



## Do You Love Me?

Failure has a way of lingering.

Long after the moment has passed, the memory remains. The words we wish we could take back. The decisions we wish we could redo. The quiet questions that surface when no one else is around: *Did I mess this up? Did I go too far? Am I still who I thought I was?*

In John 21:15–19, Peter knows this feeling all too well. After boldly proclaiming his loyalty to Jesus, he ultimately denies Him—not once, but three times. It is a failure that is public, painful, and deeply personal.

And yet, when the risen Jesus meets Peter again, the conversation is not what we might expect.

Jesus does not begin with accusation. He does not revisit the details of Peter’s failure. Instead, He asks a simple but profound question: “Do you love me?”

Three times the question is asked. Three times Peter responds. And with each response, Jesus entrusts him with responsibility: “Feed my sheep.”

This is the surprising rhythm of grace. Where we might expect disqualification, Jesus offers restoration. Where we might assume the story is over, Jesus begins a new chapter.

What is especially powerful is that Peter’s calling does not change. Despite his failure, he is still invited to lead, to serve, and to care for others. His failure is real, but it is not final.

For many of us—especially on a day like Mother’s Day—this passage speaks directly to the quiet places of the heart. Parenting, relationships, and life itself are filled with moments where we wonder if we have fallen short. The weight of those questions can be heavy.

But this story reminds us that our identity is not determined by our worst moment. It is shaped by the voice of the One who calls us forward.

“Do you love me?” Jesus asks.

It is not a question meant to condemn. It is an invitation to begin again.

And in that invitation, we discover a truth that changes everything: failure may be part of our story, but it is never the end of it.

See you Sunday!  
Happy Mother’s Day!  
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 May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Children -**  
Sunday School May 10<sup>th</sup> during the second service.

**U50s/adults.**  
Next meeting will be May 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Happy Mother's Day!  
CJK, the DFM



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

**\*Save your  
newspaper\***



## **MVPC Pet Ministry**

The Poppy Foundation is a rescue  
dedicated to the lifelong care of  
un-adoptable, medically-dependent,  
and special needs cats in Las Vegas.

Drop off your  
newspapers & canned  
food in the Recycle  
Bin by the Fellowship  
Hall doors.

**THANK  
YOU**



# LOAFN SURVEY RESULTS

We had a wonderful response from our MVPC congregation to the LOAFN Book and Gift Shop Survey. Forty-eight people took the time to complete and return the survey. Many thanks to all of you for your time and thoughtful comments and suggestions. All were very much appreciated.

And **congratulations** to the winner of the drawing for the \$25.00 gift certificate - Jeanie Rickdall!

There were some questions about hours of operation that should be clarified. The Shop opens after first service and remains open until after second service. This translates to approximately 9:30 am - 12:30 pm on Sundays. Some comments included opening during Bible Study. Great idea! Who would like to man the Shop 15 minutes before Bible Study and 30 minutes afterwards? Volunteers are needed to keep the Shop open so who would like to be a part of this fun group?

Many of you suggested advertising new products, seasonal items, etc on the screen before service. Great idea! And we will be doing more of that showing off the new products and specials. We will also communicate where the Shop monies go as it is being spent.

Some of you suggested that we include more seasonal items (Christmas and Easter), more inspirational books, golf balls, stud earrings, bracelets and much more. We have limited space but we will try to listen to our public.

And a biggie was the credit card system. We may have solved that problem since not all of us bring cash to Church. Just be sure to bring your cell phone with you! As long as we can get to the MVPC website, we can charge your purchases. And it is much easier than what we were using.

Once again, thank you again for your comments and all your support to the Shop. Hope to see you all soon!"



A memorial poster for Bruce Freeman. It features a framed portrait of a young man with curly hair and a blue lanyard. To the right is a lit white candle with the text "Memorial May 09, 2026 11:00am". Below the portrait is the name "Bruce Freeman" in white text. At the bottom left is the MVPC Mountain View logo, and at the bottom right is a white daisy flower.



A promotional poster for a Women's Breakfast. The top half shows a person's hands holding a fork with food over a plate of breakfast items including scrambled eggs, toast, and fruit. A yellow banner at the top reads "Women's Breakfast". Below the image are two white boxes: "Devotion & Prayer by DeAnn Dutt" and "Free-will offering for Olive Crest". The bottom half of the poster is grey and contains the following text: "May 16, 2026 @ 9:00am", "Cost is \$20.00 (tax & tip included).", "The Summit Restaurant", "2215 Thomas W Ryan Blvd.", and a yellow banner that says "Sign-up in the Narthex". The MVPC Mountain View logo is in the bottom right corner.



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 Mother's Day!*

### Reclaiming Motherhood: Embracing the Untamed Beauty, Fun, Passion & Vitality of Motherhood



When was the last time you regarded your role as a mother as life-giving and fun?

