April 2021



Good News

Month

At-A-Glance

April 1

Maundy Thursday Drive -In Service 6pm 90.5FM

April 2

Good Friday
Stations of the
Cross/Prayer in
the Sanctuary
10am-7pm

April 4

Easter Sunrise Service 7am

Traditional Service 11am

April 5

Office Closed

April 11

Fellowship Zoom 12pm

April 14

Taizé 7:30pm

April 18

Outdoor Service 11am



MAUNDY THURSDAY DRIVE-IN SERVICE 6PM

STATIONS OF THE GROSS/PRAYER IN SANGTUARY 10AM-7PM

OUTDOOR EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 7AM

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OUTDOOR EASTER SERVICE HAM

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Pandemic Fingers

It began right as the February Session meeting was winding down. I was sitting in my pandemic office, normally known as the kitchen table, when my wife comes into the room with a look of sheer terror upon her face. She whispered, "Are you almost done? You are going to be so mad at what I have done." I played it cool on Zoom for the next 5 minutes in front of our Session, but my mind was consumed with this disturbing tease. What had Braegan done, and why would it reduce me to madness?

After the closing prayer, I quickly left the Zoom room and made my way to the backyard, fearful and curious about what I would find. "What happened?" I asked. "Well, you know it involved the dog..." My wife replied. I figured. Our dog, a wonderful specimen of God's creation, is what you might call rambunctious, and he will put anything, ANYTHING in his mouth that he can clasp with those canines. On this warm, February afternoon it was a large acorn, and rather than allow him to digest this treasure, Braegan extracted said acorn in name of canine constitution and proceeded to fling that acorn into the conclave of azalea bushes that litter our backyard. "As I threw the acorn, I saw the bling as it flew off my finger..." She recounted in horror. Braegan saved the dog's bowels but lost her engagement ring and her wedding band.

Because her initial proclamation had leveled so many horrors in my head, I was actually relieved she'd only lost the mere symbol of our love. It was Sunday afternoon, during a pandemic, what else did I have to do? Let's go on a treasure hunt! And that's what we did... for the next several hours we sifted through fallen leaves and other debris. I even pulled out the metal detector from the basement- a Christmas gift from 15 years ago that honestly

had never gotten a proper use. Here was its chance. Alas, though, there was no beeping and there was no bling. Braegan worried that a squirrel would mistake it for a nut.

Thankfully, we did what any other child of the tech age does when they get into a pickle. We Googled "Ring Finder Atlanta" and sure enough, such a person exists. We called him on the phone, "If it's there I'll find it." He confidently declared. "I charge \$40 to come out, and if I find it, I let you name the finder's fee." "That's a deal." I exclaimed. He came out two days later, found the ring in 10 minutes, and talked for the next 60. If you ever lose a ring and want to hear stories of going on the road with Willie Nelson, I've got your guy.

After our eccentric ring finder left, Braegan sheepishly said, "I think it's past time I got these rings resized." I am not going to tell you what I replied. After delivering the elbow to my stomach, she wondered, "I don't know why it doesn't fit when it fit 10 years ago."

The jeweler knew the answer. After we shared our story, she remarked what they are seeing throughout the industry, "We've noticed it for the last 30-40 years. Our fingers are slimming down. We think it's due to how much we use our fingers tickling keyboards and sending texts."

That's when it made sense. This has been our life for the past year and even beyond. But especially this year. Our fingers have been our gateway to the outside world. Our fingers have been what has connected us as the body of Christ. They have crafted prayers, assured loved ones we were okay, lamented with loved ones in their grief. Our fingers have had to work tirelessly while the rest of us remained distant. No wonder they slimmed down

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this past year while we Googled new baking recipes. They facilitated the comfort we desperately sought.

I would invite you to look down at those 10 digits and offer them a bit of gratitude. Perhaps a soothing moment under warm, running water, or dig them into gentle sand. Let them know that we recognize they have been our frontline to feeling human, and that through their work we have drawn closer to the *imago dei*, the image of God, and that's worth more than any bling.

Grace and Peace,

Barrett

Summary of the Stated Meeting of the Session Sunday, March 21, 2021

Rev. Abernethy called the meeting to order and opened with prayer at 1:35 pm. The Session continues to meet using Zoom video conferencing. All but one elder was present along with both pastors.

