Pan Club Brunch, FH  
 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, FH

### Fri., Mar. 27

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

### Sat., Mar. 28

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

- Dwight Rickard
- Mary Ritzdorf
- Neyda Rodriguez
- Tammy Roth
- Dan Ruff
- Pamela Russell
- Tami Samek
- The Schillaci Family

## Our World

- People of Japan
- Iranian Conflict
- Oil prices

## Our Nation

- U.S. Military service members
- TSA Staffers
- Spring Heat Wave

## Our City

- Spring break
- RTC transit workers
- March Madness tourists

## Our Congregation

Susan Doscocil,  
Sally Hahn, Lois Letizia,  
Delores Singleton

- Elders: Karen Stokes
- Deacons: Goldie Asmo,  
Gene Braden

## Our Churches

1. Living Faith Assembly
2. Anthem Community Church
3. Calvary Community Church

## Other Prayer Concerns...

Sympathy to the family of Kathy Brannen

