

Missions Message from Tarren Burch

Hello, Mountain Valley family! I am so excited to tell you about an opportunity that we have this spring. My parents and I will be visiting some NM natives living in a distant country. We will be departing this March to fly to a part of the world that garners some mixed responses: the Middle East, or the Arabian Gulf. This region of about ten countries is home to the heart of the Arab world and Islam, but with deeper roots to the ancient Biblical world. Not only are there ancient ties to the Old Testament with desert wanderings, but also more recent Christian roots as early as the first and second centuries, much earlier than the now predominant Islam. We will be spending time encouraging the long-term workers and praying over the cities and people that we visit, as well as seeking opportunities to share Jesus. We will also be asking intentional questions of the three-plus teams in the field to determine how MVC can partner with them in the Gospel. We would love to be able to build a long-term relationship with these workers through prayer, finance, time, and talents, including sending further teams to encourage and serve. Which leads to the larger reason we are going. I will be seeking the Father's guidance as I pursue further overseas work. We want to see if this is a place and team that I could join in serving for two years or longer. We would love your support through dedicated prayer. Some specific requests include:

- Prayer for the hearts of the people as we are visiting during Ramadan, a month of fasting for the Muslim people. They are seeking closeness with God. Pray that they would find it through Jesus.
- Pray for dreams and visions of Jesus that would lead to spiritual conversations and faith.
- Pray for health and travel mercies as this is a short trip.
- Finally, pray for protection from spiritual attacks for us, the teams we are visiting, and local believers. This time can be very dark and heavy.

When giving, please specify **WMT** on your check.

If you have questions about your spiritual walk or how to know how you can be saved, baptized, or join Mountain Valley Church as a partner, we would always love the opportunity to connect with you. Just stop by the Connection Center at any time and set up a meeting with one of our pastors.

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THE GOSPELS *and* ACTS

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Thank you for taking the time to worship with us at Mountain Valley Church! Like many areas of life, we know that we are all at different points along the journey in our walk with Christ. Our goal is to help people, no matter their location, become passionate followers of Jesus. This help will differ for each person, but ultimately, there is no greater help than pointing you to Jesus.

Gathering

We believe the greatest way we can help each person is to gather together around Jesus Christ. This gathering comes through responding to the Word of God and renewal from the Word of God and His people. It is with great gladness and gravity that we pursue the greatness of our great God.

Scattering

Though we are all at different locations on the journey, we believe that gathering as a body is not about consumption, but growth. We gather together to be edified so that no matter our location, we can scatter for the name of the LORD Jesus Christ.

Prepare: Text to read for Sunday, **February 22**

- Matthew 5:3-12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midweek at MVC - Wednesday, February 18

- Ignite Youth Group 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Sunday Café Night

Don't be a chicken and waffle over whether to come to Café Night or not on Sunday, **February 22**, at 5:00 pm.

On the menu: You guessed it! chicken and waffles.

Our Café Nights are also an excellent opportunity to invite others from our community. Bring a friend, coworker, or family member—there's no cost for the meal, just food ready and waiting for you.

If you have dietary restrictions, never fear! We have a group of "free eaters" (gluten-free, dairy-free, etc.), and we'd love to accommodate you. Just let Lisa know so we can plan accordingly by contacting her at Lisa@MountainValley.org.

MVCstudents: Spark

Join us on Sunday, **March 1**, from 5:30–7:30 pm at the Promersberger's house (25 Taft Road, Sandia Park)! This is a family night, so parents are invited—and younger siblings of MVC students are welcome too. Come ready for great food, lots of laughter, and time to connect with one another. It's a fun, relaxed way to wrap up the weekend—you won't want to miss it!

!!Please Note!!

The blue seat covers are reserved for the family and friends of those in wheelchairs or those who need assistance. Please do not add a chair in the empty space.

Seder Passover Dinner

Celebrating the Passover as Christians helps us recognize and appreciate our connection to four thousand years of Jewish history. More importantly, the Passover foreshadowed Jesus' sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, while our Passover service is based on the traditional Jewish observance, it has been adapted into a uniquely Christian celebration.

The Seder includes a full meal, and the program will take approximately two hours from start to finish. The Seder meal is a family-friendly event and includes activities specifically for the children, so bring the whole family! We will be observing this unique meal on Wednesday, **April 1** (appetizers at 5:30 pm and Seder to begin at 6 pm). The last day to reserve your seat is Sunday, **March 8**.

The cost is \$5, with a \$15 cap per family to offset the cost of the meat. Please sign up to bring one of the items and note whether it is cooked or uncooked. Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/SederDinner2026>

MENU

Appetizer: Matzo Ball Soup* and individual veggie cups

Dinner: Brisket, potato/sweet potato, California blend vegetables (broccoli, cauliflower, and carrot blend)

Dessert: Coconut macarons (coconut-free will be available) and ice cream*

Drinks: Water, coffee (decaffeinated also available)

*Please let Lisa know (info@MountainValley.org) if you are gluten-free or dairy-free so we can make the appropriate amounts of food.

We have a set number of seats, and we must have an accurate account of those attending.

NOTE: Please pay to reserve your seat at the Connection Center, as well as sign up to bring food.

MVCstudents Winter Retreat

Students! On **March 20-22**, we're heading to Hesperus Baptist Camp in Hesperus, CO, for an unforgettable weekend in the mountains! Pastor Chris often says, "Change of pace + change of place = change in perspective." That's exactly what this retreat is about. Stepping away from the normal routine can open our eyes to what God wants to do in our hearts.

Cost: \$75

Make plans now to join us – you won't want to miss it!

Vacation Bible School

MVC, we need your help! We're already looking ahead to VBS, **July 6-10!** Even though it's a few months away, now is the perfect time to start planning.

We are looking for help in the following areas:

1. Family Group Leaders
2. Pre VBS Prep Team
3. Childcare Teams
4. Safety Team
5. Art Market

If you'd like to serve, sign up at the Connection Center or talk with Karen Davisson.

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, you can easily share it with us using the Connection Card, through our website, or right in the MVC app— just look at the bottom of the front screen.