

Weekly Messenger 01-17-2025



A Healing Beyond Distance: The Official's Son and the Power of Faith

In the midst of life's chaos, it's easy to forget how powerful faith truly is. We often look for solutions to our struggles in the immediate and visible world around us, hoping for a quick fix. But in the Gospel of John, Jesus invites us to see beyond the physical and remember the incredible power of belief.

In John 4:46-54, we encounter a royal official whose son is critically ill. Having heard of Jesus and His miraculous healing power, this father makes a bold decision. He seeks out Jesus, desperate for His help. "Come down before my child dies!" (John 4:49). His words carry the weight of love and urgency—this isn't just a request; it's the cry of a father who will do anything for his son.

We might imagine the official as a man of power and influence, yet when it came to his son's illness, none of his wealth or status could offer a solution. No amount of power could bring healing. In this moment, he was just a father with one thing left—faith. And that faith, though small, was enough.

Jesus simply responds, "Go, your son will live." (John 4:50). There's no elaborate ceremony, no dramatic miracle, just a quiet assurance: "Go." And the official believed. He didn't demand proof or ask for a sign; he trusted Jesus' word. That's the essence of true faith—believing without seeing, trusting when the outcome is still hidden.

As the official journeys home, he meets his servants who bring him the news—his son is alive and well. The healing occurred at the exact moment Jesus spoke. God's timing is always perfect, even when we don't understand it.

What does this story teach us today? How often do we find ourselves in situations we cannot control, waiting for answers? The story of the official reminds us that faith in Jesus, even when we can't see the results, has the power to transform. Whether we are facing physical challenges, emotional pain, or spiritual struggles, trusting in Jesus is never in vain.

We don't need to have everything figured out or possess great qualifications to place our faith in Jesus. Like the official, we can take Him at His word, knowing He is trustworthy and faithful. No matter what we face, Jesus is with us, speaking into our lives, offering healing, hope, and restoration.

So, let us hold fast to the faith that Jesus is greater than any obstacle, any illness, or any worry we face. His word is enough. When we trust in Him, even in the face of uncertainty, He will meet us where we are and bring healing in His perfect time.

See you Sunday!
Laugh often and Fear not!
David!



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

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Family Ministry News

Youth Group –

Youth Group this Sunday 4:30 p.m.

Children -

Sunday school this Sunday during 2nd service. Child care provided during services.

U50s/adults.

Next Meeting is Jan. 26th at 1:00 p.m. Bowling on Jan. 28th

Happy New Year!!

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.

January 19, 2025

Per Capita Sunday



**Amount for 2025:
\$47.00 per member**

**Please make checks payable to MVPC or select
"Per Capita" for online giving option – thank you!**



There will be a memorial service for Lynn Peterson on Feb. 1st at 11:00 a.m. Lynn was a long-time member of MVPC and will be greatly missed.

Do you have a group that uses a room in the church during the week? Each year the church office needs new forms with current contact information.

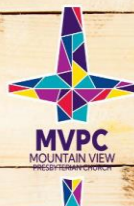
Please stop by the church office to fill out a calendar request form so we can have an accurate Church calendar.

If you have any further questions please contact the church office.



Interested in joining MVPC?

New Member



New Member Class
Sunday, Feb. 02
4:30pm - Chapel



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 will begin **January 28, 2025**, at 1:00 p.m. The group meets in the Chapel. The 13 weeks 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.

We are here
to help!

DIVORCE Care[®]

for those going through
separation or divorce

MVPC Group Now Meeting
Monday @ 6:00pm
Esther Room
(2nd fl - Fellowship Hall)



KAT HARTLEY PRESENTS

Ageless Minds



*Discover How Brain Health
Unlocks Purpose and Lifelong Vitality*

Hi I'm Kat Hartley and I love to inspire older adult audiences to become partners in their own brain health. With actionable knowledge focused on 3Es: environment, engagement and enlightenment, this 45-minute presentation ignites purpose and passion for making the best chapters of life the most fulfilling.



January 23, 2025

10:00 - 11:30AM

Mountainview

Presbyterian Church

8601 Del Webb Blvd

"The world is waiting for your wisdom."



Sign up in
the Narthex!

