



The Valley Voice

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MVBC STAFF

Interim Pastor

Paul Damery

Worship Pastor

Seth Mason

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

Sunday School – 9:30 AM
Worship Service – 10:45 AM

Wednesday

TeamKids – 7:00 PM
SOX Youth Group – 7:00 PM
Adult Bible Study – 7:00 PM

A Message From Your Interim Pastor

News. What is newsworthy? Well, it seems almost everything is these days. I wonder what sort of news it would take to radically change your life? In the span of the last week I've heard all sorts of news and gossip – likely you have too – but for whatever reason, the news I've heard has really caused me to reconsider what I hold dear. A great uncle's passing, a shocking divorce, and a serious car accident on the street in front of my house have all served as personal reminders to me that life is short and that we must beware of taking anything for granted.

Two thousand years ago, radical news hit the street. Jesus was not in the tomb where His body had been put to rest! Talk about a big deal! What effect did this news have on the people living in Jerusalem at the time? Some tried to pass it off as a hoax (Matthew 28:11-15). Even the friends and disciples of Jesus wondered if perhaps the body of Christ had been stolen (John 20:2). As the day of the Resurrection passed, however, things began to change for the disciples. The events of the crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection were about as clear as mud for the disciples until they actually saw the risen Lord (Luke 24). At that point, things changed entirely for them. They went from great disappointment and skepticism to radical belief! Jesus was *really* alive! He had risen from the dead! The news of this Passover weekend would change them forever! Many gave up their careers, uprooted their families, and gave their lives solely for the cause of making the Good News of Jesus known.

I wonder what news would radically change the way you and your family do business? What would it take for your life to be oriented more fully around the purposes God has for the world? All I know is that we need more and more people who will take the message of Jesus into their world – their families, their friends, their workplaces, and even to the ends of the earth. This is a task that will not and cannot be performed entirely by paid clergy. The great commission mandate in Matthew 28:18-20 is to make disciples. We are constantly influencing people everywhere we go. We are making disciples. The question is, whose disciples are you making? Are we, the people of MVBC, influencing the world around us for Christ? Don't wait for an event of program to help you do this! You must step out of your fear and Go! Share the message of the Resurrection with a world that is desperate for answers! Get the news out... we have word to do!

For His Glory,
Paul

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Business Meeting

We will be having our monthly business meeting on the second Sunday of the month (4/13), rather than the first Sunday, due to the men's retreat. A pot-luck lunch will be held following the meeting, so please bring enough food to feed your own family.

Co-ed Softball!

If you are 16 years of age or older and enjoy softball, this is for you! Our church enters a co-ed team in the Baptist league on Tuesday nights during summer, and it's a great time! Please see Kim Hartman if you're interested. Cost is \$10.

TeamKids Update

Our TeamKids ministry will be taking a break over the summer. The last activities of the school year will occur on May 7th. Activities will resume in September with a new curriculum. More details will be available later.

Sympathies

Our sympathies go out to the family of Geneva Griffith. Geneva passed away on March 8th at the age of 92. Geneva served in a variety of roles for many years here at MVBC.

Small Group Bible Studies

Small groups continue to meet. If you're interested in participating in this ministry, contact John Stickley.

Pastor Search Committee

Our committee continues to seek God's will to find our new pastor. Please continue to keep them in prayer!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School is just around the corner!

Missouri Valley Baptist Church will hold our Vacation Bible School, "Outrigger Island: Living God's Unshakeable Truth" from July 30th to August 2nd this year. There is a lot of planning to be done before that time, so if you're interested in participating, please let Terri Matthews know soon!

This year's theme verse is Psalm 86:11, "Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name."

As we mentioned last month, statistics tell us that of all evangelistic programs Southern Baptist churches, Vacation Bible School is the most successful. Please be in prayer, both for the children we will have opportunities to share the gospel with, as well as teachers and others involved in making this event happen. Your help, either in prayer or through direct assistance in making VBS happen, is GREATLY appreciated!

TITHES & OFFERINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Missions Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
3/2	\$2,431.25	\$70.00	\$325.00
3/9	\$885.13	\$15.00	\$45.00
3/16	\$1,563.72	\$78.00	\$445.00
3/23	\$1,635.00	\$70.00	\$267.00
3/30	\$1,286.16	\$73.00	\$115.00

Missions offerings given in the months of January, February, March, and April go to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, supporting missionaries serving through the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominating Committee

Please pray for our nominating committee as they look to fill key service positions here at MVBC. Some positions need to be filled at our May business meeting, with others finalized by our June meeting. Members are Kim Hartman, Brent Matthews, Mike Pendleton, Judy Black, and Karen Birkinsha.

