

Weekly Messenger 05-17-2024

On August 8, 1974, I was an 11-year-old summer camp attendee. Instead of the usual evening program of singing and speaker, arrangements had been made to broadcast an address from then US President Nixon. Over the speakers in the amphitheater, we heard the words, "I shall resign the Presidency at noon tomorrow."

The Watergate cover-up had finally been exposed. The house of cards that was the Nixon Presidency, including those closest to him, were coming crashing down. Among those implicated was former Special Counsel to the President Charles (Chuck) Colson. Known around the Washington beltway as Nixon's "hatchet man," Colson's reputation was that of cutthroat and ruthless.

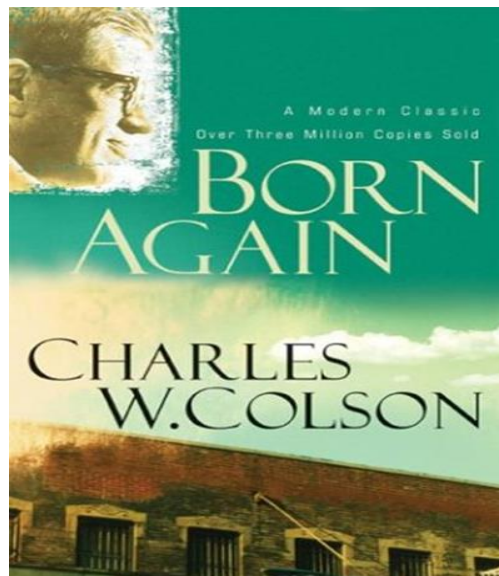
But Colson's world was crashing around him. A failed marriage. The looming criminal conviction and prison sentence (which happened), the loss of reputation, influence and career all brought this tough as nails politician to his knees. Literally.

Colson began to ask questions of those in Washington he respected and whose lives seemed to stand in stark contrast to his own. Christians, including Senator Harold Hughes, were skeptical of the reports that the hatchet man was exploring the claims of Christianity. When asked to meet with Colson and study the Bible with him, Hughes at first refused and later reluctantly agreed to only meet him late at night in a remote location, out of the public eye for fear of being associated with such an awful excuse for a man.

But Charles Colson was being pursued by the Holy Spirit of God and being taught and loved by some faithful followers of Jesus. At one of those Bible study sessions, Colson bowed his head and gave his life to Jesus. He never looked back, growing quickly into a leading Christian statesman and founder of Prison Fellowship, advocating for Christ-honoring and dignified treatment of prisoners, along with Christian programs aimed at true rehabilitation of the heart.

When Colson gave his life to Christ, Senator Hughes walked toward him with arms wide open and proclaimed, "Chuck, we are brothers for life!" We're going to look at another life transformation this Sunday. He became known as the Apostle Paul. You won't want to miss his story!

See you Sunday,
Gary



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

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Family Ministry News

Youth Group –
Youth group this week at 4:30 p.m.

Children -
Sunday School this week. VBS is June 25-28th sign up at mviewpc.org.

U50s/adults.
Our next meeting will be this Sunday May 19th 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 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 Reminder...in lieu of the May breakfast at The Summit, we've been invited to the free Pancake Breakfast offered by the Veterans Support Committee. Join us on Saturday, May 18th from 9-11 a.m. as a thank you to the congregation for all you do for the Veterans and the church community.

Sign up in the Narthex.



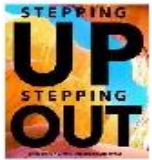


RightNow Media is a free service offered to MVPC members/guests/friends. You will have exclusive access to hundreds of Bible studies and topical videos led by world-class teachers along with a multitude of Christian-based videos for your family to enjoy.

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!

Stepping Up, Stepping Out: Courageous Action for Kingdom Purpose



The Lord calls us to be strong and courageous in our life as His followers. It's as true for us as it was for Joshua, who was responsible for leading the Israelites into a land promised to

them, but filled with enemies and obstacles. As we go through this series, we will explore how God prepares and empowers those who are willing to be courageous to step up to God's calling and step out in faith to overcome the obstacles that try to hinder them from God's Kingdom purposes.

