

# Ministry of Caring

May 12, 2026

## Care

**Pray, Write, Call, Reach Out to:**

### Our Families at Home

Alice Ann Wallace, Matt Belitz, Mary Hicks, Steven Fish, Barbara McCulloch, Chic Stinson, Keri Hale, Karen Lamon, Dennis Ridley, Jadyn Tipton, Linda Jo Dees

### Our Families in Care Facilities

**Legacy Park:** Joyce Fulton

**Shannondale:** Jean Jordan

**Select Specialty Hospital:** Russ Cobb

**Brookdale (Sandy Springs):** Steve Spice

**Foothills Transitional Care and**

**Rehabilitation:** Doug Fish

### Our Extended Families

**Haley Allen**, friend of Michelle Delozier;

**Kate**, friend of Judy Raby; **Zane**, friend of

Michelle Delozier; **Susan and Alex's son**,

neighbors of the Wilsons; **Barbara Whaley**,

Jerry Holden's sister; **Sheila Clinard**, Lisa

Hill's sister-in-law; **Jill Baron**, friend of Ruth

Harris; **Bill Benson**, brother of Betty Holden;

**Dorothy Myrick**, grandmother of Christy

Vines; **Kayla Olive**, daughter of David &

Kathryn Olive

Our deepest sympathies go out to Bob Wilson and his family after the passing of his brother.

## Calendar Items

- **May 13-** Last day of Wednesday night kids/youth activities
- **May 22-** Packing for Mobile Food Pantry from 1:30-2:30 PM
- **May 23-** Mobile Food Pantry from 9:00-11:00 AM
- **May 25-** Memorial Day, church office is closed

## Impact

# May

## Dollar in the Pew

### Grandparents As Parents (GAP)

Grandparents and relatives are assuming the role of primary caregiver and parent to children whose parents are not in their lives for various reasons. These caregivers need support as they cope with new challenges in raising the next generation.

GAP provides a variety of resources to help educate, equip, and support these grandparents and relatives. Our April dollar in the pew will help support this program through the

Community Action Committee's Office on Aging.



## DONATION



Donations of beanie weenies and fruit cups are needed for the MVBC Blessing Box.



# DRIVE-THRU MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Saturday, May 23rd  
9:00-11:00am



## Connect



HELP US CELEBRATE OUR

# Graduate!

PLEASE JOIN OUR FAMILY IN CONGRATULATING  
SARAH FISH AT A RECEPTION IN HER HONOR



**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026**

**2:00-4:00 PM**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**



### Call Weekend for a New Pastor

The Pastor Search Committee recommends the Rev. Dr. Rick Bennett to become the next pastor of Monte Vista Baptist Church. There will be a meet and greet with Rick this Saturday (5/16) from 4 – 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be served. From 5 – 6 pm there will be a Question and Answer time with him answering the questions you have submitted.

Then on Sunday (5/17) from 9 – 10 am there will be another opportunity to meet Rick in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee, donuts and various pastries will be served. Rick will preach during our time of worship. A special called business meeting will follow the service, where we will vote by secret ballot on whether to extend a call to Rick to become our next pastor.

## GriefShare®

**Starting June 11-September 3**  
**Meets on Thursdays from 3:30-5:00 PM**

MVBC will be hosting GriefShare. This is a faith-based ministry to support anyone dealing with grief in any form from any length of time from your loss. Co-sponsors are Betty McBrayer & Christy Breedlove. Please register in church office or via the MVBC website by Monday, May 18th.

## From Your Interim Pastor

This coming weekend, MVBC members and Rick Bennett will experience the Baptist phenomenon of a "Call Weekend." Having lived through a few such weekends, I offer the following advice.

Read the brochure provided by the pastor search committee. It provides an excellent overview of Rick Bennett's ministry history and the committee's approach to its task. The testimony of each search committee member speaks to why they feel led to recommend Rick Bennett to serve as MVBC's next pastor. The letter from Rick reveals a good bit about his heart for and approach to ministry.

Pray before and during the weekend. MVBC does not exist in a vacuum. Instead, we live in Christ, who stands ready to guide us. I know the committee members and Rick Bennett are praying, and I invite you to do the same.

Dare to enjoy yourself. Yes, this is a serious moment in the life of the church, but it's also a time of joy and anticipation.

"Call Weekend" is a rare but blessed occasion in the life of a healthy Baptist Church. I know the good folk of MVBC will make the most of the opportunity.

Mike

### Vacation Bible School

**June 1-4**

**5:30-8:00 pm**

**Ages 3 years-6th grade**

Kids will develop a deeper connection with Jesus while

discovering nature by exploring the Tropical Rainforest. The children will be served dinner every night.

