



The Painting That Wasn't Finished

There is a wonderful phenomenon in the art world called pentimento.
The word comes from the Italian word for “repentance.”

Sometimes, when experts examine an old masterpiece with X-rays or infrared technology, they discover something astonishing underneath the finished painting. Another painting.

An arm originally pointed in a different direction. A face once looked somewhere else. An object disappeared. A figure was moved. The artist changed his mind and painted over the original image. What everyone assumed was the first and only version... wasn't. The artist had changed the picture. And here's what fascinates me. The original strokes are still there. They haven't disappeared. They're part of the history of the painting. But they no longer determine what you see when you look at the finished masterpiece.

I wonder if somebody needs that thought today.
Because most of us have a few brushstrokes we'd like to take back. A decision. A relationship.
Something we said. Something we did. An opportunity we wasted. A season when we wandered far from the person God created us to be. And sometimes we stare at those old brushstrokes and think: “Well, I guess that's my picture.”

Maybe not. Because the Bible tells the story of an Artist who is remarkably good at redeeming what looks ruined.
He doesn't pretend the old strokes aren't there. He doesn't call darkness light. He doesn't erase history. But somehow, mysteriously and graciously, God can take what has already been painted and create something we never imagined possible.

This Sunday in our “41” sermon series, we're going to visit a city whose ending had already been announced.
The clock was ticking. Forty days. Everybody knew how the story was going to end. Except... it didn't.

Something happened that changed the entire picture. And tucked inside that ancient story may be one of the most hopeful truths in all of Scripture for anyone who has ever wished they could change an ending.

Oh—and remember that Italian word for changing a painting? Pentimento.
It means...repentance.

And that's just a preview of what's to come on Sunday!
Don't give up at 40.
Your 41 is coming.

Grace and peace,
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 Aug. 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

Children -

Sunday School Aug. 23rd during the second service.

U50s/adults.

Next meeting will be Aug. 23rd at 1:00 p.m.

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 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





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!

Can I Trust the Bible?



The Bible is the most important book of the last two millennia. From sitting at the formation of governments, cultures, and law, this collection of ancient documents has shaped the modern world in ways you may have never realized.

However, while the Bible's influence has remained, central attitudes towards it have radically shifted. Once referred to as "the Good Book," there has been a growing skepticism and downright distaste for the Bible.

Are there good reasons to take the Bible seriously? Can we have confidence that it hasn't been altered, adapted, influenced, and edited since its last book was penned nearly two thousand years ago?

Don't Look Back



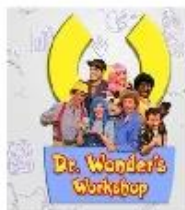
Move confidently into the purpose God has for you. With a rallying cry to "remember Lot's wife," Bible teacher Christine Caine motivates us to stop looking back, to let go, and to move forward into what God promises for our lives. With the strategies Christine shares, this study will equip you to:

- stop looking back and start looking to Jesus
- invite Jesus to help you let go of whatever is holding you back
- step into God's plans, purposes, and promises

Remembering Lot's wife encourages us to trust Jesus with our future and to boldly follow him into the opportunities and plans we simply don't yet see.

Dr. Wonder's Workshop (Kids)

Dr. Wonder's Workshop teaches kids about faith in a unique way. Dr. Leward Wonder (Deaf) runs the workshop where he and his colleagues teach the importance of developing Christian values through clever stories, fun characters, and wacky experiments. Featuring an all-Deaf cast, all dialogue is in American Sign Language with English voice-over.

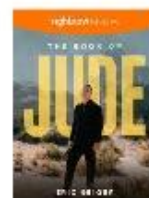


The Book of Jude

Contending for the Faith in a Rebellious Culture

How do we stay close to Jesus, even when threatened by doubt, deception, or the culture around us? This question is as relevant for us today as it was for the early church.

In this five-session series, pastor Eric Geiger will take us through the book of Jude, a letter that reminds us that staying faithful to God is an active part of the Christian life. Join Eric and learn to trust the God who calls us, loves us, and keeps us as we strive to stand firm in our faith.



Jungle Kids: With the Wild Brothers

Far from modern life, four missionary brothers grow up in the jungle surrounded by wild animals, new discoveries, and daily adventures. Together, they learn that the greatest adventure of all is following Jesus.



