



“Blessed Are the Doubters”

Most people know him as Doubting Thomas.
The disciple who just couldn't believe unless he saw it for himself.

Poor guy. One honest moment and he gets branded for eternity.

But what if Thomas wasn't the failure we've made him out to be?
What if he's the prototype of authentic faith?

This week in our series Encounters After the Empty Tomb, we journey with Thomas—one of the most beautifully human figures in the resurrection story. When Jesus first appears to the disciples, Thomas isn't there. He missed the moment. And when the others tell him, “We've seen the Lord!” he replies, “Unless I see the nail marks... I will not believe.”

Sound harsh? Or does it sound like you and me on our hardest days?

The good news is this: Jesus doesn't scold Thomas. He doesn't roll His eyes.
He shows up. Specifically, for him.

Dale Bruner reminds us, “Jesus doesn't confront doubt with dogma. He confronts it with scars.”

And Max Lucado writes, “God doesn't dismiss your doubt. He welcomes your honesty and gives you His presence.”

Eight days later, Jesus walks through a locked door and offers Thomas exactly what he asked for:

“Put your finger here... see my hands... stop doubting and believe.”

What happens next is stunning. The doubter becomes the declarer.
Thomas confesses: “My Lord and my God!”
It's the highest Christological statement in the entire Gospel.

Jesus ends the encounter with a blessing not just for Thomas—but for us:
“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

That's you. That's me. That's all of us who hold belief and doubt in the same hand.

This Sunday, bring your faith. Bring your questions. Bring your doubt.

Jesus isn't afraid of it.
He'll walk through walls to meet you.

See you Sunday!
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 25th at 4:30 p.m.

Children -

Child-care provided during services. Sunday School May 25th.

VBS is June 10th -13th register at www.mviewpc.org.

U50s/adults.

Next meeting is May 25th at 1:30 p.m.

Happy Memorial Day!

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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.



Our office is CLOSED
in observance of
Memorial Day

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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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!



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.



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CHILI COOK-OFF

June 1, 2025

4:30 - 6:30pm

Fellowship Hall

Sign-up in the Narthex

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 5th 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 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!



*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)**



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 if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions.



Thank you to the 25 individuals who donated blood this past Sunday (16 MVPC members and 9 from the community). We appreciate each of you giving the gift of life!





Our Vision

LOVE
God

LOVE
People

KNOW
God

KNOW
People

SERVE
God

SERVE
People

It's What We Do!



**Laugh Often
and
Fear Not!**



Anne Lawton – May 24th
 Jim Camburn – May 25th
 Glenn Latta – May 26th
 Mari Pupanek – May 27th
 Marie Shelton – May 27th
 Yvonne Wayland – May 29th

This Week's Events

Sun., May 25

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, SC
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, SC
 1:00 p.m. Grace Presbyterian Church, SC
 1:30 p.m. U50's, Mark
 4:30 p.m. Youth Group, FH

Mon., May 26

6:00 p.m. **Memorial Day/Office Closed**
 7:00 p.m. Divorce Care, Esther
 Gamblers Anon., CH

Tues., May 27

10:00 a.m. Divine Dealing, FH
 5:30 p.m. Narcotics Anon., CH

Wed., May 28

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

Thurs., May 29

5:00 p.m. Redeemed Worship Rehearsal, SC
 7:00 p.m. AI Anon Meeting, FH

Fri., May 30

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

Sat., May 31

5:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH



Phil and Mari Pupanek – May 27th
 Rick and Megan Trenkler- May 28th

Divine Dealing
Tuesday's @ 10am*
***new time starting May 27th**




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

- Roberta Kadowaki
- Jerri Kay
- The Kirschman Family
- Karyn Klein
- The Klingenberg Family
- Marilyn Kopp
- Nancy Korten
- Verla Kramer

Our World

- People of Serbia
- Ukraine peace talks
- Iran nuclear talks

Our Nation

- Midwest severe weather
- New Orleans Sheriff
- U.S. House of Representatives

Our City

- Summer Weather
- Homeless population
- Animal Shelters

Our Churches

1. St. Matthew Baptist Church
2. Valley Vegas Church
3. Family Worship Center

Our Congregation

Minnie Byers, Joanne Reason

- Elders: Connie Petersen
- Deacons: Anya Fontes,
Ron Forret

Other Prayer Concerns...