Announcements/Reminders:

The church's ministry teams soon will begin updating their Descriptions of Duties and Responsibilities. Beginning with the April Session Meeting, we will begin a monthly review of the description of responsibilities for each ministry team with the purpose of 1) making sure Session members are familiar with the work of the various ministry teams and 2) updating the ministry team "job descriptions." Each ministry team will get feedback from the Session and will use this information as they work on the updates.

There will be a called Session meeting on April 18th at 10:30 for the purpose of receiving new members.

Committee Reports and Business:

Various ministry teams gave reports including Christian Education which announced the start of the new children's curriculum, *Godly Play*, that takes place during the outdoor worship services. The children gather on the patio with adult leader, Braegan Abernethy.

The Finance/Administration ministry team announced that February giving was on track compared to February giving in recent years.

The Outreach ministry team reported that gifts to the COVID Pandemic Fund through the Foundation are down right now but expected to pick-up in the coming months. The New Church Development Commission (NCDC) is one of our ministry partners receiving funds from our COVID Fund. NCDC reports that 100 families have been supported through the efforts of MVPC.

The Witness Ministry Team is designing and purchasing additional signage to make the community aware of Easter services. The staff is exploring additional ways of sharing our services online to an even broader range of people.

The Youth Ministry Team has mapped out a range of plans for youth activities through June.

The Session approved expansion of our worship services from the current limit of 125 participants to a maximum of 175 participants effective immediately. In addition, approval was given to set-up the 14 Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary on Good Friday.

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Attendees will be able to walk through the stations with staff supervision in a "non-touch" worship opportunity. Social distancing and masks will be required, of course.

Family Promise was approved by Session to use the MVPC campus for the usual two weeks this summer which will be staffed by MVPC and B'Nai Torah, plus an additional week that will be staffed by members of another church. Beginning in August, Family Promise is scheduled to resume its normal rotation among various churches.

Finally, the Session discussed use of our campus by various outside groups. The following decisions were made: 1) MVPC church groups may expand from the current 15 to 25 participants continuing to follow already established safety precautions, 2) allow Alcoholics Anonymous to meet outdoors on our campus, and 3) have staff explore liability issues related to use of the campus by outside groups, especially related to use of indoor spaces.

Rev. Toney-Schmitt announced that his wife, Christina, is now working for the New Church Development Commission in the role of Development Director.

Rev. Abernethy has had discussions with Columbia Seminary regarding the possibilities of hosting an intern as early as this summer or fall.

April outdoor worship services will be on April 4th (Easter) and April 18th. The Worship Ministry Team is considering the possibility of expanding the number of outdoor services beginning in May.

Rev. Abernethy closed the meeting with prayer.

The Session will continue to conduct business using Zoom video conferencing. The next meeting will be on April 18th and will begin at 1:00 pm.

Children's Ministry

Our children's ministry at MVPC continues to gather digitally and in -person. See the many ways we've gathered this month, as well as the activities on the horizon!

Each Monday we host a 20-25 minute Preschool Zoom Get Together of fun songs and Christian lessons. This past March we made prayer chains and added links each time we met! These get togethers are open to any young friend who would like to join and often brings together friends from across the country. Please invite your friends and relatives! You can contact the leader of this group, Carrie Southard (tkscns@bellsouth.net), to receive the Zoom link.

We had a lot going on this past March as we made art for our elder members, made sandwiches for Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, and kicked off our Godly Play ministry during the 11am worship service. Our 4th grade girls were a huge help in making Easter cards for our elder members, and our younger children got in on the artistic decoration as well. There are more cards to make in April, this time a bundle of Birthday cards for the International Women's Shelter.

We will host our next Godly Play Lesson on April 18 during the 11am outdoor worship. Godly Play lessons lead children through the Bible with interactive storytelling, wonder-based questions, and craft activities. To participate in these lessons, please register your family for the April 18 outdoor worship service and make a note on Signup Genius that your child will participate in Godly Play. All the children will sit with their family at the start of outdoor worship, then will leave for the picnic area beside the Fellowship Hall about 10 minutes into the service. Godly Play will wrap up when the outdoor service concludes. Please contact Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt (isaac@mvpchurch.org) or Carrie Southard (carriensouth@gmail.com) if you would like more information or would like to join!



Time to Sign-up for Small Groups!

