

# Weekly Messenger 05-02-2025



The year was 1987, and we were living in a small apartment above a Veterinarian's garage in Ipswich, Massachusetts. I was in my first year of Seminary, far from family and friends. Our dear friends from California had come for a visit, and we showed them our favorite spots in Boston — Faneuil Hall, Freedom Trail, Old North Church, The Paul Revere House, Boston Common, The JFK Presidential Library, and the USS Constitution. The city was accessed by train, and then Boston's easy to navigate four colored subway system got us where we needed to go. None of us had much money, but we had a great time with packed lunches and snacks.

When it came time to deliver our friends back to the airport, we loaded up the burnt orange Datsun B210 and started to make our way to Logan. Having made this trip several other times, I was certain of the direction. No need for maps, no srrrrreeeeee. To make a long story short, and with only slight embellishment, when we arrived at the New Hampshire border, we all knew something (someone) had gone horribly wrong. I pulled into a fire station and sheepishly asked for directions. I drove that Datsun like she'd never been driven before. Our friends ran to security and then ran to their gate just before the door closed. We can laugh about it today, but back then, not so much.

This Sunday, we'll explore one more of Jesus' "I am" statements..."I am the way, the truth, and the life." For lost people in need of direction, Jesus provides the roadmap with crystal clear instructions. No ambiguity. No need to question his truthfulness. He's the way that leads to life, abundant and eternal!

See you Sunday!

Gary



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

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# Family Ministry News

## Youth Group –

Youth Group meet at 4 p.m. to help with Spring Fling.

Spring Fling event May 4<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00 p.m.

No Youth Group May 11<sup>th</sup>

## Children -

Child-care provided during services. Sunday School May 4<sup>th</sup>.



## U50s/adults.

Next meeting is May 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

April Showers bring May Flowers!

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.



Bring your non-perishable  
food items this Sunday to  
help support the  
Salvation Army Food bank.



# MEN'S BREAKFAST

Date: May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Time : 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Summit  
Cost: \$20

## Women's Breakfast

Devotion & Prayer: Janet Jones  
Speaker: Alane Ehrhardt, MVPC Member

**May 17th @ 9:00am**

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

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



# ARTHRITIS



**Dr. Devin Luzod, CEO  
Spinal Care of Nevada**

**"The Arthritis  
Solution" Seminar**

**Thurs., May 8, 2025  
11:30am - 1:00pm  
Light Lunch provided**

**Sign-up in the Narthex  
All are invited, bring a friend!**

**Hosted by Women's Ministry – contact  
Allison@mviewpc.org for more information**

Do you have joint pain, stiffness, decreased flexibility or mobility? Or, do you want to be preventative and stay healthy?

Join Dr. Devin Luzod, CEO Spinal Care of Nevada ([www.DrDevin.com](http://www.DrDevin.com)) and author of the book, "Live to 100...and Want To!" for tips on reducing and managing symptoms of osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis in the neck, shoulders, hands, back, hips and knees.

Dr. Devin will share a complete 9-step plan and secrets from the past 20-years of working directly with arthritic patients!

Learn stretches, exercises, better posture, nutrition, self-care tips and more...all from a natural perspective with the latest research and updates.

Light lunch provided. Q&A to follow presentation. Sign up in the Narthex or email [Allison@mviewpc.org](mailto:Allison@mviewpc.org) to save a seat or obtain more information.

# *April 2025 Session Meetings Highlights*

The Deacons reported that “Meet Your Deacon” Sunday on April 13 was a great success with an excellent turnout of members. The Deacons are sponsoring a safety seminar with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police on May 1.

Pastor David reported that Holy Week services were well attended and Easter Sunday saw 625 attendees at the three services. Beginning May 11, Grace Presbyterian Church will use MVPC’s facilities for worship on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for worship, Sunday school and fellowship. We are awaiting engineering bids for the proposed children’s play area. Anderson Academy received notice that MVPC will not be renewing its use agreement after June 2025. Pastor David will be traveling to London the week of April 28 to meet up with his son, Joshua, who completed his freshman year at Florida State University’s campus in Valencia, Spain.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship) reported that gifts will be presented to women at worship services on Mother’s Day, May 11.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC) reported that the Pet Ministry will have a presence at the Spring Fling on May 4. The Hoving Home choir will be at MVPC for services on Sunday, April 27 and a lunch will be served to the ladies after the second service. The Commission is working on its 2025-2026 budget to present to the Finance Committee.

The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation) reported that the Sunday School classes will be focusing on the foundation of our faith during the month of May. The Commission is working with Grace Presbyterian Church on joint youth activities. The “Spring Fling” carnival is on May 4 with barbecue, desserts, a bounce house, carnival games and a dunk tank. Men’s and Women’s ministries and Bible studies are both very active.

The Gather Commission (taking care of gathering in groups large and small) noted that the next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday brunch will be Sunday, June 29.

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). The Finance Committee has begun working on the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget. Elder Al Youmans reported on inspections to improve the exterior lighting at the front of the building facing the corner of Del Webb Boulevard and Sungold Drive and in the parking lot area.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.



# *Session*





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 Mother's Day!*

## Reclaiming Motherhood: Embracing the Untamed Beauty, Fun, Passion & Vitality of Motherhood

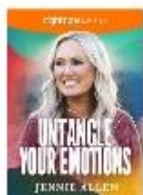
When was the last time you regarded your role as a mother as life-giving and fun?