Women's Ministry Event
ROCK PAINTING Monday, Jan. 27th
at 3 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

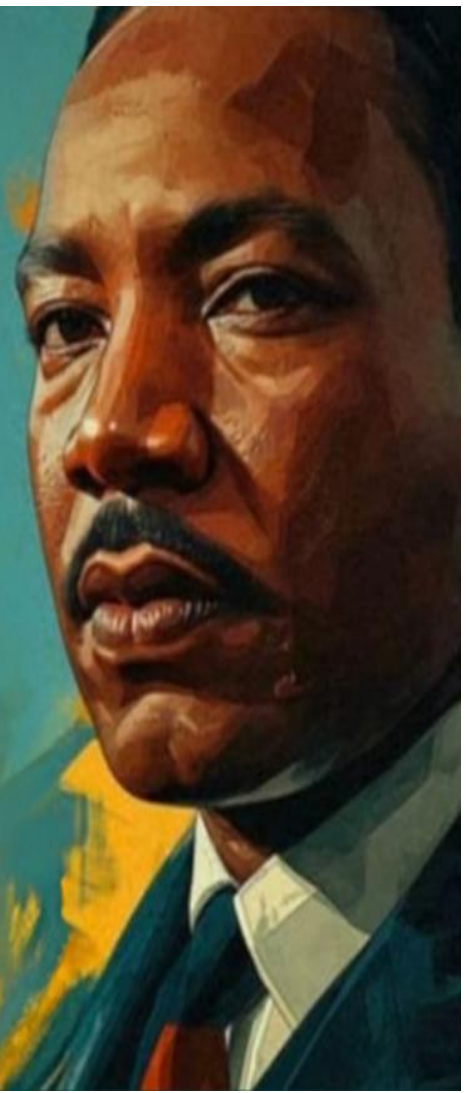


DIVINE DEALING

PLAYING CARDS FOR EVERYONE
TUESDAYS ♦ 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL



MLK DAY CELEBRATION 2025



**Wednesday
Prayer
Group**



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

 MealTrain®

for:
The Strasser Family



Visit this link or scan the QR Code:
mealtrain.com/873z9n



**LAUGH OFTEN
& FEAR NOT!**



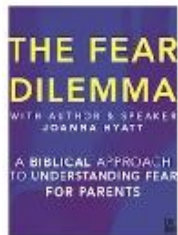


RightNow Media is a free service offered to MVPC/Guests/Friends. You will have exclusive access to hundreds of Bible studies and topical videos led by world-class teachers along with a multitude of Christian-based videos for your family to enjoy.

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!

The Fear Dilemma

This series is to inform, educate, and biblically ground what Christian parents should know about fear as well as provide a path forward for family understanding and discussion around how we should view the issue in the current climate.



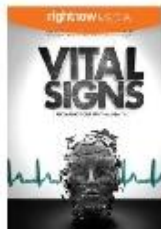
Jesus in All of Acts



Walk through Acts with Spoken Gospel to see Jesus in every corner of the book. We start with a short film introducing you to the book and its main themes. Then quick devotional videos will explain what's happening in each section and how it leads us to Jesus.

Vital Signs

How healthy are you?



Eat right. Exercise. Many of us struggle to keep our bodies in shape. But are we really healthy? Our total health begins at the core of who we are ... our spirit. Our spiritual

health is linked directly to our emotional, physical and mental health. How healthy do you really think you are?

In these four Bible study sessions, Erwin McManus teaches how we can reclaim our spiritual health by examining how our faith affects us physically, emotionally, and relationally. Each session also features a real-life story or inspiring teaching clip.

Bulletproof Marriage Masterclass



Bulletproof Marriage Masterclass is a 90-day marriage challenge. It applies biblical principles to support and strengthen the marriages of military members, law enforcement officers, and other first responders. However, the principles will challenge any marriage, if you are up to it!

Learn how to:

- transition smoothly from duty to home.
- resolve conflicts and develop healthy communication habits.
- manage lifestyle stressors and cultivate resilience.
- build trust and encourage intimacy.

Just Ask

Do you run to prayer—or run away from it? How would you describe your prayer life? In this two-session series, learn how to overcome your hesitations and insecurities about praying. Pastor J.D. Greear explores the way Jesus taught us to pray and how he approached prayer to his Father. See how Jesus encourages us to pray often, boldly, and with expectation.



MVPC Book Club

Our group meets the last Friday of the month, at 10:00 a.m., in the Chapel, at the Church. We enjoy catching-up with each other and discussing books. Together we choose a book of the month that we'll discuss in detail. We welcome any who are interested to join us! We'll be meeting January 31st and the book we'll be discussing is:

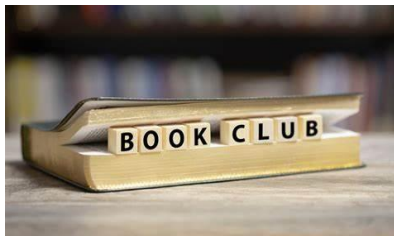
Mrs. Quinn's Rise to Fame by Olivia Ford

In February our meeting is February 28th. Come to our January meeting to help us choose our February book!