Small groups begin Sunday, April 11th for those groups that will meet on Sundays, and Monday the 12th for the group meeting at Mount Vernon Towers. Sign-up before and after outdoor worship service on March 21st and March 28th or by emailing David Hill at david.hill321@comcast.net. A brochure describing the variety of topics offered is available at the outdoor worship services and in the *Happenings* that comes out every Thursday. The cost of study materials will vary by topic, ranging from no cost up to \$15. Those unable to pay will be provided a book.

Some groups will meet using Zoom while others will meet outdoors on the church campus where participants will socially distance and wear masks. The Towers group will meet indoors at the Towers and will be open only to those who have been fully vaccinated. The Towers group will be limited to six participants.

Rev. Toney-Schmitt will be leading a small group for young adults using the book, I Said This, You Heard That, a wonderful study about how to improve the way we communicate with one another.

Small groups provide participants opportunities for fellowship as well as learning how to apply Biblical principles in today's world. If you have a friend or neighbor who might be interested, small groups are a good way to introduce them to MVPC. Be sure to sign-up early since groups often fill up quickly. Those groups meeting outdoors on the campus are limited to 15 participants (including the group facilitator).

MVPC Small Group Studies for Spring 2021

Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully about Racism, written by Austin Seminary professor Carolyn Helsel. Group Facilitators: Gloria Gillespie & David Hill

The author draws on her experiences working with white congregations to offer tools that help us explore how churches can focus on the tough issue of racism. Christians have an important role in designing solutions to what Christ taught in Matthew 25: 31 –46 where he addresses Christian responses to "the least of these."

Six-week group **meeting outdoors on the MVPC campus** on Sundays at 5:00 beginning April 11th.

Cost of book - \$15

Always a Guest, Barbara Brown Taylor's book, explores faith in all its beauty and complexity. Taylor addresses the state of the world as her sermons examine the human experience. The group will study selected sermons.

Group Facilitator: Pat Davis

Five-week group beginning April 12th meeting on Monday's at 2:00 in Pat's condo at **Mount Vernon Towers.** The group is limited to six participants who have completed COVID-19 vaccinations by March 29. Masks are required.

Cost of book -\$10

Tea Time with Psalms: A Study of Psalms through The Serendipity Bible. The Serendipity Bible allows groups to focus their study on particular topics or parts of the Bible. Guided questions will be used to focus conversation and discussion around selected psalms. This study requires no advance preparation other than reading the chapter in your own Bible.

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Group Facilitator: Patricia Hibbard

Six-week group beginning April 11th meeting on Sundays from

4:00-5:00. The group will use Zoom for meetings.

No cost

Especially for Young Adults:

I Said This You Heard That, by Kathleen Edelman and Northpoint Ministries addresses how we communicate. This is a wonderful study based on Ephesians 4:29 — how we communicate affects Christian relationships with others. The study uses video and a workbook to help participants examine their temperament type. Knowing ourselves can help Christians build-up others.

Group Facilitator: Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

Six-week group beginning April 11th **meeting on Zoom**. Time to be announced.

Cost of book -\$15

Love Is the Way: Holding onto Hope in Troubling Times, by Bishop Michael Curry. The way of love is essential for addressing the seemingly insurmountable challenges facing the world today: poverty, racism, selfishness, deep ideological divisions, competing claims to speak for God. Walk the path of love with one of the warmest, most beloved spiritual leaders of our time, and learn how to put faith into action.

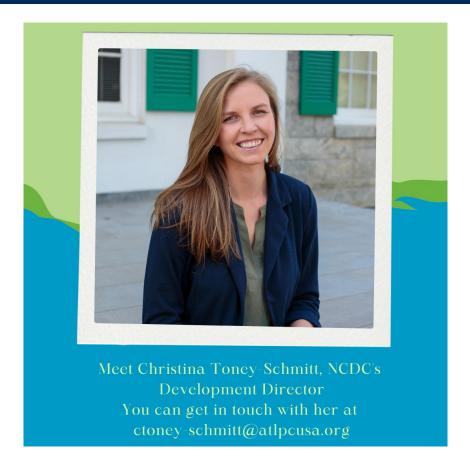
Group Facilitators: Carrie & Tim Southard

Five-week study beginning April 11th **Zoom meetings** from 5:00-6:00 on Sundays.

Cost of book - \$15



The Information Center is outside the Church office if you need Upper Room Devotionals (March-April) These Days Devotionals (April-June), the Good News, Stephen Ministry information, The MVPC Members' Gift of Wisdom, or Care Notes.



