

Weekly Messenger 10-25-2024

500

As I write this Messenger newsletter article, I am looking eastward as the sun rises over the magnificent Las Vegas skyline we call – The Strip!

A most humbling milestone awaits us as we prepare for worship this Sunday.

This Sunday, October 27, 2024 marks the 500th Sundays since I first stood in the pulpit of Mountain View Presbyterian Church here in Las Vegas. Five hundred Sundays of sermons, prayers, laughter, and a fair share of tears. When I think back to the very first Sunday, April 5, 2015, I could never have imagined the rich tapestry of moments that would shape our church and my heart over the years.

What a journey it's been. We've walked together through every season of life! We've rejoiced as brides and grooms exchanged vows before God and this congregation. We've celebrated the miracle of new life, baptizing little ones and some big ones (adults), and we've mourned together too, honoring the lives of those we've loved and lost, trusting in the promise of resurrection, "Though we die, yet, shall we live again!"

There were unexpected twists along the way—like a global pandemic that forced us out of our sanctuary and into the unfamiliar world of livestreams, Zoom calls, and socially distant worship. Those were challenging time. But through it all, our church remained resilient. We found creative ways to connect, to serve one another, and to keep the flame of fellowship alive, even from a distance. In the midst of uncertainty, God's faithfulness never wavered, and neither did yours. We learned that the church is not a building; it's a community, a family, a mission.

I think about the countless sermons preached over these 500 Sundays. Some Sundays, the words flowed easily, and other weeks, well, let's just say the Holy Spirit had to do some extra work. But every sermon, whether filled with humor or solemnity, has always been rooted in God's Word and His love for us. I've seen faces light up with recognition when a truth hits home, and I've heard the hearty laughter of this congregation when we find the joy in God's grace.

We've witnessed tremendous change together—Las Vegas continues to grow and evolve, and our church community has changed with it. Families have come and gone, ministries have flourished, and new opportunities to serve our community have emerged. Yet through it all, our core remains the same: a heart for Jesus and a desire to make His love known.

It hasn't all been easy. There were days when the weight of ministry felt heavier than I could carry. Times when grief seemed to outnumber joy. But those were the moments when I saw this congregation at its most beautiful, rallying together in prayer, supporting one another in love, and reminding me that none of us walks this journey alone.

As I look ahead, I'm filled with a sense of excitement for what's to come. There are still so many stories to be written, so many lives to be touched by the love of Christ through this church. I thank God for every single one of you who has been part of this journey. Whether you've been here since Sunday #1 (or before) or joined us along the way, you are a cherished member of this body of Christ!

So here's to the next 500 Sundays—whatever they may bring. May we continue to love deeply, serve humbly, and trust always in the God who has carried us this far and will carry us even further. And yes, may we continue to live out our mantra – "Laugh often and Fear not!"

Pastor David



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

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8a-5p M-Th
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Rev. David W. Dendy

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Dr. Gary Wall

Director of Family Ministries
Chris Kirschman

Director of Music
Dr. Mark Wherry

Redeemed Worship Leader
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Tami Samek

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Allison Gray

Organist
Richard Wilson

Sports Ministry Pastor
Rick Strasser

Bell Choir Director
Gail Berg

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Session@mviewpc.org

Family Ministry News

Youth Group –

Youth Group All nighter this weekend. No Youth Group on Sunday!!

Children -

Sunday School this week. Talking about Prayer and Pumpkins.

U50s/adults.

Next meeting will be this Sunday, Oct. 27th at 1:00 p.m. Playing Disc Golf



Hello return to Fall!
CJK



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.



Elder Fraud and Cyber Safety by LVMPD

On October 29th 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.

Christmas Tree Craft Event

(Save your empty paper towel rolls)

November 18 @ 3pm
Fellowship Hall

*Merry
Christmas*

Sign up in the
Narthex

Hosted by Women's Ministry
and JUST US Ministry

OLIVE CREST

Strong Families, Safe Kids

Thanksgiving meal
boxes are available
Oct. 27

Please return by
Nov. 10

Help make a
difference!



DIVORCE *Care*

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024

2:00 - 3:30pm

Chapel

No registration required



*Feed it Forward
Holiday Meal Program*



You can help provide a full Holiday meal to a homeless,
displaced, or disadvantaged high school student, and their
family, this season for just \$25.

TEXT **feeditforward** to 76278
or visit **feeditforward.givesmart.com**
to Donate TODAY!



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

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.



HARD HAT TOURS November 16th, 2024!!

WHAT IS A HARD HAT TOUR?



A Hard Hat Tour offers our partners, donors, and community members the unique opportunity to visit the Family Promise of Las Vegas Navigation Center while it's still under construction.

