

# Weekly Messenger 10-11-2024



As I write this article on Wednesday October 9, the reports and warnings about Hurricane Milton are frightening. Dire warnings abound for people to flee the impending destructive force of nature. By the time you read this on Friday, we will know what the impact has been, and how we are now called upon to love and serve our neighbors who will have most certainly lost so much.

I appreciated this prayer, posted on the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Facebook page...

***“God of compassion, we come to you with hearts full of concern as yet another hurricane approaches. We ask for your protection over all those in its path. Grant strength and courage to those who face uncertainty, and grant wisdom to the leaders and emergency responders who are working tirelessly to ensure safety. Shelter the vulnerable and provide for those in need. May your peace and comfort be with the families and communities enduring this storm, and may your love guide us to support one another in the days to come. In Jesus’ name, Amen!”***

This Sunday we will explore yet another of the most searched Bible verses – 2 Corinthians 5:17, and the new things God has done and is doing in our world and in our lives! I’m looking forward to seeing you Sunday!

Gary



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**

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. Picnic next Sunday Oct 20th 12p-4p, instead of youth group. Make sure you check your text message and let me know about what activities you can come to that I sent info on.

## Children -

Sunday School this week. Talking about Prayer. Don't forget lots of fun activities and games at the picnic next Sunday.

## U50s/adults.

Next meeting will be this Sunday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.

Welcome to Hotumn!

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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.



## **Elder Fraud and Cyber Safety by LVMPD**

On October 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, the Deacons will be sponsoring a presentation by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department on Elder Fraud and Cyber Safety. Please join us for this essential and informative program. Feel free to bring a friend.

# MVPC Book Club

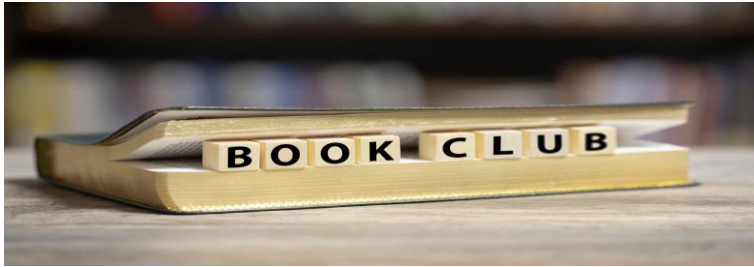
Our group meets the last Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m., in the Chapel, at the Church. In November, we will meet one week earlier, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. In December, we will meet earlier in the month for a special holiday gathering. Together we select the books for our group to read and discuss. We enjoy friendship and the common love of reading. We welcome all who are interested to join us! Here is our schedule of meetings for the rest of the year.

October 25th ***Together Tea*** by Marjan Kamali  
November 22nd ***Nineteen Minutes*** by Jodi Picoult  
December 13th Holiday Gathering

*"Read the best books first, or you may not have a chance to read them at all!"*

Henry David Thoreau

*Happy Reading!*



## MVPC PET MINISTRY ANNUAL PET BLESSING

Sunday  
Oct. 20, 2024



Noon to 1:00pm



Lone Mtn Park  
Picnic Area  
4445 N Jensen St  
Gazebo Area #2



Get your pet  
blessed and then  
enjoy the Church  
Picnic with family  
and friends!

# "How to Live to 100 and Want To"

Wed., Oct. 16, 2024

Noon-2:00pm

All are welcome!



Hosted by  
Women's  
Ministry



Presented by Dr. Devin J. Luzod, CEO  
Spinal Care of Nevada

Free lunch provided by Dr. Devin's office

Sign-up in the Narthex

LOVE  
God

LOVE  
People

KNOW  
God

KNOW  
People

SERVE  
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SERVE  
People



Bean  
Redeemed  
Coffee Shop

We need help!  
Learn to be a Barista,  
come join the fun!

Contact Chris Kirschman  
Chris@mviewpc.org/702-341-7800

LAUGH OFTEN  
& FEAR NOT!