MVPC,

I have had the incredible opportunity to join the New Church Development Committee (NCDC) as their Director of Development. Throughout the Pandemic, Mount Vernon has supported NCDC's Covid Relief funds. I was excited to learn about Mount Vernon's connection to NCDC, and throughout my time with NCDC have learned even more about Mount Vernon's incredible generosity. I wanted to share with the Mount Vernon community that I am excited to be a part of this organization, and am grateful to be a part of the Mount Vernon community!

Warmly,

Christina Toney-Schmitt

Anyone who is interested in hosting a Zoom meeting, please contact Terri Clayton at

terri@mvpchurch.org.

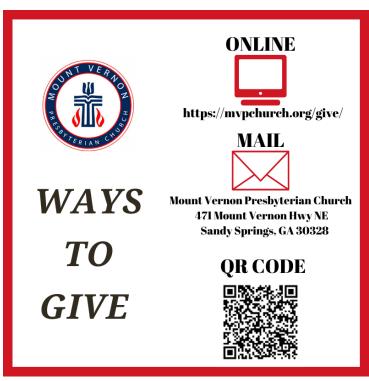


Sandwiches for the Homeless: Volunteers are needed to make sandwiches for sack lunches for Clifton Homeless Shelter on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Please contact Carol Beckman for more information.

If you would like to know how you can help, or if you need help during these unprecedented times, please visit our website at mvpchurch.org. If viewing online, click on the links below.







2021 Session Members and Ministry Teams

<u>Christian Education</u> Carrie Southard

Clerk of Session David Hill

Congregational Care
Joy Carden

<u>Fellowship</u> David Barclift

<u>Finance/</u>
<u>Administration/</u>
<u>Stewardship</u>
Charlie Gray
John Hibbard

Moderators
Rev. Barrett Abernethy
Rev. Isaac ToneySchmitt

<u>Outreach</u> Carol Beckman Brent Schwieger

<u>Personnel</u> Vacant (merged with FAMT for 2021 only)

<u>Senior Adults</u> Mary Kilgore

Stewardship Wit Truitt

Witness Angie Hawthorne

<u>Worship</u> Wendy Hagenau Dale Morine Amy Kiley

<u>Youth</u> Jon Barber Ben Barber



Sundays 3-5 pm
Thursdays 8-10 am
Appointment Only-Contact Barrett



Tuesdays 8-10 am
Wednesdays 12-2 pm
Appointment Only-Contact Isaac

The church office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pastors are available by appointment.





Youth GroupApril 11, 18, & 25—5 PM



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Facebook page
where we bring a
Mount Vernon
Moment each
weekday!

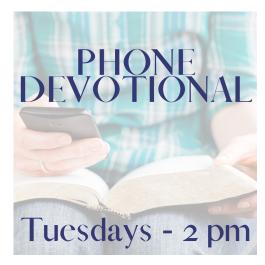


In place of Easter lilies this year we invite donations to the COVID fund in memory of a loved one or to honor someone special in our lives. Checks can be made out to The Mount Vernon Foundation, earmarked COVID fund or you can make a gift online here. Access the form online or by clicking here to list who you would like to make your gift in memory of.

We will continue our tradition of the flower cross at the two Easter services. Please bring a flower from your garden to help decorate the cross. We will have extras on hand if you forget.



April 14, 2021 7:30 pm Signup here!



Join us on Tuesdays at 2 pm for a phone devotional!

Dial 701-802-5094

Access Code: 5154569

Mar 18 - 24	Actual	Actual YTD	2021 Budget
Member Giving Pledge	\$10,115	\$155,514	\$438,290
Member Giving Non- Pledge	\$0	\$5,690	\$70,000
Non member giving & Loose offering	\$20	\$222	\$6,000
Total for week	\$10,135	\$161,426	\$514,290



The Day Circle will meet on April 13 and the Sunday Circle will meet on April 11. Pat Davis will teach Lesson 9: "Don't Fixate on What You Don't Have". The Book Circle will meet on April 9 and

review Ordinary Grace by William Krueger.

We will also be preparing Easter baskets for members who are not very mobile. We will fill each basket with treats and small personal items and deliver them by Easter.



