Giving Until It Hurts? Not Me!

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." — Acts 20:35

I have heard people say for years, "You should give until it hurts!"
Well, I have a confession to make.
Giving has never hurt me. Not once.

You know what hurts? NOT GIVING!
When I hold tightly to my time, my talents, my treasures, and my gifts, something inside me begins to shrink. When I become more concerned about what I can keep than what I can give, I discover that my hands may be full, but my heart feels strangely empty.

Jesus knew something about this when He said,
"It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Notice He didn't say it is more *painful* to give. He said it is more *blessed!*

I love a statement attributed to Pastor Rick Warren:
"God can do more with my 90% than I can do with my 100%."
Isn't that marvelous?

For 25 years of marriage, Julie and I have made it our practice to give 10% of our income back to God through the church. Not because we have to. Not because someone twisted our arms. And certainly not because we enjoy watching money leave our checking account!

We give because we believe everything we have belongs to God in the first place. We are simply returning a portion of what God has so graciously entrusted to us.
And here's what we've discovered: We would much rather trust God with our 90% than trust ourselves with 100%!

The Apostle Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

The Greek word for cheerful is *hilaros*, from which we get our English word *hilarious.*
Imagine that! God loves joyful, enthusiastic, even hilarious generosity!

As we consider our stewardship commitments for 2027 this Sunday, my prayer is that we will give not out of guilt, obligation, or fear, but out of overflowing gratitude.

Give until it hurts? No, thank you!
I'd rather give until my heart sings!

Grace and peace,
Laugh Often and Fear Not!
David

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8:30 am – Traditional
10:30 am- Contemporary

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Family Ministry News

Youth Group –

Youth Group Nov. 1st 4:00 p.m. Underground Church
wear dark clothes and sneakers!

Children -
Sunday School Nov. 1st during the second service.

U50s/adults.
Next meeting will be Nov. 8th 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

Summerlin Book Fair

Saturday, Nov. 7th from
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

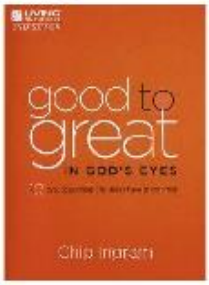
This is your chance to have copies of books, penned by your favorite local authors, signed.

Located in the Fellowship Hall. All are 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 and she will set you up and you can start accessing great Bible-based studies/videos today!

Good to Great in God's Eyes



Are you tired of the status quo Christian life? Do you long for a spiritual breakthrough? Are you looking to go to the next level or get a fresh infusion of faith and spiritual passion?
Great Christians live out their faith with purpose. In Mark 10:43, Jesus says, whoever wants to become great must...Must what? You'll explore the idea that there are certain practices available to every believer at every maturity level to move us from good to great...in God's Eyes.

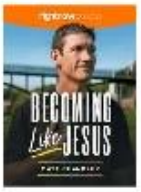
The Prayer Course

An eight-session journey through the Lord's Prayer. Conversation, testimony and teaching to help you, and your community, to grow and deepen your prayer life, one week at a time.

Peanut Butter & Jesus

How do you respond to what Christ has done for you? For Tony, his response looks like making 300 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches every weekend with friends. See how Christ's love compels him to help feed the homeless and share God's Word in the streets of his city.