July 2026 Session Meetings Highlights

The Deacons did not meet in July.

Pastor David was away a week in July for his annual sermon planning leave.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship). The Commission did not meet in July.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC). The sub-committee for Protecting Children & Families from Gun Violence continues to plan its Fall presentation. The congregation will be invited to help pack Homeless Care Packs between services on July 26. MVPC will be providing backpacks and supplies for Olive Crest this year. Items are due by Sunday, August 2. Salvation Army donation for June was \$4,000 and for July \$3,500. Men's breakfast donation for June was \$910 and for July \$768.

The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation). Summer Supper Studies continues on Tuesday, July 28 and on Tuesday, August 25. Vacation Bible School (July 13-17) was a great success with about 30 children in attendance – including three 3 year olds. The Committee would like to thank the teen age leaders from MVPC for their help.

The Gather Commission (taking care of gatherings in large and small groups). The Potluck/Bingo night on Sunday, July 12 was great fun

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). Elder Al Youmans reported that during July new LED lighting has been installed in the upstairs meeting rooms area. Elder John Meola presented information for providing EV charging on the MVPC parking lot. This information will be discussed in greater detail at the August session meeting. Financial statements through June 30, 2026 (end of fiscal year) were distributed to Session members. MVPC finished the 2025-2026 fiscal year in the black with net income of over \$34,000.

The next scheduled Session meeting is on Wednesday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m.



"Blessed Bites"

NITTAYA'S
Secret Kitchen

8427 W. Lake Mead Blvd.

Thurs., Aug. 27 @ Noon

Separate checks
No church van available
Meet at restaurant



Join your church family and friends for
a time of fellowship and great food!

Open to all, invite a friend.
Sign up in the Narthex.

Hosted by Women's Ministry

Women's Bible Study

Tuesday - daytime
and evening classes



9:45am

or

7:00pm

Class starts
Sept. 8th

Same topic
discussed.

Study Guide - \$8

Sign-up in the
Narthex and
purchase study
guide starting
Aug. 16th - \$8



Fellowship 5th Sunday Brunch



August 30, 2026

Served after both services.

Come and enjoy Chef Gary's delicious
egg casserole!

**LAUGH OFTEN
& FEAR NOT!**



There are two pews in the
courtyard, they are free to a
good home. You can take one
or both but must provide
transportation. Contact the
church office for more
information.



MVPC Pet Ministry

Save your newspaper

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

Canned food is also needed!



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



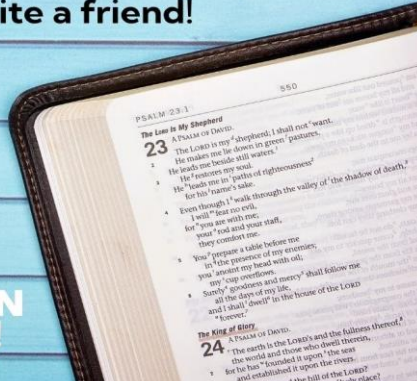
Summer Supper Bible Study

JOIN US

Final Summer Study!

**Aug. 25, 2026
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Fellowship Hall**

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

**LAUGH OFTEN
& FEAR NOT!**

BECOME A MEMBER



MVPC New Member Class

Learn more about MVPC from Pastor David Dendy and have an opportunity to ask questions.




Aug 30, 2026
MVPC Chapel
5:00pm

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CREATIVE WAYS TO STAY HYDRATED



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HERBAL TEAS

WATER-RICH PRODUCE



BELL PEPPER



BERRIES



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CITRUS FRUITS

American Sign Language (ASL)

6-WEEK SEMINAR FOR
BEGINNERS (FREE)

