



## Day 41 and the Birth of a Nation

This week our nation prepares to celebrate 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. For two and a half centuries Americans have told stories of famous victories, courageous leaders, and historic moments.

But there is one story from the American Revolution that has always fascinated me.

December 1776. The Revolution was hanging by a thread. The Continental Army had suffered defeat after defeat. Soldiers were deserting. Enlistments were expiring. Morale was collapsing. Many believed the dream of independence was over before it had really begun.

One observer wrote that the cause of liberty appeared to be dying.  
Then came Christmas night.

General George Washington gathered his exhausted troops and crossed the ice-choked Delaware River in a blinding storm. It was a desperate gamble. If it failed, the Revolution might die before the new year arrived. Yet the next morning brought an astonishing victory at Trenton. The army's confidence returned. The cause survived.

History often remembers Trenton as a military victory.

I see it as a Day 41 moment. Forty days of discouragement. Forty days of uncertainty. Forty days of wondering if the dream was finished.

Then Day 41 arrived. The Bible is filled with similar stories.

For forty years Israel wandered in the wilderness. Then came Year 41 and they entered the Promised Land.

For forty days Goliath mocked God's people. Then came Day 41 and David stepped onto the battlefield.

For forty days Jesus faced temptation in the wilderness. Then came Day 41 and the devil fled.

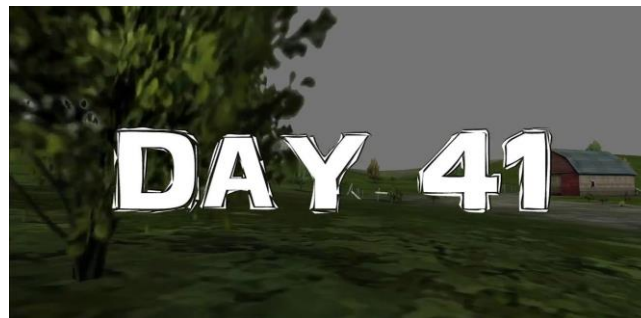
Perhaps that is a word for someone reading this today.  
Maybe you've been fighting a battle that seems endless.  
Maybe you've been carrying a burden that feels heavier than ever.  
Maybe you've begun to wonder if things will ever change.

Don't quit on Day 40.

The God who brought Israel through the wilderness, David through the valley, and a young nation through its darkest hour is still at work.

Your Day 41 may be closer than

Laugh often and fear not!  
Pastor David



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

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# Family Ministry News

**Youth Group –**  
No Youth Group Jun. 28<sup>th</sup>



**Children -**  
Sunday School Jun. 28<sup>th</sup> during the second service.

**U50s/adults.**  
Next meeting will be Jul. 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Happy Summer Break!  
CJK, III 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



Check out our limited selection of Men's  
polo shirts. We have limited sizes of our  
popular MVPC logo shirts. Stop by the gift  
shop for more details. Prices start at \$25 for  
this high-quality shirt.

**CHANGE**  
 Divine Dealing  
 Tuesday's  
 10am to Noon  
**JOIN US**  
 June-July-August  
 All are welcome,  
 no sign-up required!

## STAY SAFE THIS SUMMER HEAT SAFETY TIPS

**BE SUN SMART**  
 Wear sunscreen and loose, lightweight, and light-colored clothing.  
 Don't forget a hat!

Avoid staying in the sun for extended periods.  
 Find shade and take frequent breaks.

**HOT CARS**  
 Do not leave people or pets in a closed vehicle.

**STAY HYDRATED**  
 Drink water and electrolytes throughout the day to replace fluid lost to sweat & heat. Don't wait for extreme thirst to drink.

**CHECK ON OTHERS**  
 Check on elderly neighbors and family members to ensure they are staying safe.

**KNOW THE SYMPTOMS**  
 Pay attention for signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke and call 911 in the event of an emergency.

LAUGH OFTEN  
& FEAR NOT!

# JUST US

(Ministry Supporting Widows)

**Tue., July 7**  
**2:00-3:00 pm**  
**Just Us Game Afternoon**  
 Sign-up in the Narthex

Come join the fun!