Being a mom is supposed to be "rewarding," but often we as mothers get stuck in a draining, repetitive cycle when it comes to parenting and living our daily lives. But what if there was another way to approach motherhood, a way that enables us to shift our perspective on what it means to be a mom and ushers in a joyful new season of mothering?



In this six-session series, Mandy Arioto (President and CEO of The MomCo) invites mothers in all stages of mothering to join her in rediscovering and reclaiming the beauty, fun, passion and vitality of motherhood. Featuring research insights from Barna Group, this series—set up for both group and solo exploration—will leave moms feeling seen, acknowledged and encouraged.

## Untangle Your Emotions



What if instead of ignoring our feelings, we noticed them, named them, and let God use them to draw us closer to himself and others? Many of us need to

unlearn damaging messages about our emotions. We've been taught, for example, that emotions are untrustworthy, when, in fact, God can use them to help us see where we need his healing. In this six-session series, Jennie Allen uses scientific research, biblical insight, and her own story to help you name and navigate your emotions and learn how they can draw you closer to the God who made you—soul, mind, and heart.

## The Overcomers

### A Bible Study on the Book of Revelation

Are you ready to live fully prepared and fully equipped to handle anything life throws at you? As Christians, we can be courageous and confident, knowing that God has placed us in human history for his purposes, and he will empower us regardless of our circumstances. In this eight-session series, pastor and author Matt Chandler will walk us through the book of Revelation to remind us of God's fierce, conquering, commanding authority over all the earth.



## Bibleman: The Animated Adventures (Kids)

Bibleman is back in a new animated series for the whole family! Join Bibleman and his team as they fight evil with the power of God's Word!

The Bible Team is here to save the day by bringing kids to Jesus. Join Bibleman and Biblegirl to use the Word of God to defeat the villains Dr. Fear, the Baroness, the Master of Maybe, and many more!





# GIVE BLOOD ON 5/18



## MT. VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025 | 8:00AM - 12:00PM  
8601 DEL WEBB BLVD. | MVPC CHAPEL  
BLOOD DRIVE CODE: LIT26 OR SCAN QR CODE

Schedule your appointment to GIVE BLOOD at [www.donors.vitalant.org](http://www.donors.vitalant.org) and search for available times with blood drive code: LIT26 or scan the QR code or contact Vitalant at 877-258-4825 for assistance!

All donors who give blood May 1-31, 2025, will be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two epic vacation packages that include: 4 tickets to Universal Epic Universe theme park at Universal Orlando Resort; travel voucher for 4 airline tickets and hotel accommodations in Orlando, FL; and a \$2,500 prepaid electronic gift card!! Donor Rewards program opt-in required.

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to help!*

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## MVPC New Group Starts

**May 5, 2025**

**6:00 - 7:30pm**

**(Group runs from May 5 - July 28)**



Join us for this family friendly event, all are welcome!  
Invite a friend!

Grilled burgers, hot dogs and beverages, provided.  
Bring a salad or dessert to share!  
(sign up in the Narthex)

Bounce House, face painting, kids' games  
Pet Ministry dog friendly  
Music and live entertainment



Mountain View  
Presbyterian Church

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Need for All  
Blood Types.**



**Register  
Today!**  
Donate on  
May 18, 2025



## Monthly Caregiver Support Group

Build a support system with people who understand.

**May 14, 2025**

**11 a.m.**

Mountain View  
Presbyterian Church  
8601 Del Webb Blvd  
Las Vegas

Call 1.800.272.3900  
register.

**ALZHEI**

Alzheimer's Association support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for caregivers of people living with dementia to:

- Develop a support system.
- Exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions.



**Women's Bible Study**  
**Tuesday**  
**10:00am or 7:00pm**



## Our Vision

**God**

**People**



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

**Laugh Often  
and  
Fear Not!**





**Happy Birthday!!!**

Jean Athens – May 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Greg Darling – May 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Carole Paul – May 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Sasha Wherry – May 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Heather Chance – May 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Susan Pallishusky – May 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Doug Ramseth – May 7<sup>th</sup>

## This Week's Events

### Sun., May 4

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, SC  
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, SC  
 4:00 p.m. Youth Group, FH  
 5:00 p.m. Spring Fling Event

### Mon., May 5

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

### Tues., May 6

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
 11:30 a.m. Divine Dealing, 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., May 7

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study, FH  
 2:30 p.m. Fuller Group, CH  
 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir, CH  
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH  
 7:00 p.m. Choir, SC

### Thurs., May 8

11:30 a.m. Arthritis Solution Seminar, FH  
 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., May 9

2:00 p.m. Knitting, FH

### Sat., May 10

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

- Charleen Grime
- The Grimes Family
- Andre Grindstaff
- Kay Groff
- Sally Hahn
- The Harper Family
- The Haruthunian Family
- Roberta Hatfield

## Our World

- People of South Korea
- Catholic Conclave
- India/Pakistan tension

## Our Nation

- Oklahoma Flooding
- Economic Stability
- REAL ID transition

## Our City

- CCSD budget
- Road Closures
- Homeless population

## Our Churches

1. Canyon Ridge Christian Church
2. Foundation Christian Center
3. Lamb of God Lutheran Church

## Our Congregation

Minnie Byers, Joanne Reason

- Elders: Jeff Patterson
- Deacons: Lisa Conry,  
Melody Edwards-Becker

Other Prayer Concerns...

Sympathy to the family of Pat Ernst

