

Weekly Messenger 03-21-2025



This Sunday, we'll take a look at one more of Jesus' "I am" statements — "I am the light of the world!" This remarkable self-description almost needs no explanation. Darkness in its many forms pervades our world, just as it did Jesus'. But the way of Christ and his Kingdom dispels the darkness—the way of love, sacrifice, service, mercy and all Jesus taught us to follow, overwhelms the darkness with his bright light! The darkness has no chance against the light!

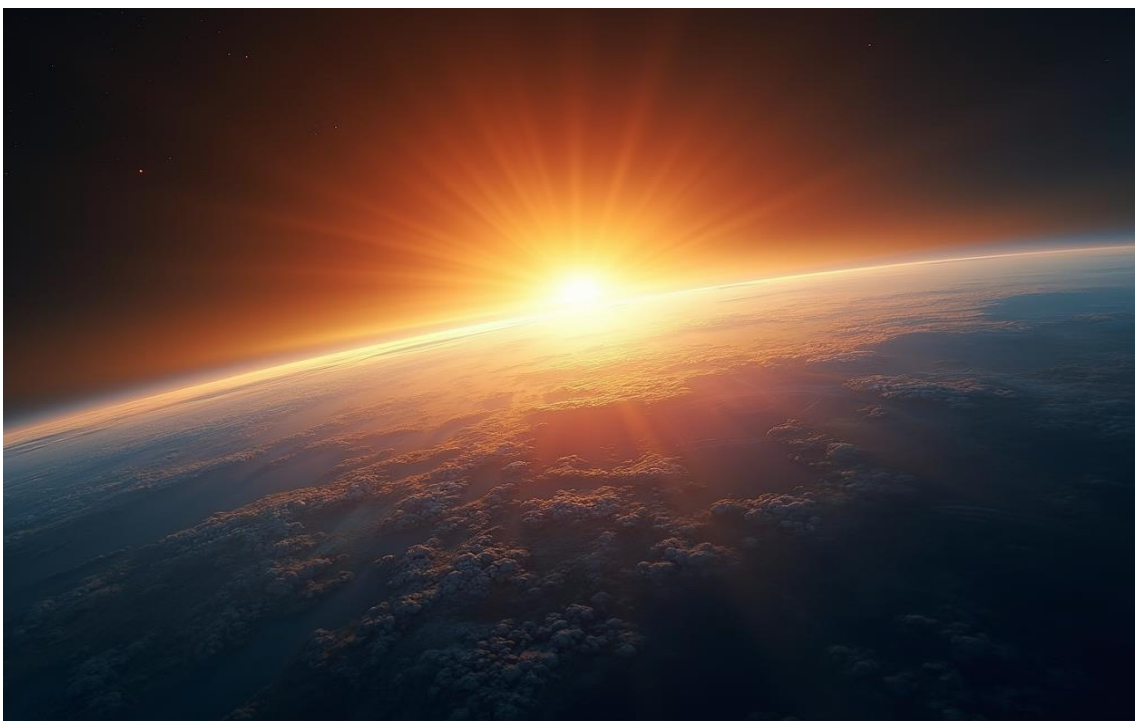
I'm writing this from Kansas, visiting two of my daughters' families. My six-year old granddaughter Oakley had a surprise for me today. Oakley is on the autism spectrum, and although making remarkable strides of growth and progress, has remained distant from me each and every visit. No touch. No hugs. Little eye contact. It's understandable. Zoom calls aren't the same and our twice a year get togethers haven't been enough for her to warm up to me. It's been the sad reality of the darkness of that awful diagnosis.

But today the light broke through! As I took a break from the activity with the other granddaughters, I lounged on the couch with a blanket. For the first time EVER, Oakley jumped onto my lap, snuggled close and pulled the blanket over us both. I was afraid I would scare her if I showed the emotion I was feeling. Pure joy! Pure love! Pure light! She stayed with me in that position for about 20 minutes, which was remarkable! Throughout the rest of the day she would grab my hand and occasionally join the others in our playful Papa games.

I hope you'll join me Sunday for our worship of Jesus, the Christ, our living hope, the light of the world!

Blessings,

Gary



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. Come on over for game night.

Children -

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



U50s/adults.

Next meeting is Mar. 23rd at 1:00 p.m.

Aloha!

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.

Welcome Spring!!!



February 2025 Session Meetings Highlights

Session accepted, with regrets, the resignation of Patti Luthy as a member of Session. Patti is moving to Texas.

Clerk Patterson reported that the PC(USA) annual statistical report and the Nevada Presbytery annual financial health report were timely filed (prior to February 15) with the respective Councils.

The Deacons reported welcoming 3 new Deacons at their February 13 meeting. New Deacon Neighborhood Group lists were distributed. Deacon Sunday will be April 6 with the theme "Favorite Places." The Deacon Bereavement team served at the memorial service for Lynn Peterson on February 1. The Deacons have already scheduled the annual Service of Solace for Sunday, December 1.