Not What I Signed Up For

Finding the Strength, Purpose, and Faith to Get through a Season You Didn't Expect



Life can throw us off-kilter. Maybe you've found yourself in a season that you never would have expected. In this six-session study based on the book *Not What I Signed Up For*, Bible teacher Nicole Unice invites you into the biblical story of Joseph—a man who lived an unexpected life and trusted God through it all. Grow in understanding God's faithfulness even through your trials, know his love right in the middle of your suffering, and stand firm on his trust even when things remain paralyzingly uncertain.



She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. Proverbs 31:25

Who Is This Jesus



Most Americans have heard the name of Jesus. Maybe they've even heard a few things He said or did. But who is Jesus really? What was He like? Where did He live? What did He really care about? We'll explore these questions and more while on location in Israel, where Jesus walked and spent His days on Earth.

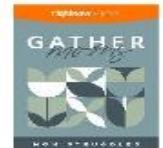
The Book of Malachi

Mediocrity was never God's plan for you. In this challenging six-part series, Dave Comes cuts to the chase by letting us list six conversations between God and His people, recorded by the prophet Malachi. If you're tired of going through the motions of an attendance-based faith, then discover what it means to live a vibrant, abundant life fully devoted to the God whose immeasurable love for you is based on His promise, not your performance. Recover faithfulness in your relationships. Learn to practice world-changing justice and radical generosity. And even amidst the struggles and imperfections of your ordinary life, embrace the extraordinary righteousness that is yours through Jesus.



Gather Moms: Mom Struggles

The years of motherhood are paved with both tears of triumph and struggle. Our hearts and minds are tangled up in learning to love ourselves and the children God gifted us. We know who we were before kids, but who are we now? Oftentimes we find ourselves overwhelmed, lonely, and lost. Our struggles are common to all moms, and each season of motherhood holds new opportunities and challenges. This twelve-session series from Gather Moms seeks to express the things you're feeling so that you know you are not alone. There is joy and victory in surrendering our struggles to Jesus and asking him for the power to keep going.



Instagram

Check out the MVPC Instagram page!
Go to www.instagram.com/mvpcclasvegas

New, fun, inspirational daily posts. MVPC is starting a new Social Media Ministry, stay tuned. Watch the Messenger, more information to come soon!

Women's Ministry
Presents



GALS GET TOGETHER

Thursday, June 6
10-11:30am, Fellowship Hall

Light Refreshments, Time to Talk, Speaker

We'll discuss Depression & Anxiety, what we tell ourselves, reaching out for help, and how healing can lead to empowerment.



Guest Speaker
Kathy Houston-Hencken
Pastoral Counselor



Sign up in the
Narthex ladies.

Just Us Ministry

"Afternoon Tea" themed potluck

May 20th – 3:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

A S.A.F.E meeting for women
who have lost a spouse.

Bring enough tea sandwiches or
little sweets for the group.

Sign-up sheet in Narthex or church
office, or email Allison Gray

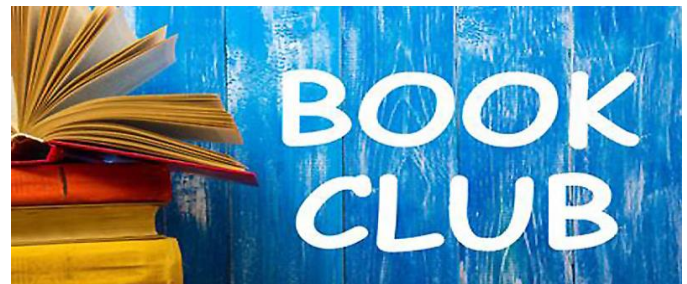


MVPC Book Club

We're a group of book lovers, who enjoy getting together each month to visit, talk about books we've read, and to discuss the book we'd previously chosen together. We meet the last Friday of the month, at the Church, in the Chapel, at 10:00 a.m. We welcome any who are interested to join us!

Here are the books we've selected for the next few months.

