

# Weekly Messenger 07-18-2025



Over the last couple of weeks, my family and I have driven across the desert. It is desolate in many places for sure. But there is a mysterious beauty and life to it. I found myself thinking, how do these plants survive and kinda thrive in these conditions? And then it hit me, like the heat does at 114 degrees as you get out of your air conditioned car...God provides in amazing and sometimes unseen ways for these plants.

It reminds me of a great 90's Worship chorus called..."God Will Make a Way" by Don Moen. Here are the lyrics.

Oh, God will make a way  
Where there seems to be no way  
He works in ways we cannot see  
He will make a way for me  
He will be my guide  
Hold me closely to His side  
With love and strength for each new day  
He will make a way, He will make a way

By a roadway in the wilderness, He'll lead me  
Rivers in the desert will I see  
Heaven and earth will fade but His Word will still remain  
And He will do something new today!

Does life feel like a desert for you? Maybe you feel deserted! Is there a situation in your life that you have no idea what's going to happen or how you will make it through? I feel that way about a couple of things too. And yet friends, I know that God will make a way, where there seems to be no way. He can make rivers in our desert. (ISAIAH 43:19) He will provide for us. God will do the miraculous. And God promises to never leave us or forsake us. Hallelujah!

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday as we take a look at Jesus doing a miracle of provision.

Love, Chris



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

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# Family Ministry News

## Youth Group –

Youth Group July 20<sup>th</sup> Pool party. More details with Chris.



## Children -

Child-care provided during services.  
Sunday School @ 10:30am – July 20<sup>th</sup>

## U50s/adults.

Next meeting is July 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

Splish Splash!  
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



### Summer Supper Bible Study

*Mark  
your  
Calendar*

**July 22, 2025  
August 26, 2025**

**Tuesday Night  
6:00pm - 7:30pm  
for all dates  
Fellowship Hall**

Come enjoy dinner and Bible Study!  
Stay tuned for additional information.



Come  
join us!

Shuffle gone wrong?

### Divine Dealing Tuesday's @ 10am

All are welcome, bring a friend.



# June 2025 Session Meetings Highlights

Our industrious Deacons are already working on projects for the fall and holidays. The Deacons are planning an outreach event for September 23 titled “Decluttering Strategies.” The Deacons are looking at marketing opportunities for more community participation in the annual Service of Solace scheduled for December 7.

Pastor David reported the services on Sunday, June 22, with the Rev. Jeanie Shaw from the Synod of the Pacific went very well. The Summer Supper Studies (sponsored by Men’s Ministry) kicks off on Tuesday, June 24, with subsequent events on Tuesday, July 22 and Tuesday, August 26. Sunday, June 29 will be themed “Baseball Sunday.” The Fuller Spiritual Formation Group held its second training session on June 20 and 21.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship) reported that the gifts presented to men at worship services on Father’s Day, June 15, were well received. The Commission is researching a new baptismal font that will remain in the front of the Sanctuary.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC) reported that the Dementia Support Group “Healthy Living for the Brain & Body” program on Saturday, June 7 had 22 attendees. The Pet Ministry will assemble pet care bags for the homeless on Sunday, June 29. The Project 150 Father’s Day collection of clothes and toiletries was very successful and the collected items have been delivered to Project 150. The new Family Promise facilities have a grand opening scheduled for August 21 with kitchen and pantry facilities being named for deceased MVPC member Ruth Anne Kendy.

The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation) reported that Vacation Bible School held on June 10-13 had 42 children attending, including families from Grace Presbyterian Church. The Youth Group mission trip to Loveland, Colorado is scheduled for the end of July with 5 senior youth and 2 counselors currently registered. Women’s Ministry sponsored a Technology Workshop on Tuesday, June 17, with 4 youth “tutors” helping to answer questions regarding cell phones and computer devices. A game (Bingo) and potluck night is scheduled for Sunday, July 13. Women’s Ministry will sponsor the Summer Pie-Palooza! on Tuesday, July 29 at 2:00 p.m.

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 to coincide with “Baseball Sunday.”

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). The Finance Committee chair Andrew Patterson presented the proposed 2025-2026 fiscal year budget, which Session approved. Elder Al Youmans reported that the improvements to the exterior lighting at the front of the building facing the corner of Del Webb Boulevard and Sungold Drive have been completed.

MVPC has entered into a contract with Dwyer Engineering to provide cost analysis for the proposed outdoor play area. A congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 29 between worship services for the purpose of approving the terms of call for Pastor David for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.