Pastor David reported that structural engineers are reviewing the area for the proposed children's playground. MVPC received a \$40,000.00 gift for the playground. An elementary school in San Diego has been named after MVPC's own Dr. Bertha Pendleton, Superintendent of San Diego Unified School District 1993-1998. The "I Will Always Love You" Whitney Houston worship service on February 9 saw the highest attendance at MVPC Sunday services so far in 2025. Chris Kirschman performed two baptisms on Sunday, January 26 – Ivan Hronek III and Chri Joephine Hronek.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship) reported that 4 section leaders started with the Chancel Choir beginning at its rehearsal on February 26. New MVPC member Courtney Wolff has joined the Bell Choir. Ash Wednesday services will be March 5 at noon and 7:00 p.m. Lenten devotionals will be distributed beginning March 2.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC) reported that the hygiene products collection for Project 150 on January 26 saw over \$3,000.00 worth of products donated.

The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation) reported that Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 10-13 with a program theme "Up North." The Youth mission trip is scheduled for July 26-August 2 in Loveland, Colorado. Men's and Women's Bible Study groups are going very well. Pastor David spoke about the Book of Ruth to the Just Us women's group at their February meeting. The Women's Breakfast on February 15 was well attended and described as a wonderful event.

The Gather Commission (taking care of gathering in groups large and small) is scheduling cookie baking.

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). Elder Al Youmans reported that the natural gas leak was repaired and the Church's gas meter replaced. MVPC will be seeking a refund from Southwest Gas. The cooling tower servicing the HVAC system required replacement of various parts at a cost of \$6,900.00.

Karla Canfield, Dian Ward, and Larua Martin will be MVPC's commissioners to the Nevada Presbytery meeting at the Henderson Presbyterian Church on March 18-19.

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



Session

Women's Ministry is hosting an opportunity to attend a tour of MorningStar at the Canyons – Luxury Senior Living with Assisted Care Lifestyle Options

Tuesday, April 8, 2025
Tour is limited to 8 people - transportation provided

10:30am Depart from MVPC
11:00am - 1:00pm

Tour and Lunch in their Dining Room

Sign up in the Narthex - 1st come, 1st served
Contact Allison@mviewpc.org for questions



Join a group today!

Meet new people

Dinner for Six or Eight

Monthly Dinner Groups

Spring Groups forming now!

Sign up in the Narthex

Deadline for sign-up is Mar. 23rd
Email Tami@mviewpc.org for questions



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!**

Interested in joining MVPC?

New Member



New Member Class
Sunday, April 5th
5:00pm - Chapel



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! *Happy St. Patrick's Day!*

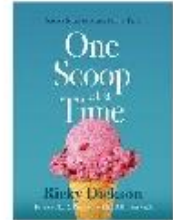
Weird Stuff: New Testament - Vol 1

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.



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.

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.



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.



Women's Ministry hosted their monthly Women's Breakfast on Saturday, March 15th with what we think was a record 37 ladies! Thanks to Lois Heidel for a beautiful devotion and prayer, and to Marcia Alig, our speaker, who spoke about her experience with The Compassionate Friends.

A free-will offering was received to benefit The Compassionate Friends who provides highly personal comfort, hope, and support to every family experiencing the death of a son or a daughter, a brother or a sister, or a grandchild, and helps others better assist the grieving family. Thank you to our ladies for their support. The Compassionate Friends meet at MVPC every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday
 April 13, 2025
 8:30 & 10:30am

Maundy Thursday
 April 17, 2025
 7:00pm

Good Friday
 April 18, 2025
 Noon & 7:00pm

Easter Sunday
 April 20, 2025
 8:00am
 9:30am
 11:00am



**Club Christ's 2nd Annual
 Gala: Branching Out –
 Building What Matters**

April 11, 2025

**Visions of Greatness Events Center
 1001 N Bruce St.**

5:30 pm Cocktail Hour

6:30pm Dinner and Program

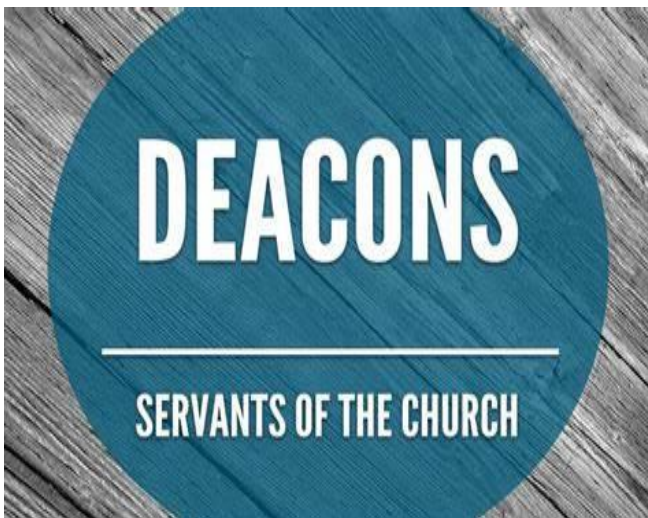
Keynote Speaker: Assistant Sheriff Haas

Tickets: \$150 per seat

\$1,000 – table of eight

Purchase tickets at www.clubchrist.org

Enjoy 20 silent auction prizes, a wine pull, a 50/50 raffle, and a delicious meal with friends.



