

## Still moving **FORWARD!** **FORWARD IN FREEDOM**

*The Lord has never stopped. The Lord does not let His people stop. He asks them to be faithful and continue His ministry. These are trying times. There are unknowns in all aspects of life, health, personal finances, global economics and we pray that this too shall pass, as it has for His faithful in the past.*



### **FREEDOM FROM FEAR**

We know that the Bible is full of faithful who had fear. David, Paul, the Disciples and even Jesus Christ. The Lord God is who all of these faithful followers turned to in time of fear. Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand". And David in his faith writes "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff (Psalm 23:4).

We can be free from fear because we can look to Christ.

### **FREEDOM TO BE ALONE**

It is in times like these that we realize humans are truly social beings. Now that we are practicing true social distancing, we realize that we like to be near other people. However, sometimes when we are alone, this is the time that we can reflect, pray, reevaluate relationships, and assess values. We see episodes of isolation many times in the Bible.

Jesus was sent alone to the desert to prove he could not be tempted by the devil.

Paul went to the desert after his conversion, in order to understand the Lord, not from the viewpoint of the world but from that of the Holy Spirit.

Moses and his people had to live through 10 plagues to free themselves from slavery and then spend 40 years in the wilderness. They wandered those 40 years trusting God would get them to the Promised Land. It was not easy but God's promises are often not.

We can be Free to be Alone because God has promised that He is always with us and we can trust in his plan.

### **FREEDOM TO CONNECT**

Despite our inability to be physically present, the Word of the Lord is always present.

We know that Paul was on house arrest for some time and out of this time comes descriptions of the hardships of the early church. He took this time to connect with people and continue to share God's Word. What if Paul had not used

this time to connect with other Christians? He also asked that they share the Word with others... "have this letter read to all the brothers" (1Thessalonians 5:27), "after this letter is read to you see it is also read in the church of Laodicea" (Colossians 4:16).

We can be Free to Connect with other Christians, giving hope and solace.

### **FREEDOM TO LOOK FORWARD**

These unprecedented times mean we are stretching out the capital campaign into the fall. We will wait until fall to talk about financial commitments but that does not mean we are canceling our campaign! This spring we will focus instead on carrying out God's mission for us in this unique time. We will not forget MVLC's future even as we turn our focus toward moving forward in the freedom of the Gospel in the age of COVID 19.

*Jeremiah 29:11 "Declares the Lord, for I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

### **Your Forward in Freedom Leadership Team**

Questions or concerns? Please contact our campaign director at [rlscherr@gmail.com](mailto:rlscherr@gmail.com)

GALATIANS 5:13 TELLS US THAT WE ARE FREE IN CHRIST! TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS.

# receive serve grow

**FREE TO RECEIVE** God's gifts, promised in His Word, and delivered through his church... even when "going to church" looks different than usual.

**FREE TO SERVE** our neighbors, our families, and a community in great need of material support, emotional support, and the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**FREE TO GROW** in the Word, in faith, in our reach, and in our understanding of what life looks like for us now and in the future.

**DEAR RISEN LORD** we praise your name. Allow each of us as family of Mountain View to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! We thank you for dying on the cross and rising on Easter morning. Help us to celebrate your ultimate victory over death, sin, and the devil! We praise you that we can still worship you on Sundays with the use of technology. Allow our pastors to preach and proclaim your word. We thank you for forgiving our sins. Be with all the medical people in the world who are taking care of those facing medical issues. Be with the national guard and our military who are helping with our current crisis. Bless all the mayors, governors, legislative bodies, and our president for making many critical decisions about the health and safety of our nation. Grant us peace, comfort, and reassurance during these uncertain times. All this is prayed in your holy name. Amen



## WAYS TO CONNECT

GOD'S MISSION WILL ALWAYS MOVE FORWARD, AND TOGETHER AS HIS CHURCH, SO WILL WE. We want to be sure that your needs are met; whether spiritual, physical or emotional. **LET'S CONNECT!!**

**WORSHIP WITH US** Worship live or watch a recording of either our traditional or contemporary service each week. For the link, go to our website and scroll down to the worship opportunities. Click on any of the links to go directly to the live streamed service. You do NOT need a Facebook account to watch!

**WWW.MVLCS.ORG**  
scroll down to **WORSHIP WITH US**  
click the service you want to watch

**RECEIVE PRAYER** Join a prayer chain, get on our prayer list, or have our team pray with you! Call or email, today.

**Contact DAVID BEVER**  
with your preferred email address  
at [LasVegasBever@cox.net](mailto:LasVegasBever@cox.net)

**BIBLE STUDY** There are lots of opportunities to study Scripture with your Mountain View community, virtually. Get instructions and contact info under **CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES** at the bottom of our home page.

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Scroll to the bottom of the page  
and click **CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES**

**MATERIAL SERVICES** We have collected food, toiletries, and other forms of assistance for those in need of help during this difficult time. They can be delivered directly to your doorstep. Contact Pastor Brad to share your needs.

**CONTACT PASTOR BRAD**  
at [WellikB@mvlcs.org](mailto:WellikB@mvlcs.org)

**HOMEBOUND** Many in our Mountain View family are in nursing homes or are homebound and cannot accept their usual visitors. They would love to receive cards and notes.

**CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE**  
at 702.360.8290

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