

MVCF

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Pastor's Pen

“Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.” -Deuteronomy 7:9

Since I last wrote a newsletter article in December, a few things have happened in my life...

- On Christmas Eve the roof of our enclosed patio got blown off in a strong wind storm.
- On New Year's Day heavy rains flooded our now unenclosed patio, and the flooding came into our living room and garage.
- One week into January I started feeling sick. I thought it was a regular cold. But I kept getting worse and worse, no over the counter remedies worked, and a few days later I wound up in the emergency room and was told I had a “big” pneumonia in my lungs.
- Since then I've been on a long, slow, road to recovery.

Joanna laughingly summarized this past month in this way recently: “What a year this month has been!

I hope you haven't had to deal with the things I have faced all in the span of a few short weeks. But I'm sure you have had to deal with other circumstances like this. Seasons of life where it feels like the wheels have come off the bus and everything is falling apart.

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Worship Schedule:

8:30am Sunday Adult	Sunday School
9:30am Sunday	Worship Service
10:00am Sunday	Children's Bible Adventure

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Times where so much is going on you are just waiting for the other shoe to drop and add more chaos and stress to your life.

Certainly it is not fun to go through seasons like this. But I have been reminded over and over of two things in these past few weeks: God is faithful, and God loves us. And the Israelites were reminded of these two things just before they went into to take possession of the promised land: “Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.” No matter what happens in our lives, God is always faithful. God always loves us. God is always there for us.

Now I think we can apply this truth in two ways when we face circumstances like this. First, we can try and find evidence of God’s faithfulness and love in the midst of the storm we are facing. We can find little bits of grace or relief God provided, and give thanks to God for his faithfulness and love. Sometimes, in a particularly difficult situation, we have to wait until afterwards and then we can go back and see God’s faithfulness in retrospect that we could not see in real time. But we can always look for evidence of God’s faithfulness and love in the midst of the storm.

But sometimes circumstances are so difficult and scary that you cannot find such evidence of God’s faithfulness. Sometimes mental health struggles cloud our ability to clearly see and experience God’s faithfulness and love. And sometimes something is so much of a crisis that we don’t have the luxury of taking time to look for evidence of God’s faithfulness and love. That leads us to the second way we can apply the truth of God’s faithfulness and love: we can trust and believe in God’s faithfulness and love even when we cannot see it or experience it.

This of course is hard to do. It is hard to believe in something we cannot see or feel. But trusting God in the dark, even without any light, is an important part of Christian discipleship. God is faithful and he loves us, no matter what our present experience is of that faithfulness and love. And declaring God’s faithfulness and love, even in the midst of the darkness and the storm, is an important part of persevering through the storm with the Lord.

If you are wondering how to begin trusting God’s faithfulness and love even when you cannot see it, take some time this month to read through the psalms. On multiple occasions the psalmists will begin by crying out to God. Help God, the bottom has fallen out of my life! Help God, everyone wants to kill me! Help God, my enemies are all around me! In those moments the psalmists certainly don’t see or experience God’s faithfulness and love. But, despite their circumstances, despite not being able to see or experience God in that moment, they **declare** *God’s faithfulness and love. But you God are faithful. But you God love your people. But you God are always present with me. By trusting in what they cannot see or experience in real time, their hearts are directed towards the Lord, and they receive strength to persevere through the storm. They receive wisdom to handle difficult situations. They grow in their trust that no matter what, God will provide for them.*

No matter what storms you may be facing, always remember that God is faithful and that God loves you. There will be times where you can see and experience God’s faithfulness and love in the midst of the storm. But there will be times where you can’t, and my prayer is that then, like the psalmists, you can declare God’s faithfulness and love in your life, and grow through the storm as you trust God more and more each day. That is my prayer for us as a church; that we trust God’s faithfulness and love, whether we can see it or not.

And I’m also praying that the roof of your house doesn’t get blown off, that your home isn’t flooded, and that you don’t get pneumonia!

Blessings,

Pastor Steve

February 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8:30am Adult Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service	2 Women's Bible Study	3 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Zoom Prayer Group	4 10am-1:00pm SM Food Pantry 7:00pm Youth Group	5	6	7 9:00am Prayer Meeting With Carl
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Small Groups:

Monday

1:00 p.m. Afternoon
Bible Study at MVCF

7:00 p.m. Women's
Bible Study at MVCF

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. Bible Study at
MVCF

6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Online

Wednesday

5:00 p.m. Picnic

7:00 p.m. Youth Group at
MVCF

Church Work Party
Every Fourth Saturday
of the month

8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
refreshment will be
provided.

