Weekly Messenger 03-07-2025

Who Do You Say That I Am?

This Sunday, we begin a journey through one of the most profound and revealing aspects of Jesus' ministry—His "I Am" statements in the Gospel of John. These declarations are not just metaphorical expressions; they are powerful, divine proclamations that echo the very name of God Himself.

To understand the weight of Jesus' words, we must go back to Exodus 3:14. When Moses stood before the burning bush and asked for God's name, the Almighty responded, "I AM WHO I AM." This phrase, in Hebrew, signifies God's eternal, self-existent nature—He is not created, He has no beginning or end, and He is utterly independent. For centuries, this sacred name, Yahweh, was revered by the Jewish people as the ultimate expression of God's identity.

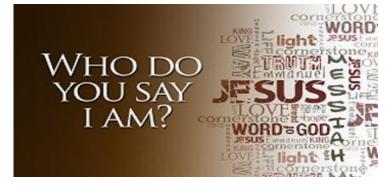
Fast forward to the first century, when Jesus of Nazareth boldly declares, "I Am." He does not merely say, "I represent" or "I resemble" something divine—He fully claims the name and authority of God. His words are not accidental or poetic; they are intentional, weighty, and scandalous to His audience. Each "I Am" statement not only reveals His divine nature but also provides a specific truth about His role in salvation and our relationship with Him.

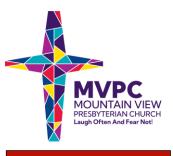
Here are the seven "I Am" statements of Jesus in John's Gospel:

- 1. I am the Bread of Life (John 6:35) Jesus is our ultimate source of spiritual nourishment, satisfying the deepest hunger of the human soul.
- 2. I am the Light of the World (John 8:12) In a world darkened by sin, Jesus brings truth, guidance, and the revelation of God's glory.
- 3. I am the Door (John 10:9) He is the only entrance into salvation, the gateway through which we find eternal life.
- 4. I am the Good Shepherd (John 10:11) Unlike a hired hand, Jesus lays down His life for His sheep, leading, protecting, and caring for them with unfailing love.
- 5. I am the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25) Jesus holds power over life and death, offering not just future resurrection but present transformation.
- 6. I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6) He is not one path among many; He is the exclusive way to the Father.
- 7. I am the True Vine (John 15:1) Our spiritual vitality depends on remaining in Him, for apart from Christ, we can do nothing.

Each of these statements challenges us to consider who Jesus truly is. As we walk through this sermon series, may we not just hear these words but let them shape our faith, our trust, and our daily walk with Christ.

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 week 4:30 p.m.

Children -

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



U50s/adults.

Next meeting is Mar. 9th at 1:00 p.m.

Sholom!

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Join the MVPC family this Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. for Virtual Church!

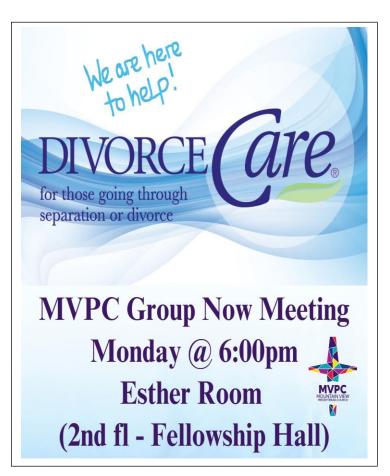
Go to the MVPC webpage @ www.mviewpc.org and select Facebook or YouTube

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.







Healthy Aging from Head to Toe Presentation by Julie Dendy, PT

> Sat. - March 22, 2025 9:30 - 11:30am Fellowship Hall

Look forward to an active hour and a half discussing a proactive approach to aging.

Dress to MOVE!

Topics on Tap:

- Brain Health: Brain Gains —
 Flex your Mental Muscle!
- Heart Health: Don't Skip a Beat!
- Bone Health: Don't Crack
 Under Pressure!
- Foot Health: Toe-tal Health!