WEDNESDAYS
9/2/26 THROUGH 10/7/26
4:00-5:00PM

CHILDREN AND ADULTS ARE WELCOME



ALANE EHRHARDT, INSTRUCTOR. FORMER LEVEL 4
CERTIFIED SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

JUST US

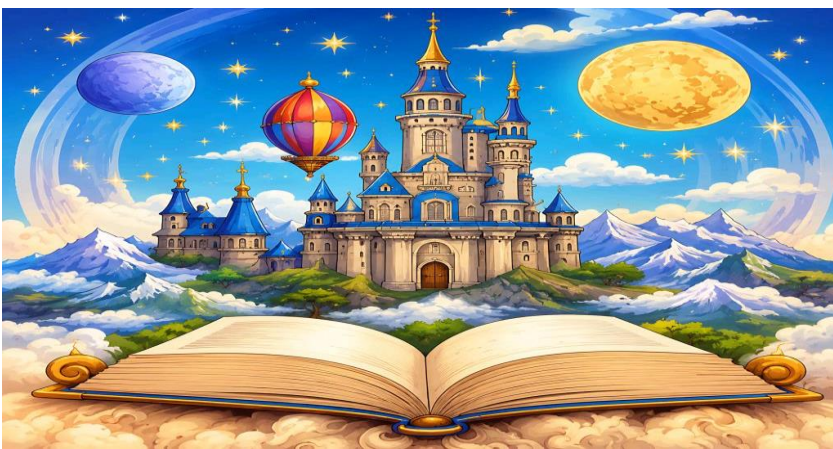
(Ministry Supporting Widows)

Speaker: Minnie Byers

Say YES[★] to FUN!

Monday, August 24
2:00 pm - Chapel

Sign up in the
Narthex



COME HAVE A SUMMER ADVENTURE HERE AT MVPC:

Do you love to read and make new friends? Come join us as we discuss the selected book for the month of August, Theo of Golden by Allen Levi

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 August 28, 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!

Our Vision

LOVE
God

LOVE
People

KNOW
God

KNOW
People

SERVE
God

SERVE
People

It's what we do!

LAUGH OFTEN & FEAR NOT!



Winifred Campbell – Aug. 22nd
 John Wherry, Jr. – Aug. 22nd
 Susan Daskocil – Aug. 25th
 Ceci Solario – Aug. 25th
 Glen Moses – Aug. 26th
 Goldie Asmo – Aug. 27th
 Jeanie Christiansen – Aug. 27th
 Lisa Conry – Aug. 27th
 Jayde Fox – Aug. 27th
 Chris Kirschman – Aug. 27th
 Bob Langeliers – Aug. 27th
 Bill Price – Aug. 27th
 Dan Ruff – Aug. 28th

This Week's Events

Sun., Aug. 23

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, SC
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, SC
 1:00 p.m. U50's, Mark
 4:00 p.m. Youth Group, FH
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, CH

Mon., Aug. 24

9:00 a.m. Quilters, FH
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, CH
 2:00 p.m. Just Us Event, CH
 7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anon., CH

Tues., Aug. 25

10:00 a.m. Divine Dealing, FH
 1:00 p.m. G.R.I.T. Course, CH
 5:30 p.m. Narcotics Anon., CH
 6:00 p.m. Summer Supper Study, FH

Wed., Aug. 26

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 Meeting, Esther

Thurs., Aug. 27

12:00 p.m. Blessed Bites
 4:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry, Mark
 5:00 p.m. Redeemed Worship Rehearsal, SC
 7:00 p.m. Al Anon, Esther

Fri., Aug. 28

10:00 a.m. MVPC Book Club, CH

Sat., Aug. 29

5:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH



Zach and Jean Athens – Aug. 23rd
 Daniel and Alane Ehrhardt – Aug. 23rd
 John and Marie Lozano – Aug. 24th
 Tom and Jane Grimes – Aug. 26th



Congratulations to Max and Jayde Fox on the birth of their son Wesley William Fox.

Born 6-18-2026.



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

- Elaine Irwin
- The Jackson Family
- Ken and Grace Johnson
- Larry and Ginni Johnson
- Mark and Pam Johnson
- Andi Jones
- Betty Jones
- Daryl Jones

Our World

- People of Australia
- Kenya Helicopter crash victims
- Middle East Tensions

Our Nation

- National Debt
- Salmonella cases
- Tennessee College Cycling team

Our City

- CCSD Campus Safety
- Homeless pet population
- Housing prices

Our Churches

1. St. Thomas Catholic Church
2. Christ Lutheran Church
3. Stepping Stone Fellowship

Our Congregation

Bonnie Dingivan,
Janet Jones, Pat Malfara,
Gary Mickelson, Sandy Owens

- Elders: Wes Forred
- Deacons: DeAnn Dutt,
Melody Edwards-Becker

Other Prayer Concerns...

Betty Brown