Being a mom is supposed to be “rewarding,” but often we as mothers get stuck in a draining, repetitive cycle when it comes to parenting and living our daily lives. But what if there was another way to approach motherhood, a way that enables us to shift our perspective on what it means to be a mom and ushers in a joyful new season of mothering?

In this six-session series, Mandy Arioto (President and CEO of The MomCo) invites mothers in all stages of mothering to join her in rediscovering and reclaiming the beauty, fun, passion and vitality of motherhood. Featuring research insights from Barna Group, this series—set up for both group and solo exploration—will leave moms feeling seen, acknowledged and encouraged.

### ACTS Part One: The Birth of the Early Church

The book of Acts begins describing the last few moments of Christ’s earthly life, and the beginning moments of the Church Age. In Acts, the Birth of the Early Church, Tasha Calvert walks through the miracle of Pentecost and the life-changing movement of God that birthed the New Testament Church, against which Jesus declared the gates of hell will not prevail. The work Jesus accomplished on the cross began to spread through



eyewitness accounts in the first century throughout Judea, and Samaria, and to those of us who inhabit the “ends of the earth” today. Join us as we trace the miraculous, providential beginnings of the Church.

### Treasure Champs – Preschoolers

Meet Barry and Kari—two funny, loveable animated friends who help your preschooler discover a different biblical value (treasure!) in every episode. Learn lessons in Teamwork, Sharing, Creativity and more, and discover how precious we are to God. It’s heartwarming, faith-filled fun for little ones!



## Women's Ministry Update

The Women's Ministry has had a meaningful and active few months, offering many ways for women to grow in faith, build connections, participate in outreach, and praise God. Women's Bible Study continues to be a strong foundation, giving women a place to learn, share, and encourage one another. *Divine Dealing*, (all are welcome) the card-playing group, has added a time of devotion and prayer, bringing an even deeper spiritual focus to their gatherings. The *Just Us* ministry, providing a supportive and fun space for women who have lost a spouse, gathered at dinner recently.

There have also been many opportunities for fellowship and outreach. The Women's Breakfast and the Women's Afternoon Tea brought women together for fun, connection, and prayer while supporting Hoving Home through free-will offerings. *Blessed Bites*, the lunch ministry (open to all), has continued to strengthen fellowship by sharing meals and spending time together. We even had a lively performance by the Having a Ball drum group, which brought energy and joy to everyone who attended. Overall, the Women's Ministry continues to create a welcoming space focused on faith, friendship, and caring for others, in Jesus' name.

Allison Gray, Women's Ministry Director

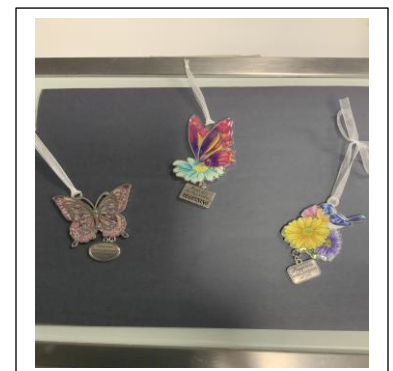


### Check out these bookstore deals!!

Aroma Therapy for the car.

Add your choice of Oil.

Window Hangings. Send one to a friend in a get well or birthday card!!



## **APRIL 2026**

# **SESSION MEETINGS HIGHLIGHTS**

Pastor David reported that the meeting regarding the proposed children's play area on Sunday, April 26, was well attended with many good questions and indications of support. The attendance for the three services on Easter Sunday was 672 people.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship). Elder Karla Canfield reported that Holy Week and Easter services went extremely well. The brass quintet for Easter services was an excellent addition and the music department did a wonderful job enhancing the services. The Commission expressed its thanks to Mary Ritzdorf for organizing Sanctuary decorations for Good Friday and Easter. The new baptismal font, revealed on Sunday, April 26, is beautiful and well received. The Commission was very pleased working with Domsky Glass to complete the project. Also on April 26, the Hoving Home choir performance was much appreciated. The Commission is looking into enhancing the back lighting for the cross in the Sanctuary.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC). Elder Laura Martin reported that the Sunday, April 26 "Mission Impossible" program highlighting MVPC supported mission partners, was a success. The Commission served lunch to the participants and the Hoving Home choir. The April 19 pet adoption sponsored by the Pet Ministry saw all pets adopted and raised \$300 for the Pet Ministry. The Pet Ministry will sponsor a linen drive in the fall to collect towels and blankets for pet charities. The new Christmas for Shut-ins committee had its first meeting in April and is working to identify people to include in the program. The Commission anticipates an event on Father's Day to collect clothes for Project 150. Food Banks - \$701 was donated by the Men's breakfast crew for the month of April, and Salvation Army food donations for April were estimated at a value of \$3,500. Plans are being finalized for the mission trip to Maui at the end of May and the mission trip to Alaska in June.

