

# Weekly Messenger 01-31-2025



## The Miraculous Feast: A Glimpse into the Heart of Christ

As we continue our adventure into the “signs” of Jesus, in John 6, we encounter one of the most well-known miracles of Jesus – the feeding of the 5,000. But beyond the remarkable multiplication of loaves and fish, this event holds deep lessons that resonate with us today, offering a picture of Christ’s compassion, provision, and the deeper meaning of our spiritual hunger.

The scene begins with a large crowd following Jesus, drawn to Him by His healing ministry. As evening approaches, the disciples notice the pressing issue: they are in a remote place, and the people have no food. It’s in this moment of apparent scarcity that Jesus shows how He transcends earthly limitations.

The miracle starts with a boy’s small offering—five barley loaves and two fish. “What are they among so many?” Andrew, one of the disciples, asks. It’s a good question. How could such a small amount meet such a large need? But this is where the beauty of faith and divine provision shines through. Jesus takes the humble offering, blesses it, and it multiplies until there is more than enough to satisfy every person. In fact, after everyone has eaten, twelve baskets of leftovers are collected.

What can we learn from this? First, we are reminded that no offering is too small for God. In our lives, we often feel that our gifts, talents, or resources are too insignificant to make a difference. But when placed in Jesus’ hands, even the smallest offering can be multiplied in ways we cannot fathom.

Next, this miracle points to Jesus as the true Bread of Life. Later in John 6, Jesus tells the crowd, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” The physical food He provides is a symbol of the deeper spiritual nourishment He offers to those who seek Him. Just as the crowds were satisfied by the bread and fish, we find lasting satisfaction in Christ alone.

Lastly, notice the order in which Jesus performs the miracle. He instructs His disciples to have the people sit down in groups, creating an atmosphere of order and anticipation. Jesus doesn’t just give; He provides with care and intentionality. He organizes us into His Kingdom, preparing us for something greater.

In a world that often feels fragmented and lacking, the feeding of the 5,000 reminds us of Jesus’ ability to provide abundantly, both for our physical and spiritual needs. May we offer our little to Him, trusting that He can do far more than we can imagine.

See you Sunday!  
Grace and peace,  
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. Bowling, see Chris's text message for details.

## Children -

Sunday school this Sunday during 2<sup>nd</sup> service. Child-care provided during services.

## U50s/adults.

Next Meeting is Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Hello February!

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](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.



## **MVPC Concert Series**

Featuring the Music of Redeemed Worship

Date: Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Time: 3:00 p.m.

A portion of the free will offering will be used to benefit the  
wild fire recovery efforts in California.

## Section Leaders Wanted – Mountain View Presbyterian Church

Mountain View Presbyterian Church seeks talented and reliable SATB Section Leaders (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) to provide vocal leadership for our choir.

### Position Details

- **Rehearsals:**
  - **Wednesdays:** 7:00 PM
  - **Sundays:** 8:00 AM (rehearsal)
- **Service:** Sundays at 8:30 AM (finished by 9:40 AM)
- **Pay:** \$100 per week

### Requirements

- Strong vocal ability with expertise in your specific voice part
- Ability to read sheet music and sight-read
- Previous choral or solo experience (church choir experience preferred)
- Familiarity with sacred music and hymns
- Reliable attendance and punctuality for rehearsals and services
- Professionalism and a positive, team-oriented attitude



### Why Join Us?

Be part of a welcoming congregation and provide musical leadership in a warm, community-focused environment.

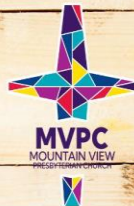
Auditions will be held Wednesday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at Mountain View Presbyterian Church

8601 Del Webb Blvd.  
Las Vegas, NV

Contact **Dr. Mark Wherry** at [mark.wherry@csn.edu](mailto:mark.wherry@csn.edu) to arrange a time for the audition.

