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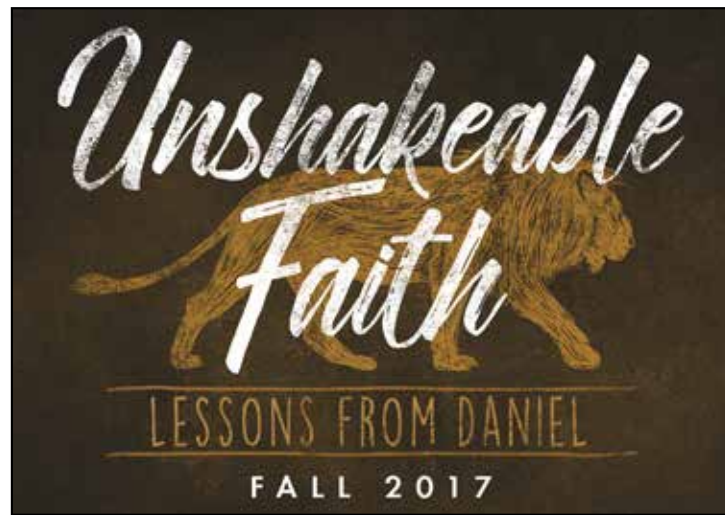
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October 8, 2017

9:30 am

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Please feel free to sit or stand as
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Found In You

Jesus Paid It All

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 13

Time for Young Disciples

Children 1st - 5th grade may go to their classes

Meet Our Deacons

Faith Story - Jeff Lowe

Offering - #568 Take My Life And Let It Be

Please sign and pass the registration pad down your pew

Scripture Reading - Daniel 6:1-17

Message: "Uncompromising Courage"
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King Of My Heart


Opportunities to Give, Gather, & Go

Blessing

Postlude - Rejoice! - R. Furr

Need prayer this morning?
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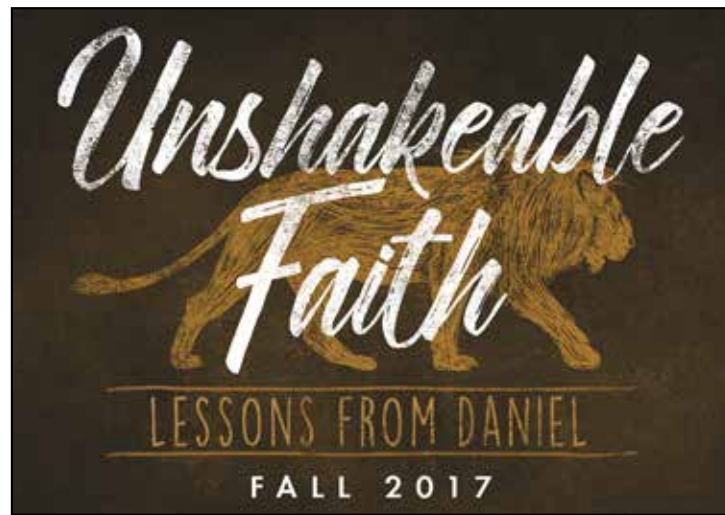
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GATHER to WORSHIP

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Get ready to meet God.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Visit mvpctoday.org to learn
how you can belong

THE WORD

"Uncompromising Courage" - Daniel 6
Pastor Rob Perkins

OUR RESPONSE

COMMUNION

All who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior may participate
Please come to one of the stations whenever you are ready
Gluten-free bread is offered at the rear station

OFFERING

Please put your offering in one of the boxes located by the
doors. You can also give through our website
or text "MVPC" to 732-56.

PRAYER

A member of our Prayer Team will be in the back
if you would like prayer

FELLOWSHIP

Join us for dinner on the patio!

Feedback, questions and thoughts: [#mvpcthe5](https://twitter.com/mvpcthe5)



iCan Food Drive
benefiting Bay Area Rescue Mission

Canned fruits, vegetables,
soups and beans

Dried beans, pasta, rice,
and cereal

Baby food in pouches
and plastic tubs

No glass jars

September 10 to November 4
Look for the large donation barrels around campus

OUTDOOR 24
Join Us
Outside
Adventure Experiences
For The Outdoor Enthusiast
Fly Fishing - Oct 27-29

Sing at MVPC!

Family Worship Choir
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