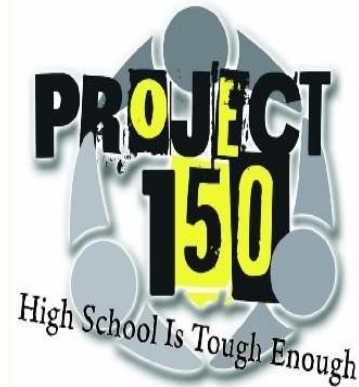
"Keep reading. It's one of the most marvelous adventures that anyone can have."

American Author Lloyd Alexander

Happy Reading!



NEW YEAR, NEW YOU DONATION DRIVE



WE ARE COLLECTING HYGIENE PRODUCTS FOR PROJECT150 ON SUNDAY 01/26. WE WILL ONLY BE COLLECTING FULL SIZE ITEMS OF THE FOLLOWING:

- SHAMPOO
- CONDITIONER
- BODY WASH
- DEODORANT
- TOOTHPASTE
- LOTION

PLEASE PLACE ITEMS IN THE LARGE WHITE BIN IN THE NARTHEX. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THIS WONDERFUL CHARITY.

Women's Breakfast



Devotion & Prayer by Paula Anderson

Jan. 18, 2025 @ 9:00am

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

The Summit Restaurant
2215 Thomas W Ryan Blvd.



Our Vision

God

People



It's What We Do!!

**Laugh Often
and
Fear Not!**

This Week's Events

Sun., Jan. 19

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, SC
 9:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting, FH
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, SC
 1:00 p.m. Reformed Church Meeting, FH
 4:30 p.m. Youth Group, FH

Mon., Jan. 20

6:00 p.m. **MLK Day/Office Closed**
 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care, Esther
 Gamblers Anon., CH

Tues., Jan. 21

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, FH
 11:30 a.m. Divine Dealing, FH
 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., Jan. 22

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study, FH
 11:00 a.m. Prayer Group, SC
 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Ch
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, SC
 7:00 p.m. Session, Esther

Thurs., Jan. 23

10:00 a.m. Brain Health Seminar, CH
 4:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry, Mark
 5:00 p.m. Redeemed Worship Rehearsal, SC
 7:00 p.m. Al Anon Meeting, Esther

Fri., Jan. 24

2:00 p.m. Knitting, FH

Sat., Jan. 25

5:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH



The Church Office will be closed on Jan. 20th in honor of Martin Luther King, JR Day.

Messenger articles and Sunday announcement requests are due in the Church office by **Wednesday** at **noon** each week! Thank you for your cooperation!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nancy Korten – Jan. 18th
 Jill Eaton – Jan. 19th
 Nancy Thomas – Jan. 19th
 Zach Athens – Jan. 20th
 Alane Ehrhardt – Jan. 20th
 Kacie Walther – Jan. 21st
 Loren Braden – Jan. 22nd
 Declan Conry – Jan. 22nd
 Lynne Kuzminski – Jan. 22nd
 Mary Ritzdorf – Jan. 23rd
 Nancy Frazier – Jan. 24th



Happy Anniversary!

Harold and Carol Hoyt – Jan. 21st
 Dennis and Toni Bunce – Jan. 24th



LET THE PEOPLE PRAY

Pray without Ceasing. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Our Members

- The Taylor Family
- Sue Teisinger
- The Thalgott Family
- Nancy Thomas
- The Thompson Family
- The Thomson Family
- Jim Ton
- The Trenkler Family

Our World

- People of Israel
- Middle East peace deal
- Ukraine war

Our Nation

- California wild fires
- FEMA Workers
- Inauguration Day

Our City

- Las Vegas City Council
- Traffic Safety
- Nevada Veterans

Our Congregation

Gene Braden, Jerry and Del Heiss,
Rudy Johnson, Sara Pierson,
The Strasser Family, John Thompson

- Elders: Patti Luthy
- Deacons: Sara Kirschman,
Karyn Klein

Our Churches

1. Spring Valley Baptist Church
2. St. Andrew Lutheran Church
3. St. Viator Catholic Church

Other Prayer Concerns...

Sympathy to the family of Lynn Peterson