## Interested in joining MVPC?

*New  
Member*



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

## GRIEF SHARE

Grief recovery support groups

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



*I Will Always Love You!*

*The Whitney Houston  
Worship Experience*



**Featuring Ms. Monet  
Multi-Award Winning Vocal Artist**

**Date: Sunday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Services**

**Place: MVPC Sanctuary**



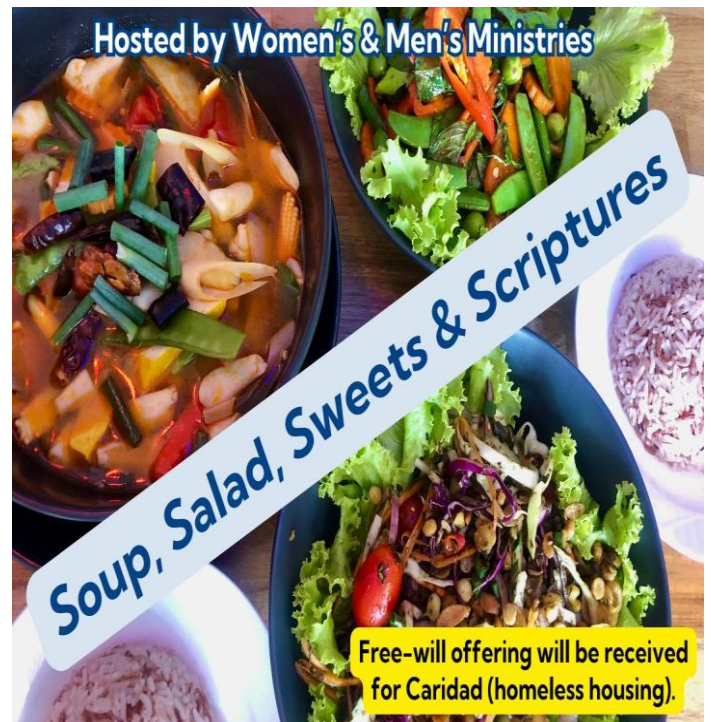
**Just Us Ministry**

(Ministry supporting Widows)

**Feb. 24, 2025 @ 2 pm - Chapel**

**Presentation by  
Pastor David Dendy**

**“Out of Brokenness – Greatness  
The Story of Ruth”**



Hosted by Women's & Men's Ministries

**Soup, Salad, Sweets & Scriptures**

Free-will offering will be received for Caridad (homeless housing).

**All Church Potluck!**

**Friday, Feb. 28, 2025**

**6:00-8:00pm**

**Sign up in the Narthex**

# Men's Breakfast



Date: Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Summit  
(2215 Thomas W. Ryan Blvd)

Cost All Breakfasts are \$20.00  
(this includes tip & tax)

Pet  
Ministry

Bake Sale  
Sunday  
Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>

"I smell something yummy!"

Attention MVPC Bakers our Pet Ministry is hosting a bake sale and we need some help! We would love some of your delicious baked goods themed Superbowl and/or Valentine's Day plus any Sugar Free recipes for the sale. All proceeds to be donated to Pawsitive Difference.

Baked goods can be dropped off at Fellowship Hall on Sat., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> between 1-4 PM. Please label your baked item clearly with what it is including ingredients such Nuts or Sugar Free etc.

We need many Volunteers to help on Saturday (prep) and Sunday.

**Volunteer on Sat. Feb 8<sup>th</sup>**

1:00-4:00pm to label and organize the donated goods – any amount of time you can help is appreciated.

**Volunteer on Sun., Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:45- 8:30am – set up & sell baked goods

9:30-10:30am – sell baked goods

11:30-12:45pm – sell baked goods & clean up

If you can assist in baking and or volunteering your time, please **RSVP** what day/time you can help to the church office.

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)**



# Women's Breakfast



Devotion & Prayer by Melody Edwards-Becker

**Feb. 15, 2025 @ 9:00am**

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

**The Summit Restaurant**  
**2215 Thomas W Ryan Blvd.**



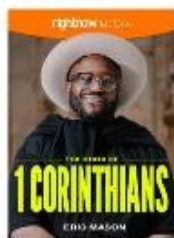


RightNow Media is a free service offered to MVPC/Guests/Friends. You will have exclusive access to hundreds of Bible studies and topical videos led by world-class teachers along with a multitude of Christian-based videos for your family to enjoy.