Member Anniversaries

As part of celebrating life at MVPC, we like to recognize "milestone" anniversaries of members joining MVPC during the month of March.

Kay Groff - 25 years

Elaine Irwin – 25 years

Loralee Clause - 20 years

Fred Grassick - 20 years

Thank you all for your faithful membership in and support of MVPC.

Jeff Patterson, Clerk of Session





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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! Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Weird Stuff: New Testament - Vol 1

Genealogy. Demons. Miracles. Rapture. Lake of Fire. On the surface, the New Testament contains some seemingly weird things. But what if we told you the point isn't the "weird"? In this six-part series,



Dr. Jeff Voth and Hebrew scholar, Dr. Nathan French, discuss and make sense of some of the weird stuff in the Bible to ultimately point us back to the needed redemption of Jesus Christ.

The Bible (Youth)

One of the reasons so many of us don't read our Bibles regularly comes from a misunderstanding of what the Scriptures are. We see the Bible as an ancient rule book with a whole bunch of disconnected information about God, rather than a whole grand story that showcases who God is.

Our desire is that we would be captivated by the grand story of Scripture, which would lead us to the place where we want to read it,



know it, and discover the truth within it.

One Scoop at a Time

Ricky Dickson, retired President and CEO of Blue Bell Creameries, reminds us to stop letting fear dictate our lives and start letting faith call the shots. Exodus 14:14 illustrates that God will fight for us if we will be still in Him.



Through Exodus 14:14 and other Scripture, Ricky demonstrates how to find courage and trust God over our fears, no matter how real they are, by taking life one scoop of ice cream at a time.

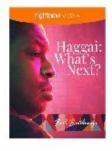
Making Ends Meet



Do you ever feel overwhelmed by your finances? Feeling like you're always in financial survival mode? Not sure how you are going to get through the next month, week, or even day? If so, you are in the right place, because Making Ends Meet

was designed just for you. This study focuses on what the Bible says about meeting the challenging and unique needs of people trying their best to get by. As you begin to learn and apply these principles, you'll have the opportunity to move from surviving on your financial journey to thriving and experiencing financial health and hope.

Haggai: What's Next?



If you fear the future and you're fast losing hope, this five-part series with Badi Badibanga is for you. While we may be facing unprecedented difficulties, we can live with the extraordinary assurance that God will have the final word in everything, including our lives. Learn to put God first, aligning your life with His purposes and resting in the truth that He strengthens and sustains you for what's next.



Marcia Alig is an MVPC member and was the first woman President of The Compassionate Friends, a non-profit who supports the family after a child dies. We will be receiving a free will offering at this breakfast that supports The Compassionate Friends.





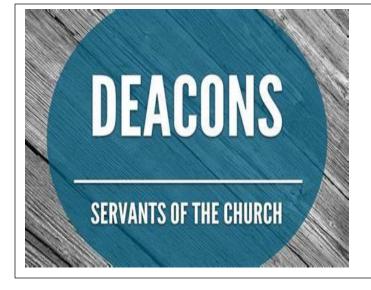
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- Develop a support system.
- Exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions.
- Talk through issues and ways of coping.
- Share feelings, needs and concerns.
- Learn about community resources.

ALZHEIMER'S \\\ ASSOCIATION



Save the date!! Come out and meet your Deacon on Sunday April 6th after both services in the Fellowship Hall!!!

More details to follow!





MVPC Book Club

Our group meets the last Friday of each month, at the Church, in the Chapel, at 10:00 a.m. We look forward to gathering to catch-up with each other and to talk about books! Each month we discuss a book that we've selected together previously. We always welcome anyone who is interested to join us! Here are the dates of our upcoming meetings, and the books we'll be discussing.