- May 31 **The Violin Conspiracy**
 by Brendan Slocumb
- June 28 **Finding Dorothy**
 by Elizabeth Letts
- July 26 **The Sweetness of Forgetting**
 by Kristin Harmel



"That was the beauty of books, wasn't it? They took you places you didn't know you wanted to go."
Happy Reading!

April 2024 Session Meetings Highlights

The Deacon Bereavement Team assisted with the two memorial services in April. The annual Meet Your Deacon Sunday was held on April 14 and very well attended, with 208 people signing the Deacon registries. The Deacons reported enjoying the event and spending time talking with members.

Pastor David performed two weddings in April (quite unusual at MVPC, Curt Hill and Liz Simonelli on April 20 and Del Billmire and Jerry Heiss on April 24. On April 7, Pastor David baptized Iris Nicole Fox, the infant daughter of Jayde and Max Fox (who became members of MVPC on April 28, together with 7 other new members). Pastor David presented the invocation at the Las Vegas City Council meeting on April 17. Pastor David reported that Tami Samek will be taking over MVPC's social media program.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship) reported that the National Day of Prayer is May 2. The Sanctuary will be available all day. Pentecost Sunday is May 19. The Commission needs a new captain to organize the usher team. Please contact Dian Ward.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC) reported that 240 homeless bags were assembled on April 21 and the Pet Ministry also prepared homeless bags for dogs. The first Sunday food collection gathered approximately \$750 worth of food items for the Salvation Army. On April 28, MVPC presented the Caridad homeless ministry with checks from the Nevada Presbytery in the amount of \$1,500 and from MVPC in the amount of \$250.

The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation) reported that the Youth Group enjoyed a bowling outing on April 28. Sunday School will continue throughout the summer. The Women's Ministry enjoyed Elder Renny Franz as a speaker at its break event on April 20. The Men's Ministry Bible study is studying the minor prophets of the Old Testament. A new support group for widows, called "Just Us," is forming. This summer will see a repeat of last summer's Super Supper Summer Study to be held on June 18, July 23 and August 27 at 6:00 p.m. (dinner included).

The Gather Commission (taking care of gathering in groups large and small) reported that Baseball Sunday on April 21 was great fun, with hot dogs and Cracker Jacks served during fellowship hour. The Coffee Shop is still looking for more volunteers to help. Veterans Outreach is sponsoring a pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 18 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). Elder Al Youmans reported that MVPC will incur additional facilities expenses for upgrades needed to meet current fire codes. Installation of the new fire detection system is almost complete. Elder George Gray reported that the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget is almost completed. Elder Dave Geeting reported on updates to the employee policy manual and recognition of Dr. Mark Wherry for his 20 years of service to MVPC's music program.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.



Session



**Paul Tomlinson
Anne Lawton**

Chancel Choir

Paul Tomlinson and Anne Lawton are a couple on the go! They love to travel, are avid Chicago Cub fans and you may have seen Paul's puppetry skills on Sunday morning during Kids Konnection.

Both are from Michigan, where Paul served as the pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Cadillac, MI before retiring to Las Vegas. Anne has served as an Elder. Paul and Anne were married in June 2018 in Cadillac.

They have been members of the Chancel Choir for several years. Thank you, Paul and Anne, for sharing your gift of music and song with your MVPC family!



FREE

Veterans Support Committee Pancake Breakfast

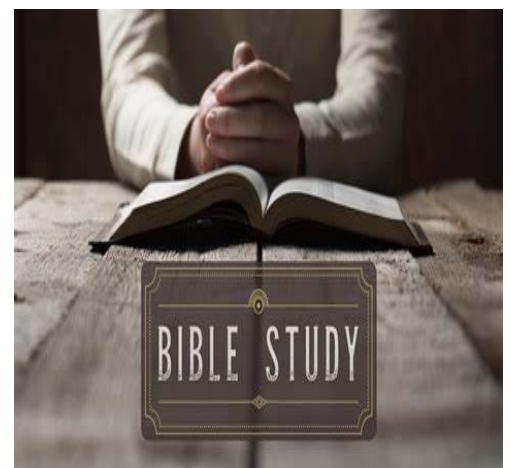
Saturday, May 18th 9:00-11:00 am

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.



