



## When the Soul Meets the Savior

There's a hymn we've all sung. Maybe even with tears in our eyes. Maybe with trembling in our voice. It's a hymn we will sing this Sunday.

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll...  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say—  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Horatio Spafford didn't write those words from a mountain of joy but from the valley of unimaginable grief.

A successful lawyer in Chicago, Spafford lost everything in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Then, in 1873, he sent his wife and four daughters ahead to Europe while he tied up business at home. Their ship collided with another vessel and sank. All four daughters perished. Only his wife survived.

When Horatio sailed across the Atlantic to meet his grieving wife, the ship's captain told him when they were passing over the spot where the wreck had occurred. It was there—on those very waters—that he penned the words: "It is well with my soul."

Not because everything was well. But in spite of it.

This Sunday, we begin a new sermon series called "Encounters After the Empty Tomb." We'll meet real people in the raw aftermath of the Resurrection—people like Mary Magdalene, who stood weeping outside the tomb.

Like Spafford, Mary had lost everything.

And yet...

Something—or someone—shifted her grief into purpose, her sobbing into shouting, and her sorrow into a new kind of song.

I won't give away the whole story just yet. But let's just say this: Sometimes the deepest peace isn't found in the absence of pain, but in the presence of the risen Savior who calls us by name.

Whether you're riding life's river of peace or caught in the sea billows of sorrow, I want to invite you to come this Sunday.

Something beautiful is stirring.  
Someone is calling.  
And it just might be your name He's speaking.  
Let your soul come find its song again.

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 – May 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-6:30pm

Grace Pres. Youth Group will join us!

### Children -

Child-care provided during services.

Sunday School May 18<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars – VBS will be held

June 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>

### U50s/adults.

Next meeting is May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

“Happy last week of school!”

CJK

## MVPC Book Club

Our group meets the last Friday of each month, at the Church, at 10:00 a.m. We enjoy reading a variety of books and getting together once a month to catch-up with each other and to discuss what we've read. Each month we discuss one book that we've selected as a group. We welcome any who are interested to join us! Here are the upcoming dates of our meetings and the books we'll be discussing.

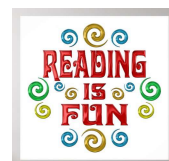
May 30th **The Briar Club** by Kate Quinn

June 27th **Five French Hens** by Judy Leigh

July 25th **Famous Last Words** by Gillian McAllister

*"A good book is a friend you can keep forever."*

*Happy Reading!*



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.

Pastor's Wed. Bible Study – last class May 21<sup>st</sup> before summer break.



Watch for Summer Supper Bible Study dates!

Tuesday – Men's & Women's Bible Study

Group Dinner – May 20, 2025

6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Watch for Summer Supper Bible Study dates!





## Healthy Living for the Brain and Body

Saturday, June 7

10:00am-12:00pm

Please join us for an education program presented by Alzheimer's Association's Community Educator Volunteer, Paula Anderson.

### Join us to learn about:

- The difference between Alzheimer's disease and dementia
- The heart-brain connection
- How certain behaviors affect our brains and bodies
- Strategies for healthy decision-making in different areas of our lives
- Alzheimer's Association resources

### Location

**Mountain View Presbyterian Church**  
8601 Del Webb Blvd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89134



Local Alzheimer's Association Office:  
7220 S. Cimarron Ste. 210, Las Vegas, NV 89113  
Office Phone: 702-248-2770  
24/7 Helpline: 1-800-272-3900

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## Women's Breakfast



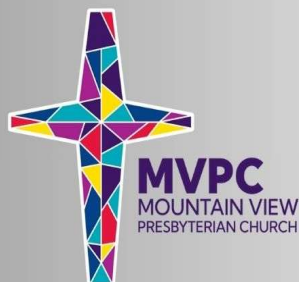
Devotion & Prayer: Janet Jones

Speaker: Alane Ehrhardt, MVPC Member

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

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

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



**VS.**



**CHILI COOK-OFF**

**June 1, 2025**

**4:30 - 6:30pm**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Sign-up in the Narthex**

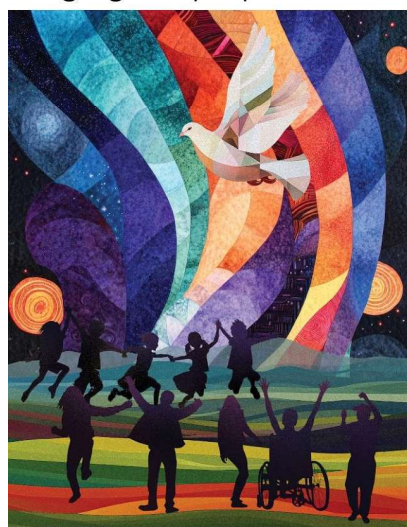


**PENTECOST**

**SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church – when God poured out the Holy Spirit upon those gathered to witness to God's mighty works in the languages of people all over the world.



MVPC will receive the **Pentecost Special Offering** on **June 8, 2025**. Special offering envelopes are available in the pews. 40% of the offering stays with MVPC and is used to support our upcoming Youth Mission trip.

**PENTECOS**  
2025

# *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

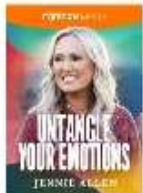
When was the last time you regarded your role as a mother as life-giving and fun?

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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for those going through  
separation or divorce

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



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**Immediate  
Need for All  
Blood Types.**



Anyone wishing to assist Ranchito Con Esperanza (Little Ranch of Hope orphanage in Mexico) with their recovery efforts following the recent arson fire, may send a check to:

LENAM  
PO Box 12  
McHenry, IL 60050

Lenam is an official 501(c)3 non-profit organization established to receive US donations for Ranchito Con Esperanza





# LOAFN Book and Gift Store



Interested in supporting our Youth?

