

# Weekly Messenger 08-22-2025



## The Secret to a Rooted Life

Psalms 1 opens the Book of Psalms like a doorway with a welcome mat that reads: “*Blessed is the one...*” From the very beginning, it invites us into a life marked by fruitfulness, stability, and delight—not through performance, but through proximity to God’s Word.

The psalm paints two pictures. First, a tree. Strong. Flourishing. Planted by streams of water. This is the life nourished by Scripture. Second, chaff—dry, disposable, and driven by the wind. This is the life disconnected from the source.

Our world is filled with storms—circumstances that shake us, fears that uproot us, and pressures that expose our foundations. When we’re not anchored in something deeper, we’re easily toppled. We’ve seen it in high-profile failures, and perhaps we’ve felt it in our own lives.

Psalms 1 reminds us that our stability is directly tied to our source. When we *delight* in God’s Word—when we read not out of guilt but joy—we develop roots. We don’t just survive life’s seasons; we bear fruit through them.

But let’s be honest - “delight” doesn’t always describe our relationship with Scripture. Sometimes it feels like discipline. Duty. Even drudgery. The good news is that delight can grow. Just as taste buds mature, so can our spiritual appetite. The more we feast on God’s Word, the more we crave its nourishment.

This Sunday at MVPC, we’ll explore what it means to truly “read this way”—to engage the Bible not as a textbook or a rulebook, but as the living Word of a loving God. A God who invites us to sink our roots deep into His truth so we can stand tall in a toppling world.

Whether you’re a seasoned Bible reader or haven’t cracked it open in a while, this message is for you. Come and be reminded:

***God’s Word isn’t meant to be skimmed. It’s meant to be savored.***

Let’s become trees, not chaff.

See you Sunday,  
Grace and peace,  
Laugh often and Fear not!

**Pastor David**



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

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# Family Ministry News

## Youth Group –

Youth Group August 24<sup>th</sup>. Bowling this week see Chris for more details

## Children -

Child-care provided during services.  
Sunday School @ 10:30am – Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>



## U50s/adults.

Next meeting is August 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.  
Going to Pinball Hall of Fame.



Happy back to school!!  
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



## July 2025 Session Meetings Highlights

The Deacons did not meet in July but are working on projects for the fall and holidays, including the “Decluttering Strategies” event in September 23 and the annual Service of Solace scheduled for December 7.

Pastor David noted that the Nevada Presbytery will have its fall meeting September 9-10 at Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe. Karla Canfield, Dian Ward, and Larua Martin are MVPC’s commissioners to the Nevada Presbytery for 2025. Pastor David will have study leave beginning July 30 to plan sermons through the remainder of the year. He is planning a sermon series on the Book of Acts. The Men’s and Women’s Bible Studies and Sunday School will concurrently study the Book of Acts.

The Magnify Commission (matters relating to worship) reported that the Chancel Choir is on summer break until September with soloists and small groups filling in for Sunday worship. The Commission is organizing the Christmas decorations for the Church using new storage containers.

The Serve Commission (serving others outside of MVPC) reported that Gary Wall will be attending a mission trip to Alaska July 30-August 9, serving as a cook for 25 volunteers. The Commission sent \$2,000.00 to Presbyterian Disaster Relief earmarked for Texas flood relief. Family Promise will hold the grand opening ceremony for its new facility on September 30. The Commission will be sponsoring an outreach event called “Protecting Our Children” on October 5, focusing on reducing gun violence. The Commission is planning a fall event to support Project 150. The Men’s Ministry monthly Saturday breakfast raised \$1,200.00 in June and \$800.00 in July to support the Westminster Presbyterian Church food bank. Salvation Army food donations collected on the first Sunday of July were valued at approximately \$2,000.00. Collection on backpacks and school supplies for Olive Crest continues through Sunday, August 4. Thank you to the congregation for its generous support of so many worthwhile projects.

The Nurture Commission (taking care of our congregation) reported that the Christmas in July game night on July 13 was great fun. The Just for Us afternoon game event on July 21 had 14 attendees. The Youth Group mission trip to Loveland, Colorado is scheduled for July 26 through August 2 with 5 senior youth and 2 counselors currently registered. They will assist in projects with Habitat for Humanity, a children’s day care and a food bank. Gary Wall did a great job leading the July 22 Summer Supper Bible Study. The final Summer Supper series event will be on August 26. 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 5th Sunday brunch will be Sunday, August 31.