We are so fortunate to have such an amazing pastoral team led by Pastor David!

Join us on Sunday, October 27 as we recognize and celebrate them.

There will be a card box in the Narthex if you would like to leave a word of encouragement.



We're still playing cards! Come join the group "Divine Dealing" on Tuesdays at 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall.



The Mountain View Presbyterian Church Committee in Support of Veterans will hold its next meeting October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m. between services in the little room beside the coffee shop. If you are a veteran, or wish to support veterans, please join us as we prepare for our annual "salute to Veterans."



We will be packing homeless care packs between services on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Join us in the Fellowship Hall to help out with this wonderful ministry. Contact the church office for more details.

# September 2024 Session Meetings Highlights

The Deacons are sponsoring an outreach event on October 29 addressing cyber security and elder fraud presented by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. The annual Service of Solace will be held on December 1.

Pastor David reported that September saw the return of Bible study groups and Grief Share. The annual Church Picnic will be on October 20 at Lone Mountain Park with blessing of pets beginning at noon.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship) reported that MVPC will celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 6. The Chancel Choir robes have been dry cleaned. The Commission was happy to report that several new members have volunteered as greeters. Decorating the Church for the holidays will take place on Saturday, November 30.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC) reported that \$1,000 was sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for hurricane relief efforts. The Commission is revamping the donation center in Fellowship Hall to reduce clutter. Several people from the Commission will be attending the Hoving Home gala on October 17. Plans are being made to participate with Olive Crest to provide Thanksgiving food boxes. Elder Dennis Bunce reported that the Salute to Veterans dinner will be on November 1 and will include a program honoring deceased veterans. Twelve people from MVPC visited the Caridad homeless facility in downtown Las Vegas to learn about the programs and services provided by Caridad.

The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation) reported that the Sunday School is learning about communion. The Youth Group is learning about the life of Christ through the television series "The Chosen." The Women's and Men's ministries are both very active. The U50 (young adults) group will continue its Bible studies with a study of the Book of Leviticus.

The Gather Commission (taking care of gathering in groups large and small) reported that for the Church Picnic on October 20 MVPC will provide the meat and asks that participants bring a dish to pass.

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures) presented financial reports for August. Finance is reviewing the recently completed capital reserve study and is focusing on the needs over the next five years. Finance is also reviewing methods to improve investment returns over the same period. Elder Al Youmans reported that landscape irrigation leaks had been repaired and an inspection of the natural gas facilities serving the building showed no issues.

Session approved engaging the Fuller Institute's educational program on spiritual formation groups.

Elders Chris Kirschman, Dian Ward, Laura Martin, Karla Canfield and Dennis Bunce reported on the Fall Nevada Presbytery meeting held at the Reno Korean Presbyterian Church on September 10-11. All have been appointed to various committees of the Presbytery.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.



*Session*

# VOLUNTEER Spotlight



**Donna Peterson  
Greeter/Usher**

Donna and her husband, Byron became members of MVPC in March 2013. They have been married 51 years!

Donna and Byron moved to Las Vegas from Saudi Arabia after working there for 15 years. Health issues for Byron has led Donna to be his full-time caregiver.

Donna was ordained and served as a Deacon in 2015. You will see her smiling face on Sunday morning as she greets and serves as an Usher.

Thank you, Donna, for your caring spirit and loving heart as you welcome people to worship on Sunday morning!

Do you love music?  
Want to make a joyful noise unto the Lord?  
Do you have a hand (or two)?  
Then why not join the



Rehearsals are Wednesday 5:15-6:30.  
No experience needed.  
Contact director Gail Berg for more information.  
gail@mviewpc.org or 702.341.7800

## Interested in joining MVPC?



**New Member Class**  
**Sunday, Oct. 27**  
**5:00pm - Chapel**

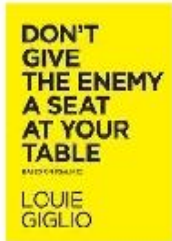


RightNow Media is a free service offered to MVPC members/guests/friends. You will have exclusive access to hundreds of Bible studies and topical videos led by world-class teachers along with a multitude of Christian-based videos for your family to enjoy.