The newly formatted **Winter Issue 2021, an MVPC PW Publication**, <u>THE MVPC MEMBERS' GIFT OF WISDOM</u>, is available! It can be viewed on the MVPC website and by a link in the Happenings. You can also pick up a printed version outside of the church office, at the Information Center. <u>If viewing online</u>, <u>click here.</u> You can expect the Spring/Summer Issue in early May.



Discovery
Sundays 10 am via Zoom
Preschool Zoom
Mondays 1 pm
Elementary Girls
Once a Month In-Person Outside

Welcome to the bit of poetry in the center of our Good News! As we move through the final days of Lent, into Holy Week, and onto Easter, let's turn to these two poems. The first, "Gethsemane," captures the isolation and loneliness of Jesus' final days, as well as the inevitability of our failures. Read this poem each day leading up to Easter. Our second, "Easter," calls us to the miracle of new life as we experience it in the body of Jesus Christ! Both experiences, the isolation and the miraculous celebration, rhythm our lives into the Easter season.

Peace,

Isaac

Gethsemane By Mary Oliver

The grass never sleeps.

Or the roses.

Nor does the lily have a secret eye that shuts until morning. Jesus said, wait with me. But the disciples slept. The cricket has such splendid fringe on its feet, and it sings, have you noticed, with its whole body, and heaven knows if it ever sleeps.

Jesus said, wait with me. And maybe the stars did, maybe the wind wound itself into a silver tree, and didn't move, maybe the lake far away, where once he walked as on a blue pavement,

lay still and waited, wild awake.

Oh the dear bodies, slumped and eye-shut, that could not keep that vigil, how they must have wept, so utterly human, knowing this too must be a part of the story.

Easter By Marie Howe

Two of the fingers on his right hand had been broken so when he poured back into that hand it surprised him – it hurt him at first.

And the whole body was too small. Imagine the sky trying to fit into a tunnel carved into a hill. He came into it two ways:

From the outside, as we step into a pair of pants.

And from the center – suddenly all at once.

Then he felt himself awake in the dark alone.

How our Covid Fund can help again:



Coming Soon! Los Niños Primero 2021 Summer Program

The Covid-19 Pandemic has adversely affected every single thing in our lives...jobs, housing, our health, as well as schools and classrooms. But just like the summer of 2020, the LNP Summer Program will...go...on! VIRTUALLY!

What does this mean for them? It means those IMPORTANT LNP **Backpacks** need to be stocked with age-appropriate materials and necessary school supplies because their learning must take place at home again this summer!

Last summer, through the generosity of our church in gifts to the Covid-19 Fund, we were able to make a sizeable donation to LNP to make sure those backpacks were well-stocked, and the children had everything they needed at home for academic success virtually.

Help us do that again this year! Please consider giving to the Covid-19 Fund.



A huge thank you to everyone who gave gas and grocery cards, who slept overnight, or who donated the things we needed to support our week for Family Promise.

The families are doing well and are enjoying the dinners that are being delivered. The grocery and gas cards are much appreciated by not only the families in the program but also for those who we help through this difficult time. Getting some help with essentials can make the difference between being able to pay the rent.

For those who have not had a chance to take our survey, here is the link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8W5RVZR
It would be so helpful if you could take 5 minutes to complete it.



2021 Meals with Meaning Virtual Fundraiser

Free Virtual Event!
Visit the link to signup.

There will be ways to donate and to take part in bidding on items in the auction.

Registration NOW open
Free Admission https://mwm2021.givesmart.com/
April 29th 6:00 PM

INTERNATIONAL Women's House

The April Communion Offering will be for

the International Women's House, a homeless shelter for refugee and immigrant women and their children who are the victims of domestic abuse. For more information on the shelter, please go

online to: internationalwomenshouse.org.

Most needed items include:

Paper towels, bathroom tissue, and Kleenex

Laundry and dish detergent

Non perishable foods (especially cereal and oatmeal)

Child friendly snacks (juice boxes, fruit cups, granola bars, etc.)

Diapers - all sizes

Women's and children's <u>new</u> underwear – all sizes
Donations may be brought to the in-person worship services in
April or dropped off in the bin outside the entrance to the office
at the church. Thank you for your generosity.



A Stephen Ministry relationship is only one of the many ways Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church is reaching out to those having a difficult time. But if you are experiencing grief without proper closure, pandemic fatigue (the mental toll of isolation and uncertainty), divorce, job loss, financial strain, moving, chronic illness, terminal diagnosis, unrelenting stress, or other difficult times and want a specially-trained, caring, encouraging, confidential, non-judgmental Christian companion to walk with you, please call us. This is a temporary relationship to see you through the difficulty. Contact Barrett, Isaac, or Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader, to sign up.