**GAME TIME**

**Attn: All Single Ladies!**

**Hosted by: JUST US**  
 (Ministry Supporting Widows)

## Jim the Handyman HANDYMAN HELP Q&A

- Basic Toolkit
- Basic Repairs
- Hiring a Handyman

**Monday, June 29**  
**1:00 pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**All single ladies welcome!**



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 Father's Day

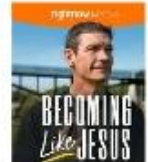
### 7 Habits of a Godly Father

What is God the Father like, and how can we resemble him better? In this session, Rajiv Chelladurai teaches on the characteristics of God as a father to his children. Rajiv then challenges hearers to demonstrate those same attributes in their own relationships.

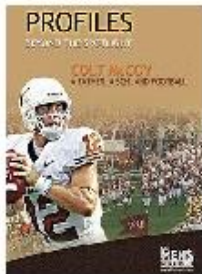


### Becoming Like Jesus

The Christian life is not up and to the right but a lifelong series of highs and lows that the Holy Spirit uses to shape us into people who look like Jesus. In this six-session series, pastor and author Matt Chandler guides us through Jesus's beatitudes found in Matthew 5. As we live out our Christian faith, Jesus develops in us a new way of living so we can be people who reflect God's kingdom.



### Colt McCoy: A Father, A Son, and Football



In the high-stakes, big-money world of NFL football, players who boldly proclaim their faith in Jesus Christ are not the norm. Then again, Colt McCoy is not your typical player. In *Colt McCoy: A Father, A Son, and Football*, the Cleveland Browns' quarterback puts his

service and commitment to God at the front of the line—even when the going gets tough.

In this original Bible study, the father-son dynamic between Brad and Colt is plainly evident, and it's easy to see how a godly father can influence his son to greatness with the simple knowledge that Christ is the cornerstone. "He's thrown thousands of touchdowns and won so many games, of which I am very proud of ... but to see him grow up and influence people in the world for Christ ... no doubt he's doing kingdom work and I am very proud of that," Brad McCoy said.

Throughout this video, interviewer Chris Schneider's questions reveal this father and son's practical Christian faith in action and show how—no matter what the situation—God can be honored through the circumstances in our lives. Schneider is the sports director and morning drive anchor of 1080 KRLD in Dallas, Texas.

### Why Do We Go to Church?

We know that church is important, but why do we need to go to church? With online access to any sermon anywhere in the world with a click of a button, why does it matter that we are connected to a local body of believers? In this five-session series, author and pastor Ben Stuart explores what the church is, the significance of reading the Bible together, the value and purpose of the sacraments, and what genuine and faithful community looks like.



### The Bible Made Simple [Overview]

Discover How the Bible Forms One Big Picture – And Transform Your Bible Reading Forever. In just 2 minutes, you'll grasp the core message of the entire Bible, the Old and New Testaments, and every major book category – from the Torah to Revelation. But here's what makes this different: you won't just learn what each section says. You'll see how it all connects to form one coherent big picture.

## May 2026 Session Meetings Highlights

The Deacons assisted with the memorial service for Bruce Freeman on May 9. LVMPD will be presenting Crime Prevention Tips on July 9. Deacons will identify people from their Deacon Neighborhood Groups lists for the Christmas Comes to Shut-Ins project.

Pastor David reported that the memorial service for Petey Price will be held on Friday, May 29. Comedy for a Cause fundraiser for the Playground/Plaza project will be held on the evening of May 29. The summer sermon series is entitled "41" – what happens after the 40<sup>th</sup> day in the Bible? Pastor Gary, Elder Karla Canfield and Caryl Keyloun traveled to Maui for a mission trip. The Alaska mission trip begins June 18 with 10 participants from MVPC

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship). Church volunteers will be working to repair and refurbish the handbells. For Mother's Day, all women attending Sunday services received a gift of a nail file with a Bible verse engraved on it.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC). A grant application has been approved to distribute a portion of the \$50,000 gift given for missions. Congregation assembled 250 homeless care packets in May. Veteran's pancake breakfast was held Saturday, May 23 - \$164 was raised that will be used for the Veteran's Dinner in October. Value of food donated to Salvation Army in May was approximately \$5,000; the May Men's Ministry breakfast raised \$700 for the Westminster Presbyterian Food Bank.

The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation). Stephen Ministry – possible new class to train 6 people interested in becoming a Stephen Minister. Both Men's and Women's Bible studies are currently on summer break but will resume in the fall. Summer Supper Studies will be held on June 30, July 28, and August 25. Children's Sunday School has wrapped up their current series, Bible Basics, and will begin a new Sunday morning Cinema series for the summer. Vacation Bible School will be held July 13- 17. Youth are still watching The Chosen and Young Adults have a new study on Right Now Media. Coffee shop prices have increased by \$1.00 due to product price increases.