It's easy to sign up, email Tami Samek, Ministry Coordinator at [Tami@mviewpc.org](mailto:Tami@mviewpc.org) and she will set you up and you can start accessing great Bible-based studies/videos today! *Happy Valentine's Day!*

### The Book of 1 Corinthians

In the letter of 1 Corinthians, the apostle Paul wrote to a church divided, worldly, and immature in the faith. Immersed in an indulgent, immoral culture, they struggled to separate themselves from the world around them. Paul urged them to remember the gospel and start acting like disciples of Jesus, and his rebukes and encouragement remain relevant for the church today. Join author and pastor Dr. Eric Mason as he leads us through this significant book in a ten-session series. Discover the power of the gospel that brings order, heals wounds, unifies the faithful, and demonstrates how to love well.

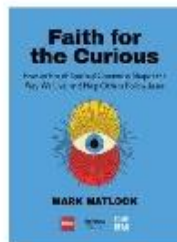


### This Is Love

Six Scripture songs all about the incredible love God has for us! Perfect for family worship, kids choirs, or children's worship! Album includes "All the Earth," based on Psalm 100, "Strong and Courageous," based on Joshua 1:7-9, "This Is Love," based on 1 John 4:7-11, "Wonderful," based on Psalm 139:7-16 ("I am fearfully and wonderfully made,") and more!



### Faith for the Curious



In a world where spiritual curiosity is on the rise, many people are searching for meaningful answers and authentic conversations. Faith for the Curious, hosted by Mark Matlock (Barna senior fellow, author,

speaker), is a dynamic course designed to equip you with the tools needed to engage spiritually open individuals well. This course provides insights into how you can meet people wherever they are in their spiritual journeys, exploring faith in a way that is authentic, empathetic, and thought-provoking.

Through four engaging sessions, you will dive deep into Barna's latest research on spiritual curiosity and learn practical ways to engage in open-ended spiritual conversations. You'll discover how to cultivate a culture of curiosity and connect with those who are exploring their spiritual beliefs, offering them a safe space to ask questions, wrestle with doubts, and grow in their journey of faith.

If you're passionate about sharing your faith in honest and thoughtful ways, this course will challenge and encourage you to approach evangelism with empathy and openness.

### Truth and Love

Have you ever had to choose between truth and love? Sometimes, the truth can feel harsh and unloving, but can we really love someone without telling them the truth? It isn't unusual to wrestle with balancing what is right with what we feel, but what if we didn't have to choose between truth and love?



Join pastor Marquise Cox in this four-session series as he shows us how to speak the truth in love, wrestle with doubts, talk about Jesus with people who disagree with us, and share our faith. You don't have to choose between being loving or truthful—in Christ, we can do both.

## January 2025 Session Meetings Highlights

Five new Elders were installed on Sunday, January 12: Christy Bernall, Patti Luthy, David Matawitz, John Meola, and Dwight Rickard. Elder Connie Petersen was installed for her second term.

Session accepted, with regrets, the resignation of George Gray as a member of Session.

Pastor David reported that MVPC will host the “I Will Always Love You” Whitney Houston worship service on February 9, featuring Ms. Monet. The MVPC staff will be doing team building training on February 3. The Advent sermon series was well received. Christmas Eve services had approximately 530 attendees.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship) is busy scheduling ushers and greeters for 2025. The Commission approved and reported to Session on a program to enhance the Chancel Choir by bringing in lead singers for each section – soprano, alto, tenor and bass. The Commission noted similar programs were used by Green Valley and Grace Presbyterian Churches. Session approved the program on a trial basis through June.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC) reported that a donation of \$2,000 had been made to Presbyterian Disaster Relief earmarked for assistance to victims of the Southern California fires. Session approved a special offering on February 16 to benefit Southern California fire victims. The next homeless bags assembly will be on February 16. The Pet Ministry donate \$300.00 to the Pasadena Humane Society Eaton Fire Relief Effort from the proceeds of its stuffed animal sale. The Pet Ministry bake sale is scheduled for February 9. Collection of hygiene products for Project 150 will take place on January 26. Family Promise is expected to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for its new facility sometime in April.


The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation) reported that the Coffee Shop counters and cabinetry repairs were completed and the new (donated) coffee machine was up and running. The Book Store will soon be stocking items for spring. Men’s and Women’s Ministries remain active. The Men’s Ministry monthly breakfast group collects money for the Westminster Presbyterian Church food bank. Women’s Bible Study is working on the Book of James while Men’s Bible Study is working on the Book of Ephesians. Young Adults will have a bowling outing on January 28.