Please keep these individuals and their families in your prayers.

Pray for healing, strength, and a quick return home after a fall for Jeanne Gilliand's mother, Hazel Cofield.

Prayers for Mary Lea Woods' brother-in-law, Mike. He is having surgery for melanoma on his chest.

Prayers for healing this week for Britt, a friend of Amy Kiley, who is grieving.

Prayers for continued healing and relief from back pain and surgery for Bill Norman.

Prayers for successful radiation treatment for Julie Chesnutt.

Prayers for recovery and improvement for Corny Laube.

Prayers for Rylynn to walk independently.

Prayers for freedom from addiction for Rob Southard.

Prayers for the use of his left hand and arm for Kirk Pumphrey.

Prayers for strength and provision for vulnerable children, families and staff we support at schools and an orphanage in Zambia, with Los Niño's Primero, Community Assistance Center, and with Family Promise.

Prayers for financial stability and recovery for those who have lost employment or whose revenue is drastically reduced, and business owners who are trying to stay in business.

Prayers for health and peace for our children, parents, and teachers at school or college and for those who opt for homeschooling or a gap year navigating education during a pandemic.

Praise the Lord for three vaccines approved for Covid! Thank you Lord that we continue vaccinating our most vulnerable, and we have hope of normalcy in our future! Prayers for a hedge of protection around family, friends, church members, our elderly, health care workers, first responders, grocery store workers, and those who are most vulnerable. Lord heal our world and bring glory to your name!

Gratitude

Longtime member, John Green, passed away on February 8, 2021 at the age of 94 after a period of declining health. His legacy is there for us to see in his meticulous handiwork, and in the lesson, he leaves us about the sacred nature of doing a job well. There is a plaque across from the elevator in his honor for the appreciation of his time and talents he gave while a member at MVP Church. A celebration of John's life will be held in the summer 2021 in Mississippi.

Longtime member, Gloria Bennett, passed away on February 28, 2021 in Nashville at the age of 95. Her husband, Hal, passed away in 2005. They joined MVPC in 1966. For 20 years she volunteered at Northside Hospital, and delivered meals on wheels.

Mary Lea Woods' sister, Karen, passed away on March 19, 2021. Karen and Mike's three sons and their families were there when she passed away. Mary Lea is in Iowa with her mother, and they remind themselves of the wonderful memories and are comforted to know she is free from the earthly confines of her body. They have a wonderful network of friends and are being showered with kindness. Karen will receive full military honors and burial at a national cemetery on the Naval base in Pensacola. Mary Lea thanks us for reaching out over the last three months and says that our prayers have meant so much to her and her family. Please now pray for peace and strength for Mary Lea and her family during this difficult time.



Do you feel a need for prayer?
Have our Prayer Vine pray for you!
Email your requests to
prayerrequests@mvpchurch.org
or call the church office at 404-255-2211.

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April Birthdays

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Melinda Carden	4/3	Gene Elder	4/18
Trent Ballard	4/4	Beth Abernethy	4/18
Dave Whitacre	4/8	Thomas Hughes	4/19
James McGuire	4/8	Tami Lewis	4/20
Meg Smith	4/9	Evelyn Ufere	4/21
Mary Frances Walker	4/11	Victor Vasquez	4/23
Walt Walker	4/11	Brooke Bliss	4/23
Herb Young	4/12	Patricia Hibbard	4/29
Stan Williams	4/12	Claire Shepherd	4/29
Ty McCormick	4/12	Sage Allen	4/30
Iva Corbin	4/15	Nancy Nutter	4/30
Linda Thomas	4/15		

If you have an April birthday and your name does not appear in our birthday list, please contact Debbie@mvpchurch.org.



April 18-11 AM



Look for the link to join at noon!



Return Service Requested

Got News? We'd love to hear from you! Send us your news so we can celebrate, laugh, and/or cry with you. After all, we are FAMILY. Deadline for news is the third Tuesday of each month for the *next month*'s newsletter. Send your submissions to terri@mvpchurch.org. If you'd no longer wish to receive the Good News monthly, please email Debbie at debbie@mvpchurch.org.



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