

# Weekly Messenger 04-26-2024

## Peter – God does the “Extraordinary” through the “Ordinary!”

This Sunday we begin a short sermon series on “God does the Extraordinary through the Ordinary.” Our first Biblical character in this series is the Apostle Peter.

In the tapestry of the New Testament, few threads are as vibrant and richly woven as that of the apostle Peter. His journey from a humble fisherman to a towering figure in the early Christian church is a testament to the transformative power of faith and the boundless grace of God.

Peter's significance lies not only in his remarkable deeds and bold proclamations but also in his humanity, flaws, and moments of profound growth. From the shores of Galilee to the streets of Jerusalem, Peter's life is marked by pivotal moments that continue to inspire and challenge believers today.

One of the defining moments in Peter's life is his confession of faith in Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). This declaration serves as the foundation upon which Jesus declares Peter to be the rock upon which He will build His church. Through Peter's bold confession, we are reminded of the importance of recognizing Jesus' true identity and our role as witnesses to His gospel.

Yet, Peter's journey is also marked by moments of weakness and failure, none more poignant than his denial of Jesus on the night of His betrayal. Despite his earlier boasts of loyalty, Peter succumbs to fear and denies knowing Jesus three times. Yet, even in his darkest hour, Jesus does not abandon Peter. His eventual restoration by Jesus serves as a powerful reminder of the depth of God's forgiveness and the opportunity for redemption for all who repent and turn back to Him.

Peter's significance extends beyond his individual experiences to his role in the early Christian church. From preaching on the day of Pentecost to boldly proclaiming the gospel to the Gentiles, Peter played a pivotal role in spreading the message of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.

As we reflect on the significance of the apostle Peter, may we be inspired by his unwavering faith, challenged by his moments of weakness, and encouraged by his journey of growth and transformation. Like Peter, may we embrace our humanity, rely on God's grace, and boldly proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to the world.

See you Sunday!  
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 –**  
Bowling this week at the Suncoast  
4:30-6:30 p.m. \$20 per person.

**Children -**  
Sunday School this week. VBS details coming soon!

**U50s/adults.**  
Our next meeting will be this Sunday Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.

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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 caption.

## **Women's Breakfast Update...**

A big shout and thank you to Renny Franz for being the guest speaker at last Saturday's Women's Breakfast. Renny detailed the life of his mother, Willy, a WWI POW in Indonesia.

A reminder for the women that the May Women's Breakfast has been "rolled into" the Pancake Breakfast here at the church on 5/18. Sign up for the pancake breakfast will begin soon.





RightNow Media is a free service offered to MVPC members/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.

You can now invite friends to watch with you as a "Virtual Group" and discuss the video using on-line chat. The only requirement is each participant must have a RightNow Media account login.

It's easy to sign up for RightNow Media! 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!

### THE PRAYER PRACTICE



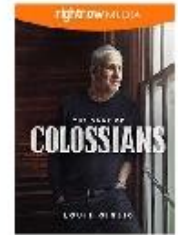
Prayer is simply the medium through which we communicate and commune with God. The practice of prayer is learning to set aside dedicated time to

intentionally be with God in order to become like him and partner with him in the world.

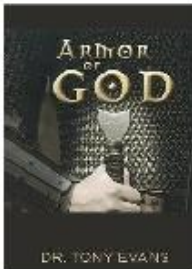
### THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

What we think about Jesus matters. Our perception of Him shapes us — what we say, how we treat others, even what we think. If we paint Jesus as any less than who He is as supreme over all creation and savior of the world, not only does our theology slip, but the working out of our faith also suffers.

In this 8-session series, Louie Giglio will take us through the book of Colossians to help us form a complete picture of Jesus. What we believe about Him influences everything from our corporate worship to our relationships to our attitude toward sin. Now alive in Christ, we can live a life worthy of God instead of falling back into the ways of the world.



### THE ARMOR OF GOD



In this in-depth look at God's Word and the spiritual armor He provides, Dr. Tony Evans goes through each piece of the armor of God.

Get well-dressed for warfare as you discover the importance of living life fully prepared for spiritual battle.

### THE REAL HEAVEN

Heaven is a hot topic on today's bestseller lists. But what does the Bible tell us about the afterlife? What happens the moment after we die? And what will our redeemed relationships be like? Chip Ingram digs into Scripture to reveal what God wants us to know about the hereafter - and how it affects our decisions today.