# *Session*



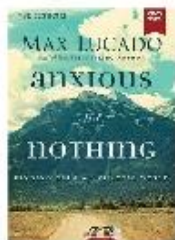


RightNow Media is a free service offered to MVPC/Guests/Friends. You will have exclusive access to hundreds of Bible studies and topical videos led by world-class teachers along with a multitude of Christian-based videos for your family to enjoy.

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!

### Anxious for Nothing

In this five-session video Bible study, Max Lucado explores God's promise in Philippians 4:4-8 and shows that while anxiety is part of life, it doesn't have to dominate life. As you follow God's prescription for worry – celebrate his goodness, ask for help, leave your concerns with him, meditate on good things – you will experience his peace. You can stop letting anxiety rule your day and find true calm and contentment in Christ.



### Hagar: Rediscovering the God Who Sees Me

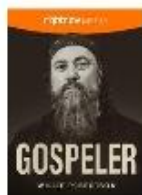
Have you ever been in a wilderness? Have you ever wondered, "God, do you see me?" We often relegate Hagar to the backstage as a minor character in God's redemptive story, but was she? Do you know how her story ends? Rest assured that it does not end in despair. In fact, she emerges victorious! So strap on your sandals and grab a bottle of water. We're heading into the desert. Join award-winning Bible Teacher Shadia Hrichi on a journey into the wilderness where you will discover that when you surrender your life into God's hands, your trials and triumphs serve a magnificent purpose: to draw you into the arms of the faithful God Who Sees Me.



### Gospeler - Willie Robertson

#### Turning Darkness into Light One Conversation at a Time

When Jesus commissioned his disciples to go and make disciples, he invited all his followers—including us—to join his work in the world. As followers of Christ, we have the best news that everyone needs. But are we sharing it? In this six-session series, author and businessman Willie Robertson encourages us to embrace our identity as "gospelers," ready and able to share the good news of Jesus. We don't need to preach to share the gospel; we simply need to have meaningful conversations.



### Parables (Kids)

Join an exciting animated series where kids experience the powerful parables of Jesus! Watch as the wise builder's house stands firm in the storm, the lost sheep is joyfully found, and the Good Samaritan shows kindness to a stranger. Through engaging stories, colorful animation, and valuable life lessons, children will discover faith, love, and the power of doing what is right!

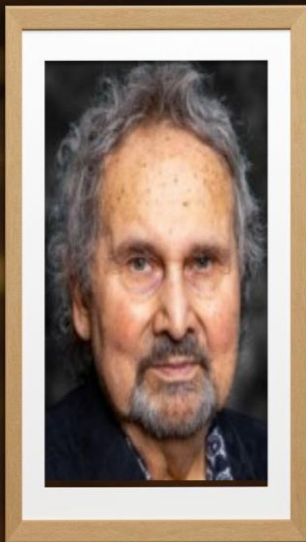


### Weird Stuff: New Testament

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.







**Kent Wyatt  
Memorial  
07-26-25  
2:00pm**



Reception immediately following.

*We are here  
to help!*

**DIVORCE** *Care*<sup>®</sup>  
for those going through  
separation or divorce

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



**Be a summer a Liturgist  
like Allison!**

**LOVE  
God**  
**LOVE  
People**  
**KNOW  
God**  
**KNOW  
People**  
**SERVE  
God**  
**SERVE  
People**



In Jesus Christ we are forgiven...  
woohoo!

**Interested in serving as a Liturgist?  
See Tami Samek at the Welcome Center for  
details or email [Tami@mviewpc.org](mailto:Tami@mviewpc.org).**

## ***MVPC Book Club***

Our group meets on the last Friday of the month, in the Chapel, at the Church, at 10:00 a.m. We share a common love of books and enjoy getting together to discuss what we've been reading. Together we choose the book that we'll discuss for each monthly meeting. Here are the selections we'll be discussing when we get together these next few months.

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

***August 29 The Turtle House*** by Amanda Churchill

***September 26 The Frozen River*** by Ariel Lawhon

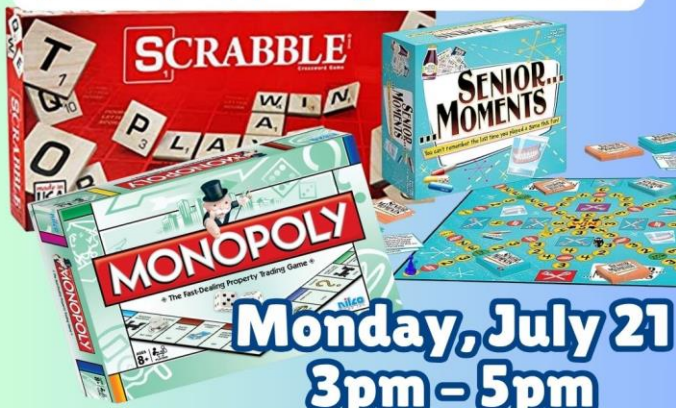
We welcome any who are interested to join us!  
"One benefit of summer was that each day we had  
more light to read by." Jeanette Walls  
*Happy Reading!*