Raising Engaged Kids

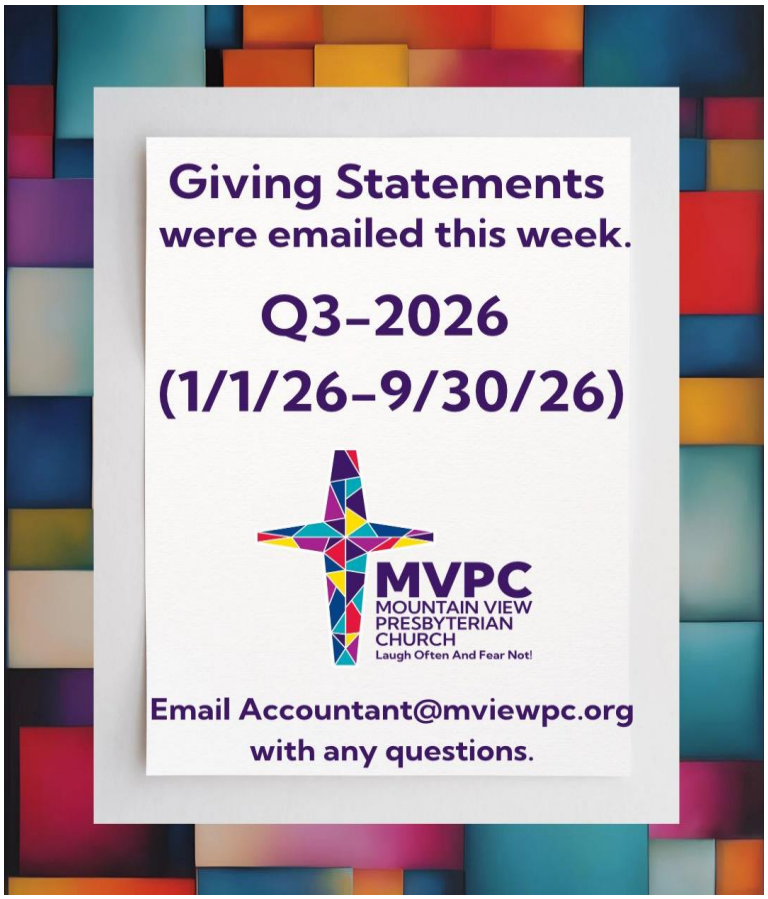


How do we equip our kids to live authentic, meaningful, Christ-centered lives in a conventional world? Deeply rooted in Christ-centered theology and backed up by insight from the largest and longest study of over 100,000 members of Generation Z, Raising Engaged Kids equips parents and caregivers with specific tools to see God work in and through our families.

In this 9-part series, you will receive specific and practical insight that will equip you to identify God's purpose for your role and provide you with principles and a process that will transform your parenting and provide you with new freedom and fulfillment as a parent.

The key issues addressed in the series include:

- How to equip our keys to recognize and reflect the fullness of Christ in their own lives.
- How to remove our of drama and equip our kids to make wise choices.
- How to have meaningful spiritual conversations that both parents and kids actually enjoy.
- How to identify our students' specific spiritual needs and then maximize the opportunities for growth at each step in their journey.
- How to implement the principles and process in a simple, reproducible and sustainable way that becomes an authentic part of your family dynamics.
- How to embrace and celebrate God's vision for parenting long after we have equipped our kids for life beyond the walls.



LOAFN Book and Gift Shop Madness
Fireside Sale!!!!

Everything…Yes, we mean EVERYTHING will be 50% off! Just in time for the holidays. Stop in to do your holiday shopping over the next two Sundays!

These prices won't last forever so come on in and grab these deals now! (Any cents will be rounded up to nearest dollar). You can't afford to miss this sale. See you Sunday.

Plus, we are raffling off a beautiful Christmas wreath donated to us by Tanya Russell. Raffle tickets will be on sale in the Shop: 1 ticket for $3.00 2 tickets for $5.00. You will be able to see the wreath on Sunday. Proceeds will support the youth. So be sure to bring your cash!

A Thanksgiving Prayer from the Heart

As Thanksgiving approaches, the Women's Ministry invites the women of MVPC to share their hearts through prayer! Whether it's a prayer of gratitude, hope, love, or reflection, we would love for you to put your thoughts into words. Your prayers will be shared with the congregation in a special prayer handout, offering inspiration and encouragement during this season of thankfulness.

Please submit your prayer by November 1 to Allison Gray (in her office mailbox or allison@mviewpc.org**).** Let's come together and share the many ways God has blessed our lives and remind one another of the power of prayer and a grateful heart!

GriefShare®

GriefShare meets Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the MVPC Chapel.

All are Welcome to attend.

September 2026 Session Meetings Highlights

The Deacons reported that approximately 30 people attended the Crime Prevention Tips for Seniors presented by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department in July. The Deacons will sponsor a Fire Safety and Fall Prevention program on October 8.