### UNDERSTANDING YOUR TEEN

Teenagers are growing up in a very different world than even the previous generation. They are in transition between childhood and adulthood. They are seeking autonomy and at the same time still quite dependent on their family. In this seminar course we will explore "Who is that stranger in your house?" and talk about what they are going through in life. We will look at how to be a more effective parent and how to connect with our kids in this important stage in life.

We will look at the issues of:

- Sexuality • Ending the homework hassle • Peer pressure
- Rules and boundaries • Bringing out the best in our teens
- Choosing which battles to fight • Raising teens to be responsible adults

This seminar course won't give you all the answers but will be a wonderful road map to help successfully guide your kids through the rough waters of adolescence. This seminar is perfect for parents of pre-teens, teens, and even young adults.





## THE MVPC COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS

will meet on April 28, 2024 between services in the room behind the fellowship hall.

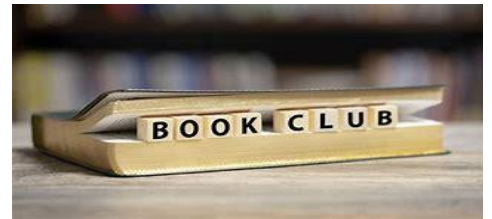
If you are a committee member or new to MVPC and wish to help support MVPC and community veterans, grab some cookies and coffee and join us.

## MVPC Book Club

Our group meets monthly, usually the last Friday of each month, at 10:00 a.m., in the Chapel at the Church. We enjoy gathering to catch-up with each other and to discuss the book we've chosen for the month. We welcome any who are interested to join us. Here are the dates and books selected for the next couple meetings.

**April 26th**                      **Bel Canto** by Ann Patchett

**May 31st**                        **The Violin Conspiracy** by Brendan Slocumb



"A book too, can be a star, explosive material, capable of stirring up endlessly, a living fire to lighten the darkness." Madeleine L'Engle

*Happy Reading!*

## New Ministry – Just Us

1 Timothy 5:3 tells us to “give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need.” Following God’s word, MVPC created a new ministry called “Just Us”, where widowed women will call upon Christ and each other in support, advance healing, fellowship, and encouragement (SAFE). If you are a woman who has lost her spouse and would like to join this group of sisters in Christ, contact Allison Gray, Women’s Ministry Director in the church office. Stay tuned for more information about the ministry.





**Felix Gaudiel IV**  
**Bean Redeemed Coffee Shop**  
**\*new volunteer\***

Felix is the son of Bridge and Felix Gaudiel III. He is a 9<sup>th</sup> grader at Northwest Career and Technical Academy. He plays volleyball at Arbor View High School.

Felix is active in Boy Scouts and has a black belt in martial arts! He helps with Christmas decorating and serving at special dinners/events at MVPC.

Felix is a new volunteer in our Bean Redeemed Coffee Shop. Stop by the coffee shop, order a beverage from Felix, and say hello!

We appreciate you Felix, thank you for serving your church family.

**\*FREE\***

## **Veterans Support Committee Pancake Breakfast**

**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00-11:00 am**

**We want to thank the congregation for all you do for our committee and church community.**

**Come have breakfast, "On us."**

\*If you feel that you MUST donate to our Veterans, we are ok with that.

We will have a box available.

If you would like to help with preparations and/or clean-up of this event please contact the church office.



The Men's Breakfast will meet on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Summit (2215 Thomas W. Ryan Blvd).

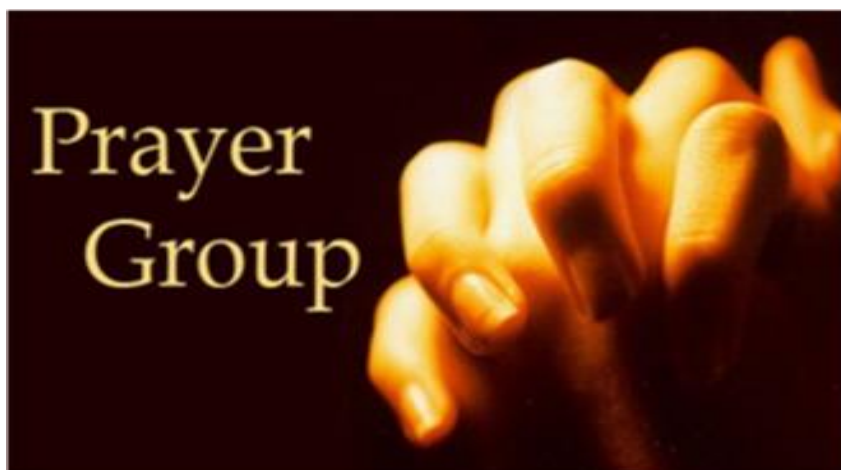
The cost is \$16.00 for all breakfasts (this includes tip and tax)

DivorceCare's life-changing support groups welcome people and guide them on the path of recovery after separation or divorce. Over 1 million people have found comfort and hope through this 13-week, video-based series.