For more contact:
Frank Romeo

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS



Happy Birthday

Carl & Marilyn Jensen	02/01
Tony & Susan DaVee	02/08
Aender & Jenn Perez Harris	02/14
Steven & Luisa Johnson	02/17



Jim Williamson	02/04
Bruce Kraft	02/15
Steve de Vos	02/15
Joanna de Vos	02/16
Mike Evans	02/16

Youth Group

We are looking forward to FUN in February!! Praying for good weather for Valentines Day Weekend. God's love is in the air. His Love shines upon us to reflect off us onto others!

We are learning so much about God and his commandments, psalms and wise Proverbs plus always praying for and with each other. Youths need prayer for getting through the hectic day of school than the many after school activities like: ROTC or Piano Lessons or Cheer or Drama Team or Basketball-Soccer-Softball practice and Performances or Proms or special Senior night(s) coming up etc. They seem to feel stressed out quite often and we try to give them a safe hour and half to de-stress. We relax in our festively lit room and pray. I have been teaching Leo and Eli how to pay pool: billiards. We challenge you to a game!

We are teaching the youths the 'Back to the God basics' similar to our first service of Feb. in our church as Pastor puts it: Genesis 101. Steve gets a lot of intelligent questions asked of him. The youth study science in school and evolution and asked how to measure God's time? Like going back to the beginning of time in Genesis- how does that correlate? We are in the works to get the Wifi up and running so we can watch more **BIBLE PROJECT VIDEO'S**.

The Youths (Kristina & Eli) and Terri took a field trip to Aztec Bowling Lanes last month. What a beautiful game room with tons to do besides bowling like ping pong and pool. We are happy we made the voyage with just us three as it started out with about 6 or 7. In the beginning: they were getting lots of gutter balls and it wasn't so fun. I heard, "I hate this game and I'm never going to play it again." Then they got better and better and even got a strike. Eli got another and was amazed as I got 6 strikes in 2 games and the highest score on the boards. Then as we were at Chili's sharing a Triple Dipper I heard, "That was really a fun time." I thank God that our church can be a safe place for children, teens, high school and young adults. Our Youth Group started with Briahana and Samuel more than 5 years ago!

The young adults have come full circle. We love that Briahana is angelically singing in our church on our worship team! Last week Nicole took a break so Tony and Briahana wowed us with their beautiful duet singing. We are blessed to have our young adults carrying on our children's Sunday Ministry! Thank you so much to Briahana, Matt & Geneva! God bless!

Terri Carver, Youth Group Leader



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Terri	5 /	X	X	- 4	6 /	7 -	4 5	Ⓟ -	8 -	1 5	
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*God is our refuge and strength,
 an ever-present help in trouble.
 Therefore we will not fear, though the
 earth give way
 and the mountains fall into the heart
 of the sea,
 though its waters roar and foam
 and the mountains quake with their
 surging.*

Psalm 46:1-3

Psalm 91

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

Surely he will save you
from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.
He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.
A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
You will only observe with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.

If you say, "The LORD is my refuge,"
and you make the Most High your dwelling,
no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.
For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;
they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
He will call on me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honor him.
With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation."

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Col. 3:12

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Council Members

Pastor	Steve de Vos
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Clerk	Joanna de Vos
Financial Secretary	Tony DaVee
Treasurer	June McCollough
Children's Ministry	Open
Youth Ministry	Terri Carver
Adult Ministry	Open
Stewardship	Frank Romeo
Fellowship	Jenny Fiori
Service	Open
Missions / Evangelism	Matt & Ellen Davis
Finance Ministry	Open
Worship	Hannah French

Sunday Schedule

Worship & Children's Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.

Nursery & Toddler Care is Available During Worship Service

Service will be live on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#)

Elders

Pastor /Elder.....	Steve de Vos
Administrative Elder	Tony DaVee
Elder.....	Carl Jensen

Staff

Administrative Assistant.....	Judy Yacob
Nursery Attendant.....	Hannah French