Pastor David shared the Bible passages for the "I Love Big Buts of the Bible" sermon series. Pastor David is coordinating a meeting with the Sun City HOA on the plaza/playground project. The September fall kickoff events have been well received. Pastor David conducted leadership training for the Session.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship). The Commission has updated instructions for ushers and greeters. World Communion Sunday will be celebrated October 4 with communion by intinction. Decorating for Advent and Christmas will take place on Sunday, November 22.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC) is sponsoring a mission trip to Paradise, California for November 5-8. The Pet Ministry will sponsor a pet blessing at the Church Picnic on Sunday, Octobber 18, and has scheduled its annual Bake Sale on Sunday, February 14, 2027. Veterans Outreach is sponsoring the Annual Veteran's Day dinner on Friday, October 30, 2026, limited to 100 attendees. Olive Crest held its annual gala on Saturday, September 26. The Hoving Home annual gala is on Thursday, October 29 at the JW Marriot Resort. Salvation Army donations for September were $3,500. Men's breakfast donations for August were $1,001 (supporting Westminster Presbyterian Food Bank).

The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation). The Health Ministry, led by Del Heiss, (a) provided blood pressure checks for the congregation, (b) placed first aid kits throughout the Church, and (c) scheduled AED defibrillator and CPR training for Saturday, October 10. Sunday School is studying the Fruits of the Spirit, Youth continue the study on prayer, Young Adults are studying 1Thessalonians. Women's Ministry remains very active. Many thanks for their hard work to bring the Ministry Mixer into fruition. Women's Bible study started September 8. Men's Ministry resumed its Bible Study on September 22. Pastor's Bible Study resumed on September 23.

The Gather Commission (taking care of gatherings in large and small groups) reported that the Fall Festival on September 20 was a big success with much fun and delicious food. Several new people have signed up to help with fellowship hour on Sundays. The annual Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, October 18.

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). The Commission has solicited bids for replacement of the solar power system inverters but has received only one bid so far. The Commission reported that a 240 volt outlet has been installed in the rear storage room for EV charging.

Laura Martin, Karla Canfield, Karen Stokes and Dian Ward were MVPC's commissioners to the fall meeting of the Nevada Presbytery at St. John's Presbyterian Church, Reno, September 13-16 and reported to Session on the activities of the Presbytery.

The next scheduled Session meeting is on Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Stewardship Sunday

Nov. 1, 2026

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LAUGH OFTEN & FEAR NOT!

Financial stewardship is more than managing money, it's faithfully managing the resources God has entrusted to us for His glory and the growth of His kingdom. Through wise giving, careful planning, and generous hearts, we empower our church to serve, minister, and share the love of Christ with our community. 🙏💙

"Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful."
1 Corinthians 4:2

We will receive 2027 Financial Commitment Cards during worship service on Sunday, November 1, 2026. You should have received a card in the mail. If you did not, cards are available in the Narthex. Thank you for your ongoing support of the mission and vision of MVPC. We can't do it without you!

OPERATION Christmas Child
Samaritan's Purse ®

MVPC is participating in Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child again this year. You can pick up an Operation Christmas Child shoebox during normal office hours or on Sunday. Fill with fun gifts, and **return** by Sunday, **November 16**

Thankyou

OLIVE CREST

Strong Families, Safe Kids

THANKSGIVING BOXES

Help Us Make a Difference!

Olive Crest is collecting boxes of non-perishable food for families in need. Boxes will be available in the Narthex.

Each box, please include:
(1) $25.00 Gift Card (Walmart/Smith's/Albertson's)
(2) 4.1 oz pouches Mashed Potatoes
(2) .87 oz packages Turkey Gravy
(2) 15.25 oz Cans of Corn
(2) 14.5 oz cans of Green Beans
(1) 6 oz (or smaller) can/pkg. Dried Onion Rings
(1) 6 oz box of Stuffing Mix
(1) 10.5 oz canned Cream of Mushroom Soup
(2) 15 oz cans Sweet Potatoes
(1) 14 oz canned Cranberry Sauce
(1) 15.25 oz canned Fruit Cocktail
(1) 15.25 oz Boxed Cake Mix
(1) 16 oz Container of Frosting

Please do not tape boxes closed.
Return to MVPC by November 8, 2026

Feed it FORWARD

$25 DONATION

provides a full holiday meal for a local high school student and their family this season.

PROJECT 150
CLOTHING • FOOD • HYGIENE • SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Donate Now
by texting **HOLIDAY26** to **76278**
or
online at **project150.org**

P.F. CHANG'S
CHINA BISTRO
1095 S Rampart Blvd.

