

Moving Mountains For Christ

NEWSLETTER FOR MONTE VISTA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTE VISTA QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our second edition of our Monte Vista Newsletter. This is a church community newsletter that is intended to highlight people, activities and opportunities within the Monte Vista Community. If you have ideas for the newsletter, forward them to montevistaoffice@montevistanp.church.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

FEBRUARY

February 22 Women's Tea Party
Fellowship Hall 3 pm - 5 pm

MARCH

March 2 - Monte Vista's Got
Talent Entries Due

March 5 - 6 Preschool/Campus
Crazy Hair Day

March 7-8 Session Retreat

March 14t - Monte Vista's Got
Talent - 7 pm

March 20-21 Preschool
Trike-a-Thon

WINTER CAMP

Big Bear....a mini winter wonderland. A place for fun and laughter, and also a place for reflection and spiritual growth.

The theme for this years winter camp was **BREATHE**, with the purpose of the weekend being to “have fun with tons of games & activities, to enjoy God’s creation together in an exciting new environment, and to draw closer to God and with one another”.

Nearly 80 people attended and camped at Big Bear; 65 Middle and High School Students, 8 college leaders and the balance being adult advisors. Throughout the weekend campers learned ways God breathes life into us through the Holy Sprit. As Pastor Matt stated “to breathe in is to remember and be grateful God is our source of life. He is Lord of all and Savior”. To breathe in is also a reminder to receive His Holy Spirit to guide us, help us, gives us the ability to experience peace, forgiveness and eliminate doubt.

God worked in meaningful ways. Eight students accepted Christ, with dozens renewing their decisions. Also, most will return and be connected through regular Bible study small groups.

Our next camp will be at Forest Home on July 6 - 11, 2025. Mark your calendars!





Monte Vista Presbyterian Church

Women's tea

Heart of Hospitality

22 February, 2025

3pm-5pm

"Getting together with your friends over a nice warm pot of tea and a freshly baked scone is really fun! I started collecting tea cups in college and decided to start a tea club at Biola University called the Tea Society. It ended up becoming the largest club on campus with over 200 members" stated Dana Rouse co-host.

Fast forward to present day and we're putting on teas at church with women of all ages. There's something special about getting out your fine china and eating delicious baked goods with friends. It forces you to slow down and enjoy the company of others while doing something different from the day to day activities.

The MVP Women's Tea started in 2019 and then had to take a break in 2020 due to Covid. But in 2022, we came back together and are now celebrating our 5th annual Women's Tea. This event includes a guest speakers who share practical or encouraging advice with us while we sip our tea. This year's speakers are DeAnna Kane and Leslie Callaway who run a Christian ministry called Mon Ami and publish an online magazine called The Heart of Hospitality.

Please join us as we get to know one another over a traditional cup of tea.
See you there!

[REGISTERTINYURL.COM/MVPCTEA2025](https://registertinyurl.com/MVPCTEA2025)



Monte Vista's *got* Talent

Friday, March 14, 2025

WHAT IS YOUR SECRET TALENT?

God-given talents are the skills and abilities that God gives people to do good in the world. What are some of those talents? Artistic talents, intelligence, physical strength, organizing ability, public speaking skills, leadership skills, ability to work with animals, ability to build things, just to name a few.

On March 14th you have a wonderful opportunity to share your talents with Monte Vista! You can perform live or if you have a little stage fright you can videotape your talent and send it in and it will be shown during our talent show. Rumor has it Geddy Lee may perform!

To register for the talent show, please use the QR code or url below. Registration's are due by March 2nd.

See you at the show!

[TINYURL.COM/MVG2025](https://tinyurl.com/mvgT2025)



Water For Good

703 REASONS TO CARE

703 MILLION PEOPLE LIVE WITHOUT ACCESS TO RELIABLE WATER. THAT'S 1 IN 12 PEOPLE ON THE PLANET. IT'S A PROBLEM THAT IMPACTS HEALTH, COMPROMISES EDUCATION, PERPETUATES POVERTY, AND DRIVES INEQUALITY. BUT TOGETHER, WE CAN BE A SOURCE FOR CHANGE THAT ENDS THE CRISIS.

"IMAGINE YOUR LIFE WITHOUT ACCESS TO WATER. NOW, IMAGINE THE INCREDIBLE GIFT IT WOULD BE TO GIVE SAFE, RELIABLE WATER TO SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T HAVE IT.

WATER CHANGES EVERYTHING." –

WATER FOR GOOD WEBSITE

FOR OVER 15 YEARS, THE MONTE VISTA FAMILY, HAS TAKEN THE SEASON OF LENT (40 DAYS BEFORE EASTER) TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO SAFE WATER TO VILLAGES IN UGANDA. IN ADDITION TO WATER, WE HAVE ALSO HELPED TO PROVIDE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS (THE LIVING WATER) THROUGH AN ORGANIZATION CALLED LIFE WATER INTERNATIONAL.

LAST YEAR, THROUGH THE GENEROUS GIVING OF PEOPLE HERE AT MONTE VISTA, WE WERE PART OF CHANGING A VILLAGE FOREVER, WITH THE ADDITION OF FOUR DIFFERENT PUBLIC BATHROOMS THAT SERVE AN ENTIRE VILLAGE. IN ADDITION WE HELPED WITH ADDING PUMPS FOR FRESH DRINKING WATER.