This exclusive tour will provide an inside look at the progress and future impact of our facility.

MUST RSVP to info@fplv.org to receive tour details.

Questions? You can reach us at info@fplv.org or 702.638.8806



The Mountain View Presbyterian Church
Committee in Support of Veterans

will hold its next meeting October 27th 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."

Help our very own Peg Albrecht, **Project 150 Volunteer of the Year** pack boxes!!

Help pack holiday food boxes on Wednesday, November 20 and Wednesday, December 18, as you are able, between 9am and 2pm.

Project 150 office and warehouse — 3600 N Rancho.

Project 150 Volunteer Opportunity



VOLUNTEER Spotlight



Beth Dworkin
Liturgist

Beth joined MVPC in Oct. 2010. Originally from PA, she moved to Las Vegas from Reno. Beth and her husband, Dave, have been married for 20 years. They have a daughter, Sydney.

Beth has been a teacher for 25 years; she has been teaching 5th grade at Goolsby Elementary since the school opened 21 years ago. During the summer, she loves to spend time with her parents, Tom and Jane Grimes in Big Bear, CA.

Beth was ordained and served as an Elder in 2015. She has also served as an Usher, Communion Server, VBS teacher and Liturgist.

Thank you, Beth, for serving your MVPC family over the years, we appreciate you!



It's A Building Shower!

The birth of our building is COMING SOON!

Welcome to Family Promise of Las Vegas. With over 28 years of experience, our organization has been providing vital assistance to at-risk and homeless families in Clark County. Thanks to the unwavering support of our community, the Family Navigation Center will open this Spring 2025. The Center will offer transformative services to families with minor children, along with ten Bridge Housing Units. Families can trust that they will remain intact, out of shelters, in a secure environment for their children while they work towards securing permanent housing. Help us stock the new center!

Join the Building Shower fun for games, prizes & refreshments will be served.

Thursday, November 7th, 2024 from 4PM-7PM
Located at 3720 E Tropicana Ave,
Las Vegas, Nevada 89121

RSVP to Crystal Martinez: crystal@fplv.org or 702.336.8087

Our Building Shower Registry is Now Open!
Scan QR Code Below to Participate

For More information about the Naming Opportunities Please scan QR Code Below



THANK YOU! YOUR SUPPORT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Interested in joining MVPC?



New Member Class

Sunday, Oct. 27
5:00pm - Chapel



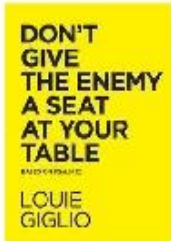


RightNow Media is a free service offered to MVPC members/guests/friends. You will have exclusive access to hundreds of Bible studies and topical videos led by world-class teachers along with a multitude of Christian-based videos for your family to enjoy.

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 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.

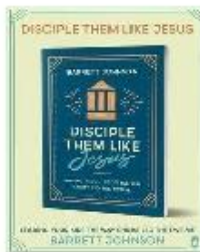
Rooted in the timeless truth of *Psalm 23*, the Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table video study offers biblical guidance on how to:

- 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.



Shoeboxes are here!

After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said "Go and do likewise." That is the mission of Samaritan's Purse—to follow the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel.

Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes.

Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever!

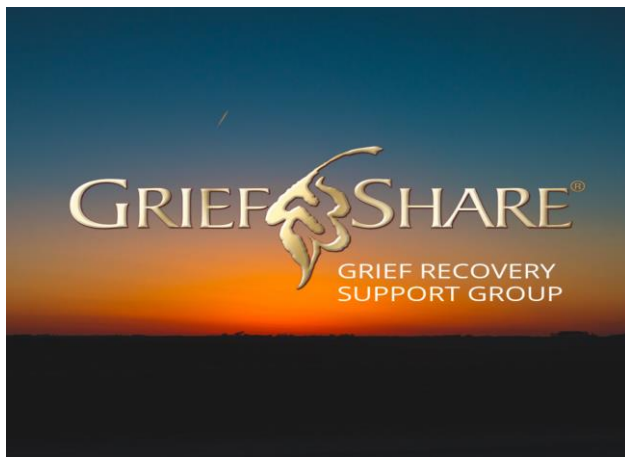
Delivered by local church partners around the world, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way.

Shoeboxes will be available on **Nov. 3rd** after both services. Please shop, pack, and return your shoebox by **Nov. 17th** along with \$10 for shipping.