The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation). Summer Vacation Bible School plans for July 14-17 are being finalized. The Health Ministry has secured a new defib unit and is planning a first aid training program for the fall. The Spring Fling will be Sunday, May 17 in the afternoon at MVPC. The Bible study programs will be wrapping up in May, replaced by the monthly gatherings over the summer. Sunday, May 31 will be themed "Baseball Sunday."

The Gather Commission (taking care of gatherings in large and small groups) is planning food service for "Comedy for a Cause" at MVPC on May 29.

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures) reported that the Finance Committee will be meeting in May to finalize the budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Elder Al Youmans reported that April saw no major capital expense issues.

The next scheduled Session meeting is on Wednesday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m.



**Memorial**  
**May 29, 2026**  
**11:00am**

**Irene "Petey" Price**

Reception immediatly following.

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**MVPC Blood Drive**  
**Sunday**  
**May 17, 2026**

Sign up in the Narthex or online at  
[www.donors.vitalant.org](http://www.donors.vitalant.org)  
**Blood Drive Code: L1T26**

Welcome to MVPC Book Club! Do you love to read and make new friends? Come join us as we discuss the selected book for the month ... The Testament by John Grisham.

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 May 29, 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!

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 YouTube and Facebook – connect directly from our website, click on icon in the upper right corner.

Instagram – @mvpclasvegas  
 X(Twitter) – @MVPCLasVegas

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# "Blessed Bites"



2025 Village Center Circle

Thursday, May 28, 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.



**JOIN US FOR  
THE  
MVPC SPRING FLING!**

**FUN**

**FOOD**

**FELLOWSHIP**

**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026  
5:00 - 7:00PM**

## "Honoring the Fallen"

### Memorial Weekend Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, May 23  
8:00am

Fellowship Hall  
All are welcome!



## Our Vision

**LOVE**  
God

**LOVE**  
People

**KNOW**  
God

**KNOW**  
People

**SERVE**  
God

**SERVE**  
People

**It's what we do!**

**LAUGH OFTEN  
& FEAR NOT!**



Thomas Lohmann – May 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Ralph Pendleton – May 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Faith Dendy – May 14<sup>th</sup>



Bill and Petey Price – May 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Thomas and Jelinda Thomson – May 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Bob Langeliers and Cheryl Hodges – May 15<sup>th</sup>

## This Week's Events

### Sun., May 10

8:30 a.m.  
 9:30 a.m.  
 10:30 a.m.  
 7:00 p.m.

### **Mother's Day**

**Traditional Worship, SC**  
**Pet Ministry, Esther**  
**Contemporary Worship, SC**  
**AA Meeting, CH**

### Mon., May 11

9:00 a.m.  
 10:00 a.m.  
 3:00 p.m.  
 4:30 p.m.  
 6:00 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.

**Quilters, FH**  
**Staff Meeting, CH**  
**Just Us Team Meeting, CH**  
**Women's Ministry Meeting, CH**  
**Mission Committee Meeting, FH**  
**Gamblers Anon., CH**

### Tues., May 12

9:45 a.m.  
 11:30 a.m.  
 5:30 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.

**Women's Bible Study, FH**  
**Divine Dealing, FH**  
**Narcotics Anon., CH**  
**Women's Bible Study, FH**  
**Men's Bible Study, CH**

### Wed., May 13

10:00 a.m.  
 10:30 a.m.  
 5:00 p.m.  
 6:00 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.

**Pastor's Bible Study, FH**  
**Dementia Support Group, CH**  
**Bell Choir, CH**  
**Health Ministry Meeting, Esther**  
**Choir, SC**  
**AA Meeting, FH**

### Thurs., May 14

4:30 p.m.  
 5:00 p.m.  
 6:00 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.

**Stephen Ministry, Mark**  
**Redeemed Worship Rehearsal, SC**  
**Deacon Meeting, Esther**  
**Al Anon, FH**

### Fri., May 15

2:00 p.m.

**Knitting Group, FH**

### Sat., May 16

9:00 a.m.  
 5:00 p.m.

**Women's Breakfast, Summit**  
**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

- Richard Wilson
- Courtney Wolff
- The Wolosz Family
- Victoria Worrell
- Sarah Wyatt
- The Youmans Family
- The Zahn Family
- Betty Ziegler

## Our World

- People of Guatemala
- Middle East Conflict
- Indonesian flooding

## Our Nation

- Spirit Airline employees
- Antisemitic attacks
- Texas shooting victims

## Our City

- Opioid rehab centers
- Homeless population and pets
- Motorcycle fatalities

## Our Congregation

Gene Braden, Janet Jones  
Pat Malfara, Glenn and Linda Moses,  
Debra Pick

- Elders: Wes Forred
- Deacons: Barbara Maletsky,  
Melissa Malfara

## Our Churches

1. Living Word Christian Church
2. Lone Mountain Missionary Baptist
3. New Song Church

## Other Prayer Concerns...

Sympathy to the family of Petey Price  
Sympathy to the family of Bruce Freeman  
Marion Arciaga