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](mailto:Tami@mviewpc.org) and she will set you up and you can start accessing great Bible-based studies/videos today!

### Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table



In this six-session video Bible study, bestselling author and pastor Louie Giglio unpacks **Psalm 23** to offer insight into how to overcome the enemy's lies and find peace and spiritual security in any circumstance or situation.

We've all been in circumstances that cause our minds to spin with thoughts that are unproductive, destructive, and harmful. It's easy to feel overwhelmed and wonder why we keep falling into the same thought patterns. We need to recognize these thoughts are not from God, but from an enemy lurking who wants to seize every opportunity to lie his way into our minds.

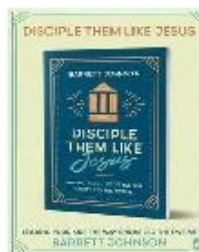
Rooted in the timeless truth of **Psalm 23**, the Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table video study offers biblical guidance on how to:

- Cancel the lies that will wreck your life and take the empowering steps to live fully alive in Christ
- Restore peace and rest in your life by taking authority over your thoughts
- Break free from the endless cycle of destructive thinking and recapture your emotions
- Embrace the true purpose behind your journey through challenging circumstances

You can find freedom from the battles in your mind if you allow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to lead the battle. Learn how to find encouragement, hope, and strength no matter what valleys you face.

### Disciple Them Like Jesus

In the whirlwind of modern parenting, it's easy to lose sight of what our priorities should be. But at the end of the day, your primary job is to nurture an authentic faith in your kids.



This 8-part series guides you through a practical, step-by-step approach, inviting you to embrace Jesus's proven principles to foster a vibrant, enduring faith in the next generation.

### Holy Habits



When God calls us to himself, he sets us apart—he makes us holy. But what does it mean to be holy? What habits define God's people, no matter where they are on earth or which denomination they are a part of?

In this four-session series, pastor Derwin Gray explores four foundational behaviors of Christians. God calls us to a new way of living, one formed by rhythms of holiness.

### Psalm 119 - Matt Chandler

Even the most mature believers face dark nights of the soul. During those times God seems distant, his Word feels dry, and the vibrant intimacy we knew before seems absent leaving us wondering, "Where is the Lord in this?" In Psalm 119, Matt Chandler aims to introduce viewers to the words of King David who experienced similar seasons of life. Serving as the anchor for the study, Psalm 119 demonstrates the power of God's Word in the lives of believers and its ability to provide a warm blanket for the soul.



# Grocery Program

Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas see us spending more at the grocery store. Your shopping can boost our Mission giving by participating in our Grocery Program, with a portion of your purchases returned to MVCP:

1. **Smith's.** Smith's program, called **Inspiring Donations**, rebates to the Church a portion of your purchases. Please update the registration of your Smith's Reward Card number (or phone number) at [www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/inspire](http://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/inspire). The Church's organization number is CF673. After registration, every purchase at Smith's earns money for the Church.
2. **Albertsons and Vons.** Purchase Albertsons gift cards, which are useable at all Albertson's, Vons and other affiliated stores across the country, including Acme (Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware), Jewel/Osco (Illinois), Safeway (throughout the West), Kings (New Jersey, New York and Connecticut), Randalls (Texas), Shaw's and Star Markets (New England). Albertsons gives the Church 5% of the amount of the gift card purchased (\$100 gift card = \$5 to MVPC).