If you are unable to shop in person, you can still send a box by shopping online at:

[Build Your Shoebox Online! - Operation Christmas Child \(samaritanspurse.org\)](http://samaritanspurse.org)

The Amazing Journey of a Shoebox Gift Begins with You and Results in Evangelism, Discipleship, and Multiplication. Thank you for blessing a special child so they may learn about Jesus and enjoy a **Merry Christmas!**

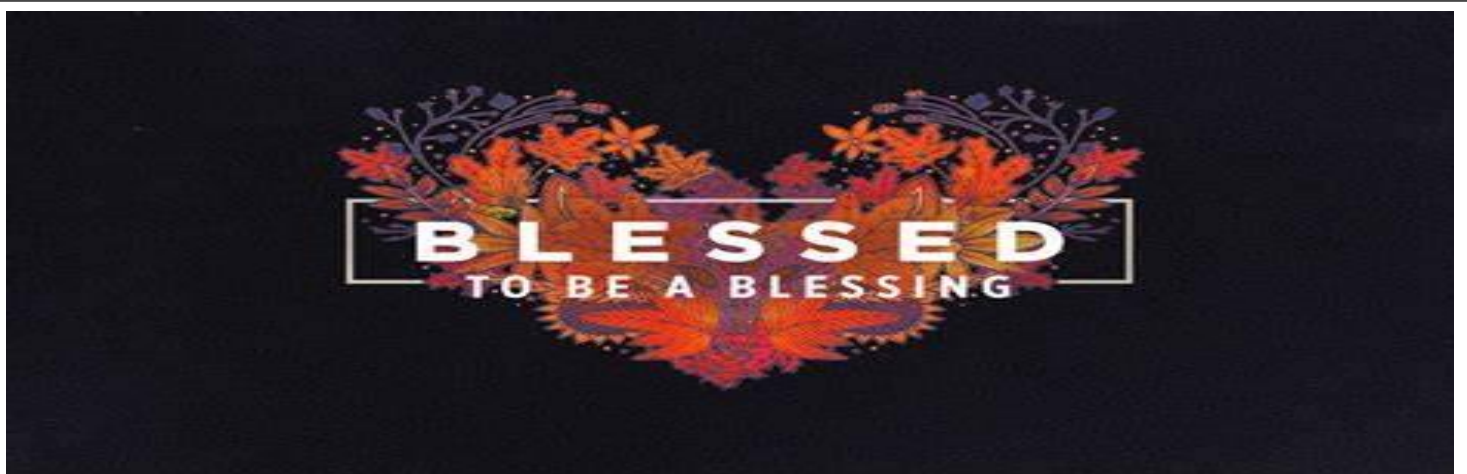


GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences.

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 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



NOVEMBER 3, 2024
FALL BACK
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS!



Follow MVPC on Social Media!



YouTube



Facebook



Instagram



X (Twitter)

Church Website - www.mviewpc.org
YouTube and Facebook - connect directly from our website, click on icon in the upper right corner.

Instagram - @mvpclasvegas
X(Twitter) - @MVPCLasVegas

SUBSCRIBE



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!



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

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Date: Nov. 2nd
Time : 9:00 a.m.
Location: Summit
Cost: \$20



Stewardship Sunday
November 3, 2024

Happy Birthday!!



Jacob Reichart – Oct. 26th
Marlys Williamson – Oct. 30th
Marilyn Gramms – Oct. 31st

This Week's Events

Sun., Oct. 27

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

Mon., Oct. 28

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., Oct. 29

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, FH
11:30 a.m. Divine Dealing, FH
1:00 p.m. Griefshare, CH
2:00 p.m. Elder Fraud Seminar, FH
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. 30

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

Thurs., Oct. 31

5:00 p.m. Redeemed Worship, SC
7:00 p.m. AL Anon, FH

Fri., Nov. 1

2:00 p.m. Knitting, FH
6:00 p.m. Salute to Veterans Dinner, FH

Sat., Nov. 2

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



Joe and Jeanette Schillaci – Oct. 26th



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

- Jim Lange
- Vivian Larson
- Lance Latham
- The Latta Family
- Lois Letizia
- Brenda Levitan
- The Lewis Family
- The Lietzke Family

Our World

- People of Turkey
- U.S. Military in Iraq
- Middle East tensions

Our Nation

- Early Voting
- Bird Flu outbreak
- Navy fighter pilots

Our City

- New Children's Hospital
- Las Vegas Marathon
- CCSD overcrowding

Our Congregation

Bertha Pendelton, Sara Pierson

- Elders: Laura Martin
- Deacons: Allison Gray,
Jane Grimes

Our Churches

1. East Vegas Christian Center
2. Holy Spirit Catholic Church
3. Las Vegas Church of the Nazarene

Other Prayer Concerns...

Sympathy to the family of Howard Fuller
Miryam Kosta
Ken Szopo
Richard Rynberg
Maureen Lindsey
Jackie Westbrook