Budget Committee

On Sunday, April 20th, at 8:30 AM, the budget committee will meet to discuss next year's budget. A list of committee members will be available at church (too numerous to print here!).

Thanks!

Thanks to Shane, Jodi, and the youth from SYO for filling in for Paul while he was away! The skit and testimonies touched many hearts!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Lindsey Moran and Mike Partington on their engagement! Both are students at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Lindsey is the daughter of Jeff and Brenda Moran. Mike is from Fulton. Both are active in the MU Baptist Student Union ministry.

Thanks!

Thanks to the men for preparing a delicious Easter breakfast! About 50 people, in addition to cooks, attended!

Valley Food Kitchen

The Pre-K through 6th grade Sunday School classes will be serving at the Valley Food Kitchen on Wednesday, April 30th. If you would like to help, please see Ona Hartman. This is a great chance for kids and families to make a tangible difference in our community for Christ!

MEET OUR MEMBERS!



Irene Moore

After finishing her senior year at Benton High School, 18-year-old Irene plans to attend the Institute for Teen Evangelism to learn about Youth Ministry and Biblical Doctrine. While at ITE, she plans to gain tons of knowledge and a solid Biblical foundation! Irene became a follower of Christ in April 2006. She has been on two mission trips to the Dominican Republic, and is planning on going on the mission trip to Russia this summer. Irene loves the Girls' Bible Study; it allows her to grow in God and also in her relationships with the other girls.

Working at Michael's Arts and Craft store goes right along with Irene's hobbies of scrapbooking, jewelry-making, and card-making. She also enjoys basketball and volleyball, but considers herself "retired" from those sports, and enjoys reading (even the dictionary!), going on long walks, and playing the piano as well. Irene moved to St. Joseph from Parkville eight years ago.

One unique thing about Irene is her handwriting – it looks like it was done on a computer!

Jeff & Brenda are probably best described as "active and outdoorsy", as they both enjoy spending time working on and enjoying their acreage south of Rushville. Jeff loves hunting for mushrooms and turkey, and fishing, while Brenda enjoys cooking and spending time with their two grandchildren (Ashtyn and Bode). Jeff works as a sheet metal worker for Gloggnier Metal Fabricators, and Brenda serves as the Human Resources Director for Buchanan County.



Jeff & Brenda Moran

Jeff and Brenda were married at MVBC almost 30 years ago. Jeff grew up in the church, and serves as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, and coordinates our Adopt a Highway program. Brenda joined the church when they married, and now serves as Church Clerk, Nursery and Food Kitchen Coordinator, and assists with VBS every year. Both of their daughters (Mandi and Lindsey) were raised in the church.

Jeff & Brenda are proud of their faith, and thank God daily for the blessings they have received. They are also proud of the wonderful women of God that both of their daughters have become.

NURSERY SCHEDULES

<u>Week of...</u>	<u>Nursery (S.S.)</u>	<u>Nursery (Worship)</u>	<u>Nursery (Wed.)</u>
4/6	Jala Damery	Joyce Anders & Shirley Janecek	Brenda Moran
4/13	Kim Hartman	Josh & Angie Springs	Mona Parsons
4/20	Gwen Sampson	Jeff & Brenda Moran	Sheila Kovac
4/27	Brenda Moran	Jason & Mandi Griffin	Mary Rogers
5/4	Jala Damery	Kenny & Ona Hartman	Ona Hartman
5/11	Kim Hartman	Sheila Kovac & Rick Hartman	Kim Hartman



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Men's Retreat (Lakeshore Resort, Branson)	5 Men's Retreat (Lakeshore Resort, Branson)
6 Men's Retreat 9:30a – S.S. 10:45a – Worship 6:30p – Atchison Senior Home	7	8	9 7:00p – TeamKids 7:00p – SOX 7:00p – Bible Study	10 6:00p – Stickley SG 6:30p – Janecek SG	11	12
13 9:30a – S.S. 10:45a – Worship 12:00p – Bus. Mtg. / Carry-In Lunch	14	15	16 7:00p – TeamKids 7:00p – Bible Study	17 6:00p – Stickley SG 6:30p – Janecek SG	18	19
20 8:30a – Budget Committee 9:30a – S.S. 10:45a – Worship	21	22	23 7:00p – TeamKids 7:00p – SOX 7:00p – Bible Study	24 6:00p – Stickley SG 6:30p – Janecek SG	25	26
27 9:30a – S.S. 10:45a – Worship	28	29	30 7:00p – TeamKids 7:00p – SOX 7:00p – Bible Study	1 6:00p – Stickley SG 6:30p – Janecek SG	2	3