The Gather Commission (taking care of gatherings in large and small groups). The Commission will be supplying food service for "Comedy for a Cause" at MVPC on May 29. Men's Ministry will be serving root beer floats for Father's Day on Sunday, June 21.

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). Elder Al Youmans reported that \$2,176 was needed to replace the trim around the stage. Minimum of \$500 will be needed to trim the trees in the parking lot. A special Session meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10 to review and approve the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget. A special Congregation meeting was scheduled for Sunday, June 21 between services for approval of Pastor David's terms of call as provided in the approved 2026-2027 budget.

The next scheduled Session meeting is on Wednesday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m.



**LOVE**  
God

**LOVE**  
People

**KNOW**  
God

**KNOW**  
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**SERVE**  
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**LOOKING FOR AN  
OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE?**

**WE NEED USHER  
VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE  
ONCE A MONTH @ 10:30  
SERVICE.**

**TRAINING WILL BE  
PROVIDED.**

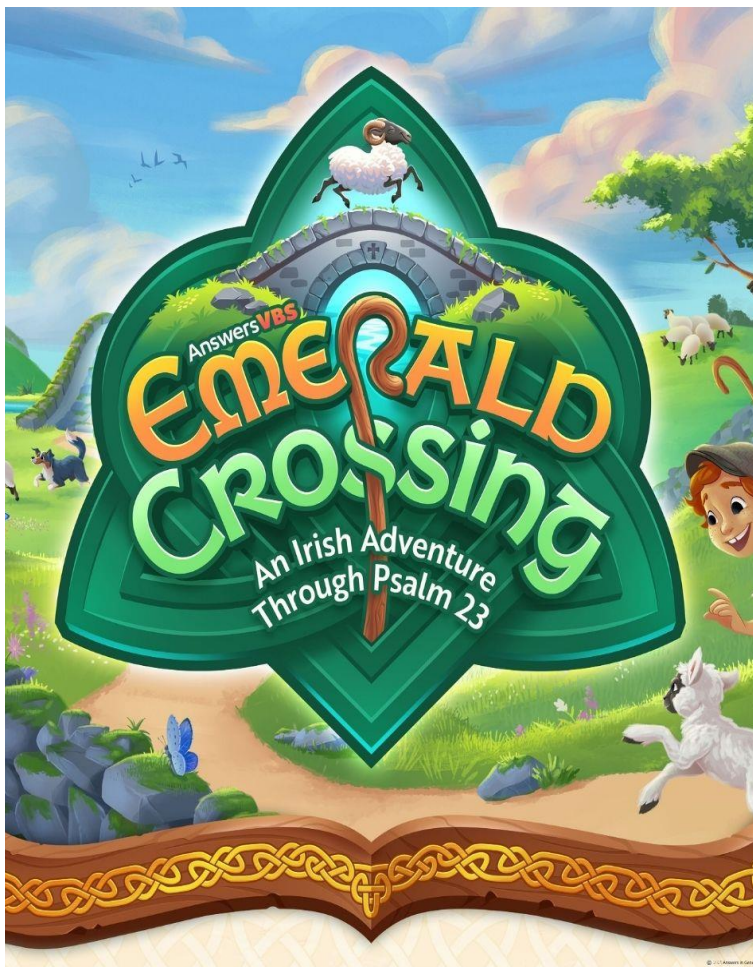
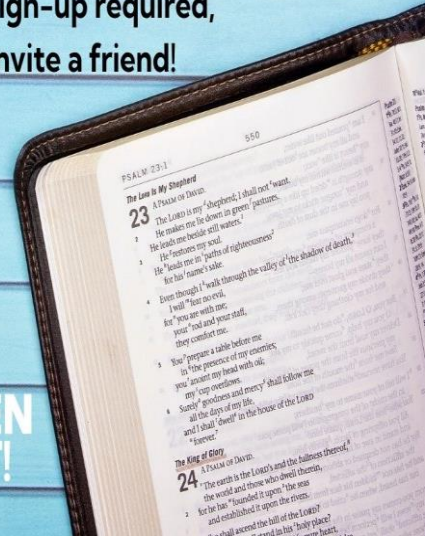
**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED,  
PLEASE EMAIL  
TAMI@MVIEWPC.ORG**