The Gather Commission (taking care of gathering in groups large and small) will be holding cookie baking on January 31.

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). The cold Sanctuary on Sunday, January 19, was the result of an issue with the boiler, which has been repaired.

The annual Congregational meeting was scheduled for February 16, 2025.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.



**End of Year  
GIVING  
Statements**

**MVPC Giving Statements for 2024 were emailed this week. If you did not receive your statement or have a question, please contact the Church Accountant, Mitra McNally at 702-341-7800 or Accountant@mviewpc.org. Mitra is in office Monday-Tuesday (9:00-5:00pm) and Wednesday (9:00-1:00pm).**



# HAIR CARE WISHLIST



## SHEA MOISTURE

(Available at Target, Walgreens, & Walmart)

- Coconut & Hibiscus Curl & Shine Shampoo
- Coconut & Hibiscus Curl & Shine Conditioner
- Coconut & Hibiscus Hold & Shine Moisture Mist

## OGX

(Available at Ulta Beauty, Target, & Walgreens)

- OGX Hydrate + Repair Argan Oil of Morocco Conditioner
- OGX Shampoo, Renewing Moroccan Argan Oil

## KINKY-CURLY

(Available at Target & Walgreens)

- Come Clean Shampoo
- Knot Today Leave In Conditioning/Detangler



## MOTIONS

(Available at Target, Walgreens, Walmart, Western Beauty Supply, & Sally Beauty Supply)



- Lavish Conditioning Shampoo
- Straight Finish Cleanser
- Moisture Plus Conditioner
- Straight Finish Leave-in Conditioner
- Oil Sheen & Conditioning Spray

**Drop off donations to Project 150**  
**3600 N. Rancho Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89130**  
**Mon - Fri from 9am - 4:30 pm**



**Our inventory is running low!**

Mission Outreach will be packing Homeless Care Packs on Sunday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> between services.

The assembly line process takes about 30-40 minutes to pack 250 bags.

No sign up needed, just jump in and fill a bag or two as we support our homeless community.

## 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!*



## Our Vision

**God**

**People**



**It's What We Do!!**

**Laugh Often  
and  
Fear Not!**



# This Week's Events

## Sun., Feb. 2

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, SC  
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., Feb. 3

9:00 a.m. Quilters, FH  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, CH  
4:00 p.m. Worship Committee, FH  
6:00 p.m. Divorce Care, Esther  
7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anon., CH

## Tues., Feb. 4

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. Women's Bible Study, FH  
7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, CH

## Wed., Feb. 5

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study, FH  
11:00 a.m. Prayer Group, SC  
4:00 p.m. Christian Education Meeting, Mark  
5:00 p.m. Bell Choir, CH  
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, SC

## Thurs., Feb. 6

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

## Fri., Feb. 7

2:00 p.m. Knitting, FH

## Sat., Feb. 8

1:00 p.m. Bake Sale Set-up, FH  
5:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH



Happy Birthday!!!

Marilyn Kopp – Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>  
Renny Fransz – Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Suzan Sibert – Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Kathi Meola – Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>  
Nancy Kunesh – Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>  
Georgia Purpura – Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>



Happy Anniversary!!!

Bob and Maya Lewis – Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>



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

- Kathy Walsh
- The Walther Family
- Dian Ward
- The Warren Family
- The Washburn Family
- Yvonne Wayland
- Dottie Webber
- Michele Weber

## Our World

- People of Uganda
- Israel/Hamas ceasefire
- Ukraine War

## Our Nation

- D.C. Plane accident victims
- U.S. Senate
- Air Traffic Controllers

## Our City

- Acton Academy Red Rock
- Motorcycle Safety
- Valley Rain fall

## Our Congregation

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

- Elders: Dave Matawitz
- Deacons: Anne Lawton,  
Barbara Maletsky

## Our Churches

1. Church at Lake Mead
2. The Covenant Korean Church
3. Unity Baptist Church

## Other Prayer Concerns...

Sympathy to the family of Lynn Peterson  
Sympathy to the family of Rudy Johnson