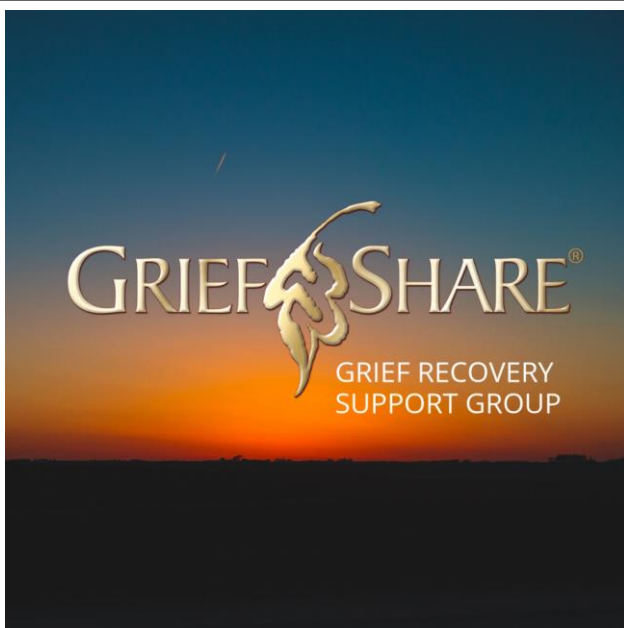
When multiplied by dozens of participants, our returns become substantial. Through the first two quarters of 2024, Smith's sent MVPC \$204.20 from participation in the Inspiring Donations program. So far this year, MVPC's return on Albertsons/Vons gift cards has been \$100. Albertsons/Vons gift cards also make great gifts! You can purchase Albertsons gift cards from Jeff Patterson - 702-528-8199.



## TIME TO SAVE THE DATE!

**ON NOVEMBER 1, 2024, FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. THE MVPC COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF VETERANS WILL HOLD OUR ANNUAL "SALUTE TO VETERANS DINNER" AT THE CHURCH. TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE IN SEPTEMBER. WATCH FOR DETAILS AND PLAN TO JOIN US AS WE HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED.**

**Sold Out!**



**GriefShare** is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences.

When someone you love dies, it's common to feel isolated. In **GriefShare**, you'll find that you are not alone, that there are others who understand what you are going through. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

**GriefShare** meets on Tuesday's at 1:00 p.m. The group meets in the Chapel. This is a 13 week program to provide help and healing for the hurt of losing a family member or friend.

Registration available online at [www.mviewpc.org](http://www.mviewpc.org) or call the Church Office at 702-341-7800.



Is your data safe?



Sign up  
in the  
Narthex!

## Elder Fraud & Cyber Safety Seminar by LV Metro

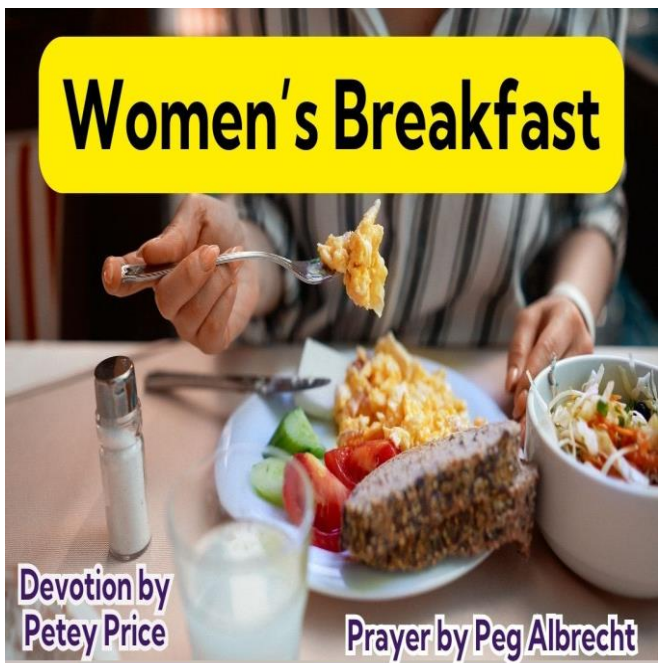
Tuesday, **Oct. 29, 2024**  
2:00 pm - Fellowship Hall  
Open to all - bring a friend!

Hosted by MVPC Deacons

## Women's Breakfast

Devotion by  
Petey Price

Prayer by Peg Albrecht



October 19, 2024 @ 9:00am

Cost is \$20.00 (tax & tip included).