"Blessed Bites"

Thursday, Nov. 19th @ Noon
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 today!

Monday, Nov. 9, 2026
6:00 – 7:30pm
Upstairs Chapel
No registration required

Holidays can intensify feelings of loss, stress, and isolation after separation or divorce. Surviving the Holidays provides structured, compassionate support to help individuals move through the season with strength and hope.

Our Vision

LOVE
God

LOVE
People

KNOW
God

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SERVE
God

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People

It's what we do!

LAUGH OFTEN & FEAR NOT!

Marilyn Gramms – Oct. 31st
Suzanne Odell – Nov. 1st
Kathleen Walsh – Nov. 3rd
Penny Takier – Nov. 4th
Cayla Washburn – Nov. 4th
Gary Brink – Nov. 5th
Lavonne Evans – Nov. 5th

George and Allison Gray – Nov. 5th
Christopher and Marla Winter – Nov. 5th

This Week's Events

Sun., Nov. 1

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., Nov. 2

9:00 a.m.	**Quilters,** FH
10:00 a.m.	**Staff Meeting,** CH
4:00 p.m.	**Worship Committee,** FH
7:00 p.m.	**Gamblers Anon.,** CH

Tues., Nov. 3

9:45 a.m.	**Women's Bible Study,** FH
11:30 a.m.	**Divine Dealing,** FH
1:00 p.m.	**Griefshare,** CH
3:00 p.m.	**Christian Ed Meeting,** Mark
5:30 p.m.	**Narcotics Anon.,** CH
7:00 p.m.	**Men's Bible Study,** CH
7:00 p.m.	**Women's Bible Study,** FH

Wed., Nov. 4

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

Thurs., Nov. 5

10:00 a.m.	**Caregiver Support,** C
5:00 p.m.	**Redeemed Worship Rehearsal,** SC
6:30 p.m.	**Compassionate Friends,** FH
7:00 p.m.	**Al Anon,** Esther

Fri., Nov. 6

Sat., Nov. 7

9:00 a.m.	**Sun City Book Fair,** FH
9:00 a.m.	**Men's Breakfast,** Summit
5:00 p.m.	**AA Meeting,** FH

Dear Beloved MVPC Congregation,
I am so very blessed by you! Thank you for your overwhelming appreciation and love, not only this month, BUT always. It is such a joy to be part of your families and lives. I can't thank you enough.
Love, Prayers, and hugs....

-Chris Kirschman

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

- JoAnn Padget
- Susan Pallishusky
- The Patterson Family
- Jeff Patterson and Ellen Whittemore
- The Paul Family
- Ralph Pendleton
- Diane Penman
- The Perry Family

Our City

- Motorcycle safety
- Tourism numbers
- Halloween Safety

Our Churches

1. Community Lutheran Church
2. St. Christopher Catholic Church
3. Calvary Chapel Meadow Mesa

Other Prayer Concerns…

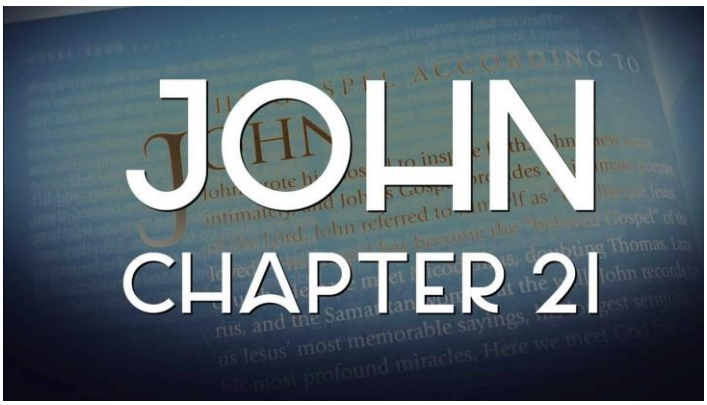
Our World

- People of China
- Hong Kong Fire Victims
- Spain Train crash victims

Our Nation

- Election Day
- California Flooding
- Religious campus safety

Our Congregation

Emmett Shelton

- Elders: Dian Ward
- Deacons: Nancy Amato, Goldie Asmo