Did you know it is estimated that in the 21st century approximately 488 million people practice **Buddhism**? The majority of these people live in China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam, which are all *unreached* with the Gospel. Those practicing Buddhism believe that to achieve "nirvana" (enlightenment) will bring them peace and break them out of the cycle of suffering and rebirth. They do not believe that Buddha is a god but a teacher who taught about the "Four Noble Truths." These truths center around suffering, moving from recognizing suffering and its reasons or causes to addressing what the proposed solution is–nirvana. The only truth they know is deceiving them.

People who are practicing Buddhism hope to achieve peace by their own efforts. They do not realize the true cause of suffering is sin and separation from God, and so their solution doesn't fix the actual problem. As we consider Buddhism around the world, we can pray that God would send messengers to tell them the Good News. Peace cannot be achieved by our efforts. "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

*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, **November 1**
- Matthew 7:15-20




# Announcements

**Taste of the Nations: MVC Night Market**

Please join us **TONIGHT** at 5:00 pm for a Taste of the Nations: MVC Night Market. Our night will open with an update and report from our Europe team. Then all will be invited to a night of food, games, and cultural flair. Try something new and experience a taste of the nations. Dinner will be provided, with plenty of snacks and treats as we explore small aspects of the world. Bring your kids and bring a friend to experience the first MVC Night Market. See you there!

**MVCkids: Volunteer Potluck Luncheon & Meeting**

If you are a MVCkids volunteer during the Sunday service, please join us for a potluck luncheon & meeting on Sunday, **November 8**th, following the Worship Service.

**Secret Church**

Friday, **October 30** 6:00 - 9:00 pm
208 South 217, Tijeras
Bring an easy side dish or dessert to share.

**Operation Christmas Child**

It's your opportunity to fill a shoebox, or boxes, with gifts for children worldwide who may have never received a gift. At the same time they open your gift, they hear the good news of Jesus Christ and His free gift of salvation. Operation Christmas Child boxes are available at the Connection Center. The last week to bring your box(es) is Sunday, **November 8**th. Thank you for your help and prayers on this project! If you have any questions, call Dan or Dawn Young at 505.281.6642.

**Pick up your box today at the Connection Center!**

**Tuesday Café Night**

The next Café Night is on Tuesday, **November 10**th at 5:30 pm. Come, relax, and enjoy a great meal and fellowship together.

Hosted by: the Dowd's Life Group

Menu: sloppy joes, chips, baked beans, cakes & cookies
*Note: gluten-free, corn-free & sugar-free options are available.

Our Café Nights are also an excellent opportunity to invite others from our community. Bring a friend, coworker, or family member—there's no cost for the meal, just food ready and waiting for you.

**MVCstudents: Friendsgiving Spark**

Good food, great friends, and a whole lot to be thankful for! Join us for a special Friendsgiving Spark on Sunday, **November 15**th at 5:30 pm!

Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish or dessert to share, and come ready for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Parents and siblings of MVCstudents are also invited!

Promersberger House: 25 Taft Road, Sandia Park

**Clarus 2027 - Church and State**

What is the church's responsibility in the public square? What authority has God given the state? How should Christians think about political power, religious liberty, natural law, secularism, citizenship, and the common good? And how do we engage the political world without allowing politics to become an idol?
Over this conference, we will consider the distinct missions and responsibilities of the church and the state, the foundations of civil government and natural law, the place of religious liberty, the challenge of secularism, and the Christian's calling to engage the public square. We will seek to recover the historic Christian conviction that Christ is Lord over all while also recognizing the distinct responsibilities God has given to different spheres of authority.

**Cost:** $50 per person (group rate). Sign up at the Connection Center by Sunday, **December 6**. **Payment is due at the time of sign-up.**

**!!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.