Men's and Women's Bible study will have their final meetings of the Spring on May 21st at 6 p.m.

Women's Bible study will Resume Sept. 10th with sessions at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

The Cancer Support group meets this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Mark room. This group is moderated by Gene Braden. All are welcome to attend.



BAROQUE CHAMBER MUSIC

*Featuring works by J. S. Bach, Heinichen,
Telemann & others*



Jonathan Rhodes Lee, fortepiano



Richard Kravchak, baroque oboe



Ka Wai Yu, viola da gamba

May 19, 2024 (Sunday), 3:00pm
Mountain View Presbyterian Church
8601 Del Webb Blvd.
Las Vegas, Nevada

Free Admission (donations welcome)



GOD, FROM MY YOUTH YOU HAVE TAUGHT ME

Psalm 71:17



May 19th

Wear Red this Sunday!

LUNCH BUNCH

May 21, 2024 @ Noon

Pin Kaow Thai Restaurant

PIN KAOW
AN AUTHENTIC TASTE OF THAILAND
THAI RESTAURANT

Our next Lunch Bunch will be on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at Pin Kaow Thai Restaurant. It is located at 1974 North Rainbow Blvd. They have several lunch specials at \$14 which include soup, salad, rice, spring roll plus the entrée. Check out the menu: [Pin Kaow Thai Restaurant Eastern - Las Vegas, NV \(pinkaoweastern.com\)](http://pinkaoweastern.com) Sign up in the Narthex. Mark your calendars, hopefully we will see you there!

Our Vision

God

People



It's What We Do!!

Laugh Often and Fear Not!

This Week's Events

Sun., May 19

8:30 a.m.
9:45 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m.
1:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.

Pentecost

Traditional Worship, SC
Cancer Support Group, Mark
Contemporary Worship, SC
U50's, Mark
Reformed Church Meeting, FH
Concert Series, SC
Youth Group, FH

Mon., May 20

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

Quilters, FH
Staff Meeting, CH
Afternoon Tea Potluck, SC
Finance Committee, FH
Divorce Care, Esther
Gamblers Anon., CH

Tues., May 21

12:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

Lunch Bunch, Pin Kaow
Narcotics Anon., CH
Combined Bible Study, FH

Wed., May 22

10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Pastor's Bible Study, FH
Prayer Group, SC
Bells, CH
AA Meeting, FH
Choir, SC
Session, Esther

Thurs., May 23

9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Stephen Ministry Training, CH
Redeemed Worship Team, SC
AL Anon, Esther

Fri., May 24

2:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.

Knitting, FH
Stephen Ministry, CH

Sat., May 25

5:00 p.m.

AA Meeting, FH



Patti Buck – May 18th
Deane Richardson – May 18th
Mark Washburn – May 18th
Miriam Malfara – May 19th
David Matawitz – May 20th
John D'Amore – May 23rd
Millie Taylor – May 23rd



Wayne and Patti Buck – May 18th
Mark Notte and Leisha Crawford – May 21st

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MVPC-Las Vegas
from

Google Play Store or Apple iTunes



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



Divorce Care meets on Mondays,
starting at 6:30 p.m. in the
Esther room.

Contact the church office for
more information.



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

- Theresa Schrotberger
- The Shelton Family
- The Shomon Family
- Joyce Shore
- The Sibert Family
- The Singleton Family
- The Southwell Family
- The Stamos Family

Our World

- People of Slovakia
- Middle East Conflict
- Mexico Cartel wars

Our Nation

- Florida Bus crash victims
- Gulf Coast Flooding
- Fentanyl seizures

Our City

- School Graduations
- Summer temperatures
- Suicide Awareness

Our Congregation

Janet Hapner, Janet Jones,
Bertha Pendelton, Peg Pollack,
Bernie Wherry

- Elders: Connie Petersen
- Deacons: Diane Emick,
Anyia Fontes

Our Churches

1. St. Anne Catholic Church
2. From the Heart Church
3. Real Life Church

Other Prayer Concerns...

Noreen Wilson
Maggie Vann