March 28 The Love Elixir of Augusta Stern by Lynda Loigman
 April 25 The God of the Woods by Liz Moore
 May 30 The Briar Club by Kate Quinn

Please note that the books selected for March and April have been swapped from what was originally posted. This was to give everyone more time to obtain a copy of **The God of the Woods, a currently popular book.

"That's the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet." Jhumpa Lahiri Happy Reading!

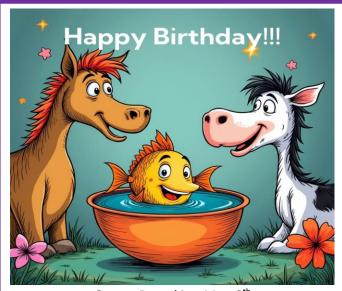




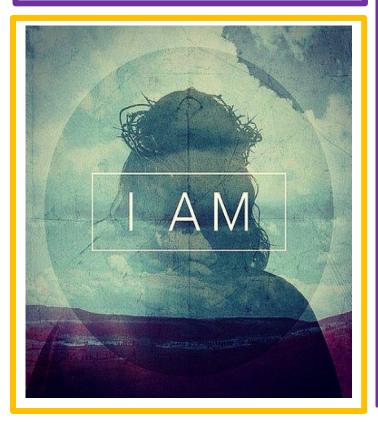


It's What We Do!!

Laugh Often and Fear Not!



Gwynn Demakis – Mar. 8th
Dave Geeting – Mar. 8th
Kathleen Gray – Mar. 8th
Vivan Larson – Mar. 9th
Karen Stokes – Mar. 10th
Jeff Patterson – Mar. 11th
Susan Bear – Mar. 12th
Michael Latham – Mar. 13th
Donna Peterson – Mar. 13th



This Week's Events

Sun., Mar. 9

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, SC 9:45 a.m. Pet Ministry, Mark

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, SC

1:00 p.m. **U50's,** Mark

1:00 p.m. **Reformed Church Meeting,** FH

4:30 p.m. Youth Group, FH

Mon., Mar. 10

9:00 a.m. Quilters, FH 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, CH

3:00 p.m. **Just Us Team Meeting,** CH 4:30 p.m. **Women's Ministry Meeting,** CH

6:00 p.m. Divorce Care, Esther
6:00 p.m. Mission Committee, FH
7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anon., CH

Tues., Mar. 11

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, FH

11:30 a.m.
1:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
Women's Bible Study, FH
Men's Bible Study, CH

Wed., Mar. 12

10:00 a.m.
 Pastor's Bible Study, FH
 11:00 a.m.
 Dementia Support Group, CH
 2:00 p.m.
 Christian Ed Meeting, FH

5:00 p.m. Bell Choir, CH 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH

7:00 p.m. **Choir,** SC

Thurs., Mar. 13

4:30 p.m. **Stephen Ministry,** Mark

5:00 p.m. Redeemed Worship Rehearsal, SC

6:00 p.m. **Deacon Meeting,** Esther 7:00 p.m. **Al Anon Meeting,** FH

Fri., Mar. 14

2:00 p.m. Knitting, FH

Sat., Mar. 15

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

- The Bunce Family
- The Camara Family
- The Camburn Family
- The Cameron Family
- Miriam Campbell
- Winnie Campbell
- Karla Canfield
- Norma Carey

Our City

- UNLV
- Pedestrian Safety
- Las Vegas Firefighters

Our Churches

- 1. Grapevine Fellowship
- 2. Henderson Presbyterian Church
- 3. Henderson UMC

Other Prayer Concerns...
Sympathy to the family of Rick Strasser
Sympathy to the family of Dick Hagadorn

Our World

- People of Mexico
- Ukraine Peace talks
- Israel/Hamas peace talks

Our Nation

- Measles outbreak
- Windy weather
- U.S. House of Representatives

Our Congregation

Minnie Byers, Jerry and Del Heiss, Lynne Kuzminski, Sara Pierson

- Elders: Al Youmans

- Deacons: Anya Fontes,

Ron Forret