The Summit Restaurant  
2215 Thomas W Ryan Blvd.



### Follow MVPC on Social Media!



YouTube



Facebook



Instagram



X (Twitter)

Church Website - [www.mviewpc.org](http://www.mviewpc.org)  
YouTube and Facebook - connect directly from our website, click on icon in the upper right corner.

Instagram - @mvpclasvegas  
X(Twitter) - @MVPCLasVegas

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### Our Vision

God

People



It's What We Do!!

# Laugh Often and Fear Not!

# Wednesday Prayer Group



Resuming Oct. 2nd

No sign up needed  
Meets in the Sanctuary  
at 11:00am

Be part of the Social Media Team!

Planning Training  
Videos Content  
Photos  
Sunday  
Oct. 27  
Noon - 1pm  
Chapel  
Pizza Lunch Provided  
LAUGH OFTEN  
& FEAR NOT!

Join Pastor David to kick-off our MVPC Social Media Team

# PIZZA AND MOVIE NIGHT!

Friday - October 11, 2024

Dinner @ 6pm - Fellowship Hall

Movie @ 7pm - Sanctuary  
(Family Friendly Film)

All are welcome - invite a friend!

Sign-up in the Narthex



LAUGH OFTEN  
& FEAR NOT!

Hosted by Women's Ministry

Fun  
Games  
Fellowship  
MVPC  
CHURCH  
PICNIC  
Meats will be provided

Sunday, Oct 20th @ Noon

Lone Mtn Park, Gazebo Area #2  
4445 N Jensen St

Sign up in the Narthex



Rick Trenkler – Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Joshua Taylor – Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Charleen Grime – Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Brayden Harper – Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Andrea Manning – Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Bertha Pendleton – Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Joshua Dendy – Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>



Dave and Beth Dworkin – Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>

Should anyone wish to send a card to George McCall over the death of his wife during Hurricane Helene. Please use the following address:

George McCall  
 c/o Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church  
 2261 Walton Way  
 Augusta, GA 30904



# This Week's Events

## Sun., Oct. 13

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, SC  
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, SC  
 12:30 p.m. U50's, Mark  
 1:00 p.m. Reformed Church Meeting, FH  
 4:30 p.m. Youth Group, FH

## Mon., Oct. 14

9:00 a.m. Quilters, FH  
 3:00 p.m. Just Us Team Meeting, CH  
 4:30 p.m. Women's Ministry, CH  
 6:30 p.m. Divorce Care, Esther  
 7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anon., CH

## Tues., Oct. 15

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, FH  
 11:30 a.m. Divine Dealing, FH  
 1:00 p.m. Griefshare, CH  
 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., Oct. 16

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study, FH  
 12:00 a.m. How to Live to 100..., FH  
 5:00 p.m. Bells, CH  
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH  
 7:00 p.m. Choir, SC

## Thurs., Oct. 17

5:00 p.m. Redeemed Worship, SC  
 6:30 p.m. Compassionate Friends, FH  
 7:00 p.m. AL Anon, Esther

## Fri., Oct. 18

2:00 p.m. Knitting, FH

## Sat., Oct. 19

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



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

- Andi and Madi Jones
- Betty Jones
- Janet Jones
- Bill Judy
- Roberta Kadowaki
- Jerri Kay
- Betty Kingsbury
- The Kirschman Family

## Our World

- People of Botswana
- Middle East tensions
- Haitian gang activity

## Our Nation

- Hurricane Milton recovery
- FEMA
- Gulf States

## Our City

- Conventions
- CCSD
- Formula 1 Construction

## Our Congregation

Janet Jones,  
Bertha Pendelton, Sara Pierson,  
Jerry Takier

- Elders: George Gray
- Deacons: Melody Edwards-Becker,  
Diane Emick

## Our Churches

1. Life Springs Chrisitan Church
2. Discovery Church NLV
3. Liberty Baptist Church

## Other Prayer Concerns...

Miryam Kosta  
Ken Szopo  
Richard Rynberg