LAST YEAR, LIFE WATER INTERNATIONAL MERGED WITH ANOTHER WATER ORGANIZATION CALLED WATER FOR GOOD. IN THE MERGE, THEY KEPT THE NAME WATER FOR GOOD.

IN A FEW WEEKS, WE WILL CONTINUE OUR LONG TRADITION OF SERVING THOSE AROUND THE WORLD THIS LENT THROUGH WATER FOR GOD (FORMERLY KNOWN AS LIFE WATER).

MY PRAYER IS YOU'LL JOIN WITH US IN BLESSING THOSE WHO NEED SAFE, RELIABLE WATER. YOU'LL HEAR MORE IN WORSHIP IN THE COMING WEEKS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GIVING TO BLESS OTHERS AROUND THE WORLD.



HONDURAS MISSION TRIP

Want to join the Mission Team in serving down in Roatan, Honduras this summer July 18-28th? Our purpose is to continue the relationships with a church on the island called Alpha Community Church and Pastor Hank Stanley. We will support their outreach to their local community, to expand our own worldview on how others worship Jesus Christ, and to better understand our own sense of calling using our gifts when we return. We will be working with children, caring for the elderly by bringing food and praying with them in their homes. We will also be building/cleaning/painting alongside others in the church, worshipping together in various church services, exploring the island with fun, and sharing meaningful discussions as a team while learning from local leaders.

Why Roatan, Honduras? Pastor Matt's first youth group started down there 25 years ago while living there as a missionary. Pastor Matt's wife and kids have continued relationships through Pastor Hank and his family. Pastor Hank has preached here at Monte Vista several times and our church has sent mission teams there last two summers, showing how God is continuing the partnership to learn and serve together while on different continents.

Feeling called? We will have an information meeting Sunday March 9th at 11am in the youth room and will share all the details, including costs, team training and next steps. Once the team of 14-16 is complete, the first team meeting will be March 30th.





DOOR to PEACE

DOOR TO PEACE PODCAST

In a world filled with anxiety, pain and uncertainty, many of us are seeking peace. We want to live “unhindered”. Door to Peace is one podcast that looks to help you find an practical answers and spiritual nourishment in order to find more love, more joy and more meaning in our lives. The following is a list pf podcasts from 2024. Take a listen!

[Counter Cultural Christmas – Peace in the Midst of Crazy](#) 12/4/24

Dana Rouse/ Tom Stephen

[Peace Through Tough Conversations: Really?](#) 10/25/24

John Losey/Tom Stephen

[Testimony of Near-Death Experience In Heaven](#)10/15/24

Mike Amato/Tom Stephen

[Surrender, Sacrifice, Service with Nita Hanson \(Ukraine Update\)](#) 9/25/24

Nita Hanson/Tom Stephen

[Death With Dignity: Navigating the Death of a Loved One](#) 9/14/24

Mickey Fenn/Tom Stephen

[Making Space for Conflict: A Path Forward from the Chaos](#) 9/6/24

Rev. Jen Fraser/Tom Stephen

[Curiosity Over Judgement: A Better Way to Share Peace – Conversation with Jon Ritner](#)

8/24/24

Jon Ritner, Tom Stephen

[Untangling Christianity to Experience Christ: A Conversation with Fawn Parish](#) 7/3/24

Fawn Parish/ Tom Stephen

[Seeds of Success – Setting Your Mind and Heart for a Great Day](#) 7/19/24

Tom Stephen

[From Anxiety to Peace – Rev. Dr. Garrett Andrew and Linda Trapp, PhD](#) 4/40/24

Garrett Andrew/Linda Trapp with Pastor Tom

[Lavish Love on the Cancer Coaster: Amy’s Story](#) 3/27/24

Amy Puls with Pastor Tom Stephen



BIBLE STUDIES & FELLOWSHIP

Sweet Monday Book Club Second Monday of each month The Gathering Place, 3 pm

Women's Bible Study Wednesday's 10 am, Youth Room

Women's Bible Study, Wednesday's 7 pm Janet's house/Zoom

Pastor Tom's Open Bible Study - Zoom, Thursdays 7 pm

Compassionate Friends Support Group, First & Third Thursday's Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm

Women's Bible Study 4th Saturday of the Month, Youth Room, 10:00 am

Men's Fellowship Lunch - Wednesday February 26th at Noon Farmer's Boy near Lowe's

HOLD THE DATE

MARCH 5 - ASH WEDNESDAY NIGHT OF WORSHIP

MARCH 14 - MONTE VISTA'S GOT TALENT

APRIL 17 - MAUNDY THURSDAY - NIGHT OF WORSHIP

APRIL 20 - EASTER SUNDAY & CHURCH POTLUCK

JUNE 1 - GRADUATION SUNDAY

JUNE 23 - 27 = VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 6 - 11 - FOREST HOME SUMMER CAMP

JULY 18 - 28 ROATAN MISSION TRIP

*Are There Topics You
Are Interested In?*

PLEASE TEAR THIS PAGE OFF AND LEAVE IN CHURCH OFFICE OR MAILBOX OR LEAVE FEEDBACK ON AN ATTENDANCE SHEET.