The LOAFN Book and Gift Store is looking for Volunteers!

Great way to meet people.

Proceeds from the store support Christian Education programs and Youth Mission trips. The store is open on Sunday after both services. Volunteer for one or two Sundays a month.

Email Chris Kirschman, Dir. of Family Ministry at [Chris@mviewpc.org](mailto:Chris@mviewpc.org) if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions.



**Good  
Bye!**

**MVPC is saying goodbye to  
two wonderful Volunteers!**



Deane Richardson has moved to San Antonio, TX. You probably recognize her face from the Bean Redeemed Coffee Shop!



Lisa Conry is also moving to San Antonio, TX at the end of May. Lisa has been active in the Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, LOAFN Book and Gift Store and Christian Education

Thank you, Deane and Lisa. We will miss seeing your smiling faces! We appreciate your dedication and service to your MVPC family.

If you are interested in volunteering in the Coffee Shop or Book/Gift Shop, email [Chris@mviewpc.org](mailto:Chris@mviewpc.org).

**THANK  
YOU!**

## Our Vision

**LOVE**  
God

**LOVE**  
People

**KNOW**  
God

**KNOW**  
People

**SERVE**  
God

**SERVE**  
People

**It's what we do!**

**LAUGH OFTEN  
& FEAR NOT!**



Patti Buck – May 18  
 Deane Richardson – May 18  
 Mark Washburn – May 18  
 Miriam Malfara – May 19  
 David Matawitz – May 20  
 John D'Amore – May 23  
 Millie Taylor – May 23



Wayne & Patti Buck – May 18  
 Leisha Crawford & Mark Notte – May 21

## This Week's Events

### Sun., May 18

8:00 a.m.  
 8:30 a.m.  
 10:30 a.m.  
 1:00 p.m.  
 1:00 p.m.  
 4:30 p.m.  
 4:30 p.m.

### **Graduation Sunday**

Blood Drive, CH  
 Traditional Worship, SC  
 Contemporary Worship, SC  
 U50's, Mark  
 Grace Presbyterian Church, SC  
 Latour Voice Recital, SC  
 Youth Group, FH

### Mon., May 19

9:00 a.m.  
 10:00 a.m.  
 6:00 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.

Quilters, FH  
 Staff Meeting, CH  
 Divorce Care, Esther  
 Gamblers Anon., CH

### Tues., May 20

11:30 a.m.  
 5:30 p.m.  
 6:00 p.m.

Divine Dealing, FH  
 Narcotics Anon., CH  
 Bible Study Dinner, FH

### Wed., May 21

9:00 a.m.  
 10:00 a.m.  
 3:00 p.m.  
 5:00 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.

Dorway Practice, SC  
 Pastor's Bible Study, FH  
 VBS Meeting, Mark  
 Bell Choir, CH  
 AA Meeting, FH  
 Choir, SC

### Thurs., May 22

4:30 p.m.  
 5:00 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.

Stephen Ministry, Mark  
 Redeemed Worship Rehearsal, SC  
 Al Anon Meeting, FH

### Fri., May 23

2:00 p.m.

Knitting, FH

### Sat., May 24

5:00 p.m.

AA Meeting, FH





# LET THE PEOPLE PRAY

Pray without Ceasing. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

## Our Members

- Elaine Irwin
- Jamie Jackson
- Ken & Grace Johnson
- Larry & Ginni Johnson
- Andie Jones
- Betty Jones
- Janet Jones
- Bill Judy

## Our World

- Ukraine/Russia Talks
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Pope Leo XIV

## Our Nation

- Nissan Layoffs
- Mental Health Awareness Month
- Mid-Atlantic Flooding

## Our City

- Graduation season
- Honor Flight–Southern NV Veterans
- LV Animal Shelter

## Our Churches

1. Sin City Church
2. God's Plan Christian Fellowship
3. Joy of Life Christian Cathedral

## Our Congregation

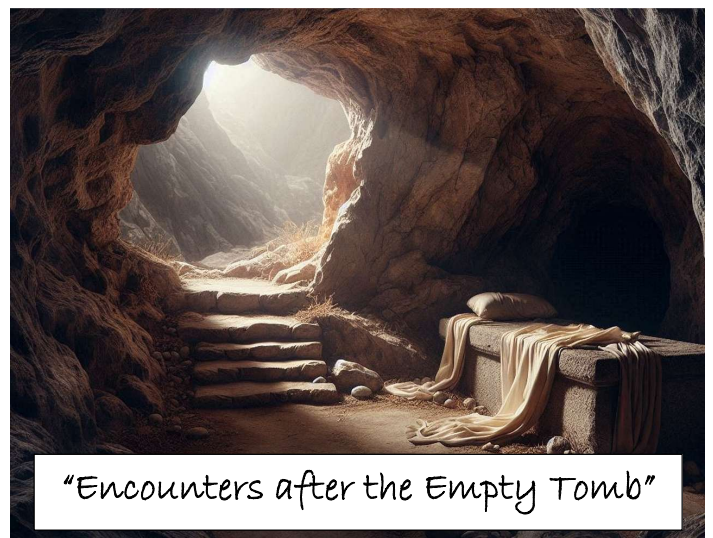
Minnie Byers, Joanne Reason

- Elders: Dwight Rickard
- Deacons: Sandy Gandy, Allison Gray

Other Prayer Concerns...



Messenger articles and Sunday announcement requests are due in the Church Office by **Noon** on **Wednesday** each week. Thank you for your cooperation!



"Encounters after the Empty Tomb"