Stewardship Commission (being good managers of time, talents, and treasures). Session approved the renewal of the maintenance contracts with Liberty Heating and Cooling for the HVAC systems and cooling tower (presented by Elder Al Youmans). The kitchen reverse osmosis system is malfunctioning and will be serviced.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.



# *Session*

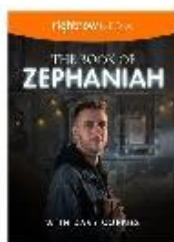




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It's easy to sign up, email Tami Samek, Ministry Coordinator at [Tami@mviewpc.org](mailto:Tami@mviewpc.org) and she will set you up and you can start accessing great Bible-based studies/videos today!

## The Book of Zephaniah



Idolatry is rife amongst God's people and the nations around them, and it's into this context that the prophet Zephaniah brings two clear messages: judgment and

restoration. Dave Cornes explores what it looks like for us, too, to repent and return to God, trusting Him to protect us through persecution and to purify us through right judgment. This five-part series will inspire you to rejoice as you look forward to ultimate restoration.

## Mending Lines

Welcome to the Grande Ronde River... almost. We invite you away to an intentional space to look deeper into something priceless but easily neglected in the perpetual pace of life: the relationship between child and father. In this series of Mending Lines, we join 3 father/son pairs looking back into their past to write a new chapter for their story ahead. Their central question of focus is one that we challenge you with as well: "what one next step is the God of restoration inviting us to take toward unfinished healing within our family?"

Be sure to check out the other *Mending Lines* series, which can be watched in any order:

- [Mending Lines: Series Two – Cycle Breakers](#)
- [Mending Lines: Series Three – Dads & Daughters](#)
- [Mending Lines: Series Four – Dads & Teen Sons](#)



## The Prayer Practice

Prayer is simply the medium through which we communicate and commune with God. The practice of prayer is learning to set aside dedicated time to intentionally be with God in order to become like him and partner with him in the world.



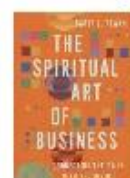
## Shadows of Scripture (Kids)

Ancient stories come to life through timeless, imagination-provoking shadow puppets, unveiling the enduring thread of God's promises. From creation to eternity, each episode reveals how faith, trust, and redemption weave together in the grand narrative of Scripture, ultimately pointing to Jesus and God's plan for redemption.



## The Spiritual Art of Business

We want the thousands of hours we will work over our lifetime to matter. But how do we know they're really significant? How do we go from being defined by what we do to having our work become an expression of who we are? There is not a quick fix but a progressive solution: it begins with surrendering our whole lives and then every moment of our lives to God. Retired executive Barry Rowan invites us to be transformed by God that he might transform the world through us as we begin to see our work as an extension. He says, "We don't derive meaning from our work; we bring meaning to our work." Relating his extensive past in high-ranking executive roles, Rowan beckons us into a connection with God that will infuse our lives, our offices, and our world with meaning. Discover how your daily work and business is chance to serve God by contributing to a better society.





# SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

**Saturday, September 13, 2025**

5:30pm van/carpool leaves from MVPC  
7:30pm showtime, Super Summer Theater  
(Spring Mtn Ranch State Park)

\$30 per person, with MVPC van (limited)

\$28 per person, no van (\$10 parking fee at gate)

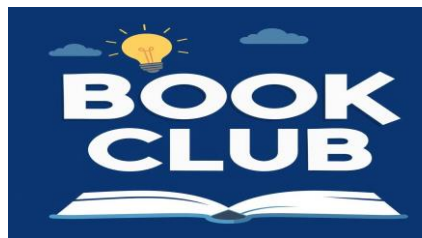
Register and pay (credit/debit) @ [mviewpc.org](http://mviewpc.org) by  
**DEADLINE Aug 22, 2025.** Select "Super Summer  
Theater" under MVPC Updates and News section.  
For questions, email Allison @[mviewpc.org](mailto:mviewpc.org).

## MVPC Book Club

Our group meets the last Friday of each month to enjoy our friendship, talk about books, and to discuss the book that we'd chosen for the month. We meet in the Chapel, at the Church, at 10:00 a.m. We welcome any who are interested to join us! Here are the books we've selected for the next few months.

**August 29<sup>th</sup>** *The Turtle House* by Amanda Churchill  
**September 26<sup>th</sup>** *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon  
**October 31<sup>st</sup>** *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah

"Reading irrigates the deserts of our lives." C.S. Lewis  
Happy Reading!



## Fellowship 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Brunch

**August 31, 2025**

Served after both services.