**Summer  
Supper  
Bible  
Study**

**JOIN US**

**June 30, 2026  
6:00pm - 7:00pm  
Fellowship Hall**

**No sign-up required,  
invite a friend!**



**Vacation Bible School  
July 14 - 17 | 9am-3pm  
(early drop off 8am)**

**Register Online: [www.mviewpc.org](http://www.mviewpc.org)**

**Mark your calendar and get ready for an  
Irish adventure through Psalm 23!**



**\$15 per child**

**3yrs (potty-trained) to 7<sup>th</sup> grade**

**\$30 max per family**



**Bring sack lunch & refillable water bottle  
Snacks provided**

# Crime Prevention Presentation for Seniors

**Learn how to recognize scams, avoid criminal behavior, and protect yourself.**

Join us on **Thursday, July 9, at 2:00 p.m.** in **Fellowship Hall** for a crime prevention presentation hosted by the **Deacons** and presented by the **Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department**. The presentation will focus on practical ways seniors can stay alert to phone scams, text scams, fraud, and other criminal behavior.

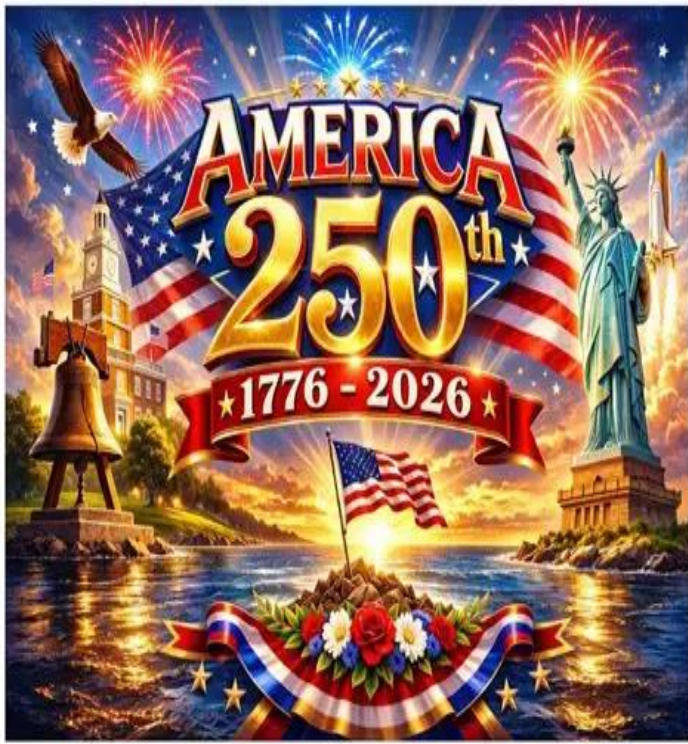
New scams continue to emerge, and a little preparation can make a meaningful difference. Please attend and **invite friends, neighbors, or family members** who may benefit from this helpful information.



Do you love to read and make new friends? Come join us as we discuss the selected book for the month ... June 26, 2026 - Don't Forget to Write by Sara Goodman Confino

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 as outlined above. 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!

A promotional graphic for MVPC's social media presence. It features a teal background with three large, 3D-style icons at the top: a blue thumbs-up (like), a yellow share arrow, and a red notification bell. Below these is the text "Follow MVPC on Social Media!" in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a blue outline. Underneath are four social media icons: YouTube (red), Facebook (blue), Instagram (purple/pink), and X (Twitter) (black). Below the icons, a white text box contains the following information: "Church Website - www.mviewpc.org", "YouTube and Facebook - connect directly from our website, click on icon in the upper right corner.", "Instagram - @mvpclasvegas", and "X(Twitter) - @MVPCLasVegas". A red "SUBSCRIBE" button is shown with a hand icon pointing to it.



## Celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday

with a special selection of Americana-themed items available at the LOAFN Book and Gift Shop! these limited-time offerings honor our nation's rich history and spirit.

Be sure to visit soon—once they're gone, they're gone!



Date: July 4<sup>th</sup>

Time : 9:00 a.m.