## JUST US Game Afternoon

(Ministry supporting widows event)



**Monday, July 21**  
**3pm - 5pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**Frozen Yogurt Bar provided**  
**Sign up in Narthex**

**BYOG - Bring your own game;**  
**each table will choose one to play**



## Summer Pie-Palooza!

**Tuesday, July 29**

**2pm - 4pm**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Women's Ministry Event**

**All women invited, bring a friend!**

**Bring a summery sweet or savory pie to share and include a recipe card for your pie so others can take a picture of it.**



**MVPC Polo Shirts - \$30 ea**

**Men's & Women's**

**Limited Sizes & Quantity**

**First Come - First Served!**

*More in Stock*

Comfortable, classic polo, wrinkle and shrink resistance with MVPC logo embroidered on the chest. | 5-ounce, 65/35 poly/cotton pique Flat knit collar and cuffs Metal buttons with dyed-to-match plastic rims Double-needle armhole seams and hem. Side vents.

**Check them out at the LOAFN Book and Gift Shop!**

## Women's Breakfast



**July 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am**

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

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







**Ticket deadline extended to July 20th!**

**Sunday, October 12, 2025**  
**2:00pm at The Sphere**  
**Tickets: \$125 per person**

Deadline to purchase tickets is July 20, 2025  
 Contact Gary@mviewpc.org

Light lunch at MVPC at noon  
 Transportation available for 13  
 (first come, first served)

Church van and other vehicles leave the  
 MVPC parking lot at 12:30pm

You can still purchase tickets until July 20th!

We have a group of 27 signed up so far and will be securing an additional van to accommodate all wishing to participate. Sign-up in the Narthex and please make checks payable to MVPC.

\*Entrance to The Sphere will be near the elevator (ADA accessibility)



Meal Train for Sarah Pierson:  
<https://mealtrain.com/83qyz5>



Sarah is a member of MVPC and is dealing with a serious health issue. She will be having major surgery. Sarah has two adult children living with her, but they do not have any transportation.

Please lift Sarah up in prayer and if possible, help support the family for a couple of weeks with Meal Train gift cards and/or meals.

*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!**



Jill Thomson – Jul. 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Katherine Forte – Jul. 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Bob Lewis – Jul. 21<sup>st</sup>  
 John Wolosz – Jul. 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Jeanette Schillaci – Jul. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Tristan Vanderwerf – Jul. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Gaylin Frei – Jul. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Connie Petersen – Jul. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Grace Johnson – Jul. 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Joan Messineo – Jul. 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Nanette Moore – Jul. 25<sup>th</sup>  
 William Paul – Jul. 25<sup>th</sup>

## This Week's Events

### Sun., July 20

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

### Mon., July 21

9:00 a.m. Quilters, FH  
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, CH  
 3:00 p.m. Just Us Game Afternoon, FH  
 6:00 p.m. Divorce Care, Esther  
 7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anon., CH

### Tues., July 22

10:00 a.m. Divine Dealing, FH  
 5:30 p.m. Narcotics Anon., CH  
 6:00 p.m. Summer Supper Study, FH

### Wed., July 23

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

### Thurs., July 24

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

### Fri., July 25

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

### Sat., July 26

11:00 a.m. Fillmore Memorial Service, SC  
 2:00 p.m. Wyatt Memorial Service, SC  
 5:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH



James and Carol Letvin – Jul. 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Nathan and Bridgette Foster – Jul. 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Brad and Maria Harper – Jul. 22<sup>nd</sup>



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

- Dr. Ralph Pendleton
- Diane Penman
- Connie Petersen
- Wayne and Gail Petersen
- Bill and Beth Peterson
- Don Peterson
- Byron and Donna Peterson
- Richard Peterson

## Our World

- People of Iraq
- Israel/Syria Tension
- Bangladesh unrest

## Our Nation

- Gulf Coast flooding
- Louisiana Police
- Unemployment rate

## Our City

- Monsoon season
- Nevada SPCA
- Affordable Housing

## Our Churches

1. Mesquite United Methodist
2. Nehemiah Ministries Church
3. Mountain View Baptist Church

## Our Congregation

Norma DeVries, Rae Narcisse-Bryant,  
Sarah Pierson

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

## Other Prayer Concerns...

Sympathy to the family of Kent Wyatt  
Sympathy to the Family of Karalynne Schram