**LAUGH OFTEN  
& FEAR NOT!**

## Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday - daytime  
and evening classes**



**9:45am**

**or**

**7:00pm**

**Starting  
Sept. 9th**

**Same topic  
discussed.**

**Study Guide - \$10**

**Register in the  
Narthex on  
8/17 & 8/24 -  
study guides  
available for  
purchase!**





We are here  
to help!

# DIVORCE Care®

for those going through  
separation or divorce

## MVPC New Group Starts

Sept. 1, 2025

6:00 - 7:30pm

(Group meets from Sept. 1 to Nov. 24)



## Summer Supper Bible Study

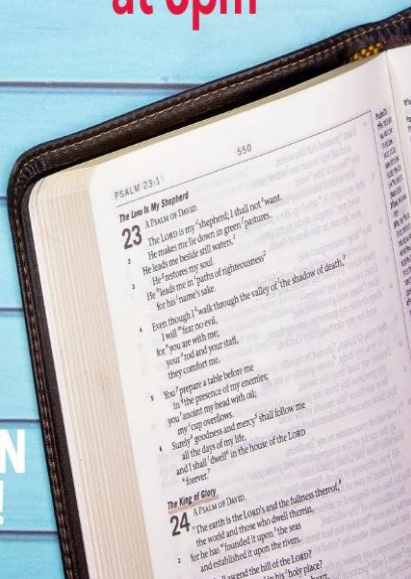
Last one for  
the Summer!

Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>

at 6pm



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& FEAR NOT!



# WE WILL BE CLOSED

# Labor DAY

Sept. 1, 2025





# STAY SAFE IN THE SUMMER HEAT



Back  
To  
School

## Our Vision

**LOVE**  
God

**LOVE**  
People

**KNOW**  
God

**KNOW**  
People

**SERVE**  
God

**SERVE**  
People

**It's what we do!**

**LAUGH OFTEN  
& FEAR NOT!**



Eliza Chance – Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Susan Daskocil – Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Cecilia Solario – Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Glen Moses – Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Goldie Asmo – Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Jeanie Christiansen – Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Lisa Conry – Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Chris Kirschman – Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Robert Langeliers – Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Bill Price – Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Dan Ruff – Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Nancy Amato – Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Jayde Fox - Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Elizabeth Jones – Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Nancy Thompson – Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>

## This Week's Events

### Sun., August 24

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, SC  
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, SC  
 1:00 p.m. Grace Presbyterian Church, SC  
 4:00 p.m. Youth Group, FH  
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, CH

### Mon., August 25

9:00 a.m. Quilters, FH  
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, CH  
 7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anon., CH

### Tues., August 26

9:00 a.m. Makeup Demonstration, FH  
 11:30 a.m. Divine Dealing, FH  
 5:30 p.m. Narcotics Anon., CH

### Wed., August 27

2:30 p.m. Fuller Small Group, Mark  
 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir, CH  
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH  
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, SC

### Thurs., August 28

5:00 p.m. Redeemed Worship Rehearsal, SC  
 6:30 p.m. Compassionate Friends, FH  
 7:00 p.m. Al Anon Meeting, Esther

### Fri., August 29

2:00 p.m. Knitting, FH

### Sat., August 30

5:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FH



Zach and Jean Athens – Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Daniel and Alane Ehrhardt – Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Ray and Katheryn Brannen – Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Tom and Jane Grimes – Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>

### Calling all Worshipers!

Redeemed Worship Praise Team is looking for additional vocalists.

If you are interested please reach out to  
 Bridgette Foster

[bridgette@mviewpc.org](mailto:bridgette@mviewpc.org)



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

- The Steiner Family
- The Stern Family
- Karen Stokes
- The Strong Family
- The Susich Family
- The Takier Family
- The Taylor Family
- Sue Teisinger

## Our World

- People of Uganda
- Ukraine War Peace talks
- Ecuador crime rates

## Our Nation

- Hurricane Erin
- Florida Shark Bites
- Puerto Rico Schools

## Our City

- Bicycle Safety
- Extreme Heat
- CCSD campus safety

## Our Churches

1. St. Martin's Anglican Church
2. New Jerusalem Center
3. Valley Baptist Church

## Our Congregation

Rae Narcisse-Bryant, Jerry Heiss,  
Ralph Pendleton, Sarah Pierson,  
Jerry Takier

- Elders: Chris Kirschman
- Deacons: Rick Trenkler,  
LaValle Vita

## Other Prayer Concerns...

Sympathy to the family of Karla Philippus  
Sympathy to the family of Carole Paramor  
Sympathy to the family of Susan Bear