Location: Summit

Cost: \$20

## Our Vision

**LOVE**  
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**KNOW**  
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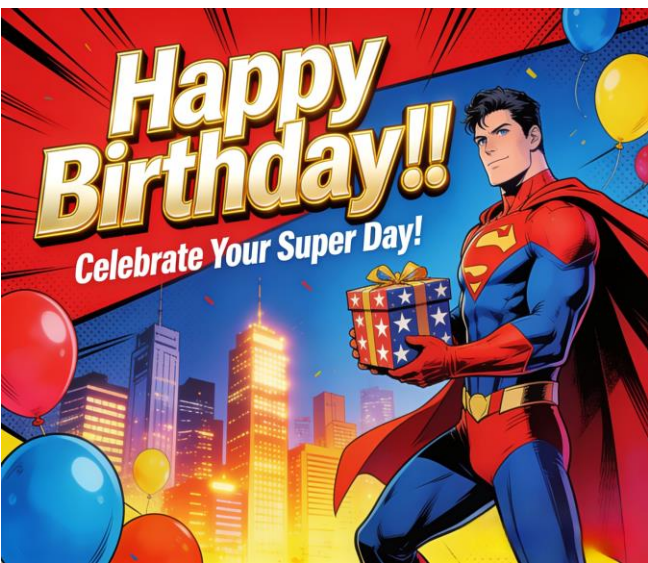
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**It's what we do!**

**LAUGH OFTEN  
& FEAR NOT!**



Paul Curatolo – Jun. 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Beverly Norton – Jun. 28<sup>th</sup>  
 James Rothermel – Jun. 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Kenzie Kirschman – Jun. 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Velvet Arthurs – Jul. 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Maggie Conry – Jul. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Tim Martin – Jul. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Pamela Johnson – Jul. 3<sup>rd</sup>

## This Week's Events

### Sun., Jun. 28

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

### Mon., Jun. 29

9:00 a.m. Quilters, FH  
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, CH  
 1:00 p.m. Handyman Help Seminar, CH  
 7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anon., CH

### Tues., Jun. 30

10:00 a.m. Divine Dealing, FH  
 5:30 p.m. Narcotics Anon., CH  
 6:00 p.m. Summer Supper Study, FH

### Wed., Jul. 1

3:00 p.m. Christian Ed Meeting, Mark  
 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir, CH  
 7:00 p.m. Choir, SC  
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH

### Thurs., Jul. 2

10:00 a.m. Caregiver 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

### Fri., Jul. 3

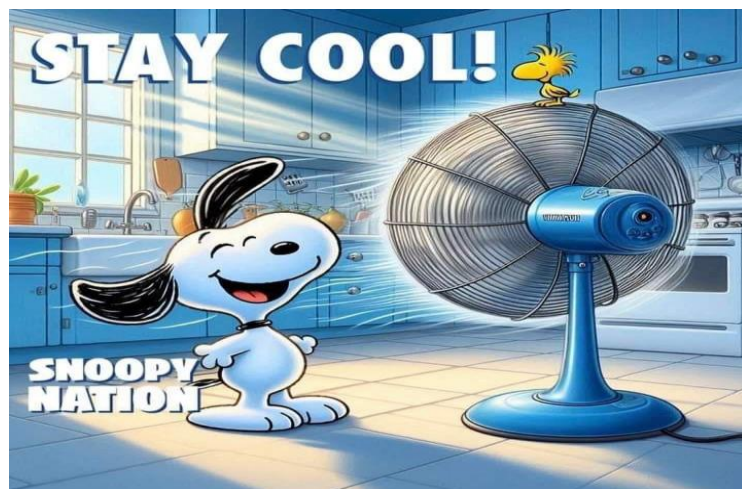
2:00 p.m. Knitting Group, FH

### Sat., Jul. 4

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



Peter and Marcia Hill – Jun. 28<sup>th</sup>  
 David and Juel Reitz – Jul. 1<sup>st</sup>



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 Darling Family
- The Davidge Family
- Minda DelCarmen
- The Demakis Family
- The Dendy Family
- Norma DeVries
- Ruth Dodrill
- Susan Doscocil

## Our World

- People of France
- Global Oil Prices
- European Heatwave

## Our Nation

- World Cup Safety
- Wildfire Firefighters
- Supreme Court

## Our City

- Air Traffic Controller shortage
- Monsoon Season
- Fremont Street safety

## Our Congregation

Linda Feuerstein, Marilyn Kopp,  
Janet Jones, Pat Malfara,

- Elders: Dwight Rickard
- Deacons: Katherine Forred,  
Sandy Gandy

## Our Churches

1. Valley Vegas Church
2. First Christian Church
3. Our Lady of Wisdom

## Other Prayer Concerns...

Sympathy to the family of Bob Williams