Save the date!! Come out and meet your Deacon on Sunday April 13th after both services in the Fellowship Hall!!!

More details to follow!

FIFTH SUNDAY BRUNCH!!!

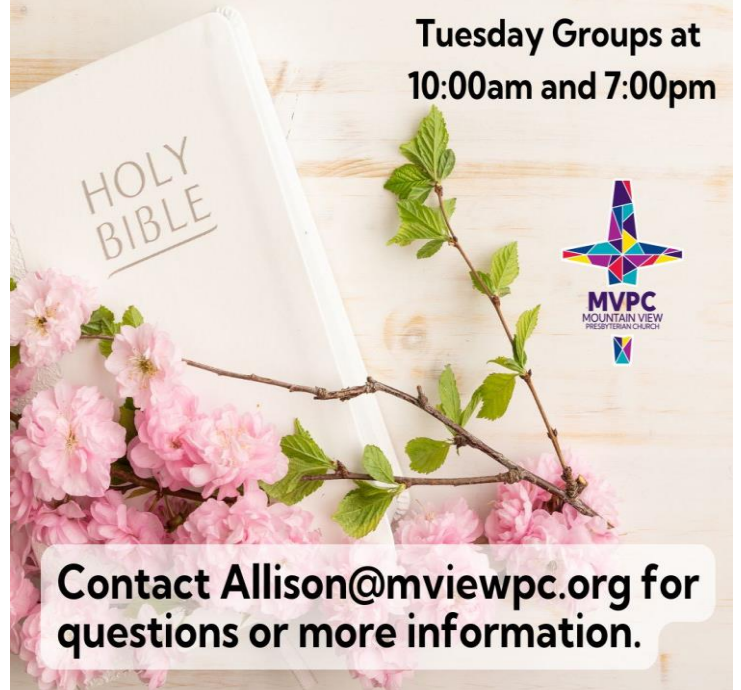
The MVPC Men's Ministry is hosting a brunch in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, March 30 from 9:30-10:30am.

Come enjoy a delicious brunch during our Fellowship Time (second service folks, please come early before the 10:30 service)!

New Women's Bible Study

"He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado. Starting March 11th, this is a 5-week Lenten study. Study guide is available for \$5.00. Sign up in the Narthex.

Tuesday Groups at 10:00am and 7:00pm



Contact Allison@mviewpc.org for questions or more information.

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!*

Our Vision

God

People



It's What We Do!!

**Laugh Often
and
Fear Not!**



Tami Samek – Mar. 23rd
 Debra Pick – Mar. 24th
 Sandy Gandy – Mar. 25th
 Barbara Maletsky – Mar. 27th
 John Wherry – Mar. 27th
 Gerald Heiss – Mar. 28th



Bill and Susan Lietzke – Mar. 27th

This Week's Events

Sun., Mar. 23

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, SC
 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. 24

9:00 a.m. Quilters, FH
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, CH
 2:00 p.m. Fuller Small Group, CH
 6:00 p.m. Divorce Care, Esther
 7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anon., CH

Tues., Mar. 25

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., Mar. 26

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

Thurs., Mar. 27

4:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry, Mark
 5:00 p.m. Redeemed Worship Rehearsal, SC
 7:00 p.m. Al Anon Meeting, FH

Fri., Mar. 28

10:00 a.m. MVPC Book Club, CH
 2:00 p.m. Knitting, FH

Sat., Mar. 29

5:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH

Thank you for your generous contributions to the fire relief effort. Our congregation will be sending \$3534 to help people in need. Please keep those effect in your prayers.



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

- Ginny Conner
- The Conry Family
- The Crawford Family
- The Curatolo Family
- The D'Amore Family
- Yanick Dalhouse
- Juanita Daniels
- The Darling Family

Our World

- People of South Africa
- Ukraine War
- Gaza Strip

Our Nation

- Congress
- Subfreezing Temperatures
- College campuses

Our City

- Clark County Fire Department
- Social Media awareness
- Traffic Safety

Our Congregation

Minnie Byers, Sara Pierson,
Neyda Rodriguez

- Elders: Karla Canfield
- Deacons: Jane Grimes,
Sara Kirschman

Our Churches

1. Green Valley United Methodist
2. Mt. Charleston Baptist Church
3. Paradise Church

Other Prayer Concerns...