Group will meet on Monday's at 6:30pm in the Esther Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor-Fellowship Hall).

You can **register online** at [www.divorcecare.com](http://www.divorcecare.com).

DivorceCare Leaders Bill and Susan Lietzke understand how you're feeling and what you're struggling with—because they have faced similar challenges. Everyone's story is different, and you'll be accepted right where you are, in a safe place.



### NEW PRAYER GROUP!

Are you a Prayer Warrior? Do you enjoy praying for others? Interested in learning how to pray?

Don Peterson is leading a new Prayer Group that will meet at 11:00am on Wednesday immediately after Pastor's Bible Study.

Please sign up in the Narthex.



Commissioned Elder Dennis Bunce will hold a three session Bible study on, "In search of Jesus in the Old Testament: His Form, His Voice, and His Appearing."

Those interested can drop by the Mark room on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Come prepared to share and bring that well used Study Bible, too.



### Can you volunteer for 1 Sunday?

We need Nursery volunteers for 8:30 and 10:30 services on the following dates.

- May 5, 2024
- May 12, 2024
- May 19, 2024

Sign-up in the Narthex on Sunday or email Chris Kirschman at [Chris@mviewpc.org](mailto:Chris@mviewpc.org) Thank you for caring for our littlest ones!

### Our Vision

God

People



It's What We Do!!

Laugh Often  
and  
Fear Not!



Felix Gaudiel III – Apr. 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Karyn Klein – Apr. 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Dennis Evans – Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Dana X Marshall – May 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Lee Miesner – May 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Sandy Owens – May 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Molly Pierson – May 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Michael Vanderwerf – May 2<sup>nd</sup>

## This Week's Events

### Sun., Apr. 28

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, SC  
 9:45 a.m. Veterans Support Group, FH  
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, SC  
 12:30 p.m. USO's, Mark  
 1:00 p.m. Reformed Church Meeting, FH  
 4:30 p.m. Youth Group, FH

### Mon., Apr. 29

9:00 a.m. Quilters, FH  
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, CH  
 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care, Esther  
 7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anon., CH

### Tues., Apr. 30

5:30 p.m. Narcotics Anon., CH  
 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study, FH  
 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, CH

### Wed., May 1

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study, FH  
 11:00 a.m. Prayer Group, SC  
 5:00 p.m. Bells, CH  
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH  
 7:00 p.m. Choir, SC

### Thurs., May 2

9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training, CH  
 5:00 p.m. Redeemed Worship Team, SC  
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study, Mark  
 6:30 p.m. Compassionate Friends, FH  
 7:00 p.m. AL Anon, Esther

### Fri., May 3

2:00 p.m. Knitting, FH

### Sat., May 4

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



William and Kristine Castagnino – Apr. 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Kent and Sarah Wyatt – Apr. 30<sup>th</sup>

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 Google Play Store or Apple iTunes



On Sunday mornings, check in with Facebook and tell your friends you're here.



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 and Lynn Peterson
- Karla Philippus
- Debbie Pick
- The Pierson Family
- The Pollock Family
- Ron Fox and Deborah Pratt
- The Price Family
- The Pupanek Family

## Our World

- People of Sweden
- Middle East Conflict
- Djibouti boat capsized victims

## Our Nation

- Columbia University
- Chicago Police Department
- Maryland school shooting victims

## Our City

- CCSD School
- Retail theft
- Bicyclist safety

## Our Congregation

Kathy Gray, Janet Hapner,  
Janet Jones, Peg Pollack,  
Michele Weber, Bernie Wherry

- Elders: Chris Kirschman
- Deacons: Lavalie Vita,  
Nancy Amato

## Our Churches

1. The Rock Christian Church
2. Tropicana Christian Fellowship
3. Vegas Valley Christian Church

## Other Prayer Concerns...

Sympathy to the family of Matt Candler  
Sympathy to the family of Linda Szopo  
Sympathy to the family of Ila Cary  
Noreen Wilson

