

In 1873, Lottie Moon was appointed as a missionary to China. She spent nearly 40 years sharing the gospel with love, courage, and unwavering faith.

Her letters home inspired churches to pray and give, leading to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Today, this offering supports missionaries and helps take the life-transforming message of Jesus to the nations.

In addition to giving to the Lottie Moon Fund, MVC will also contribute a portion of this year's Christmas Offering to support evangelism and ministry efforts right here in New Mexico through the New Mexico State Missions Offering. These funds help train leaders, plant churches, and provide resources for local ministry and outreach.

This year, we're excited to support both international and local missions! Please give by using the designation: "Special Christmas Offering."

Let's join together to share the good news of Jesus—across the street and around the world.



*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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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, **December 28**

- Ephesians 2:11-22

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MVCstudents Christmas Party

Join us for our annual Christmas Party **TONIGHT**, at 5:00 pm at Glenna Thornton's house (see a youth leader for the address)!

We'll celebrate with food, fun, and a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Be sure to invite a friend! We can't wait to celebrate with you!

## Christmas Eve Service

We invite you to join us for our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Wednesday, **December 24**, at 5:00 pm. The service will be filled with Christmas carols and, as usual, kids are invited to wear pajamas for a special time with Pastor Chris during the service.

\*We will be combining with Cedar Springs Church this year. It will be a special time of worship as we celebrate the birth of Christ together.

*Please come early to get a seat, as we expect a full house!*



## Midweek at MVC - Wednesday, **December 24**

- NO Ignite Youth Group - Join us for our Christmas Eve service.

## Year-End Giving

As 2025 draws to an end, prayerfully consider giving generously to help us meet our year-end budget. As a church, we rely on strong December offerings. First, let's join together and pray that God would meet the needs of our church. Second, seek the Lord and give as He directs. We are already beginning to plan for 2026 and looking forward to how we can continue to connect with people where they are and help them become passionate followers of Christ.

## MVCstudents New Year's Eve Party

Youth, join us at the Promersberger's House (25 Taft Rd, Sandia Park) next Wednesday, **December 31**, for a movie, pizza, and hanging out with friends. We'll celebrate the New Year together starting at 6:00 pm ... and then everyone heads home by 9:00 pm (because your leaders need their sleep too).

## 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.

## !!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.

## New Mexico Baptist Disaster Relief Basic Training

This training on Saturday, **January 17**, from 8:00 - 11:00 am, is a prerequisite for serving as a volunteer on an NMBDR deployment team. It will cover all the information a person needs to understand the roles and impact of serving on a disaster relief team, and to help spread the "help, hope, and healing" of Jesus to those affected. This will be a video-based training, followed by an opportunity to ask questions and to sign up as a credentialed volunteer.

## East Mountain Food Pantry

The East Mountain Food Pantry provides for the hunger needs of families living in the East Mountains of Albuquerque. Over 600 families throughout the East Mountains request their help each year, and the number of families needing help continues to rise. To continue helping serve those in our community, the EMFP needs food donations. You can place your donations on the table in the back corner of the foyer. We hope you will join us in making a difference in our community.

## MVC Doorbell

The MVC doors are kept locked during the day. If you stop by the church during office hours, please ring the doorbell to the left of the doors or call the church office to let us know you are here - 505.281.5566.

