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"For you created my inmost being;
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Psalm 139:13

Please feel free to sit or stand
as we worship through song.

Welcome

Burning In My Soul

Holy Spirit

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

Time for Young Disciples

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

Mother's Day Prayer

Offering - *O Come To The Altar*

Please sign and pass the registration pad down your pew

Scripture Reading - 1 Peter 4:7-11

Message: "Generous Hospitality"
Pastor Rob Perkins

#710 *We Are Called To Be God's People*

Opportunities to Give, Gather, & Go

Blessing

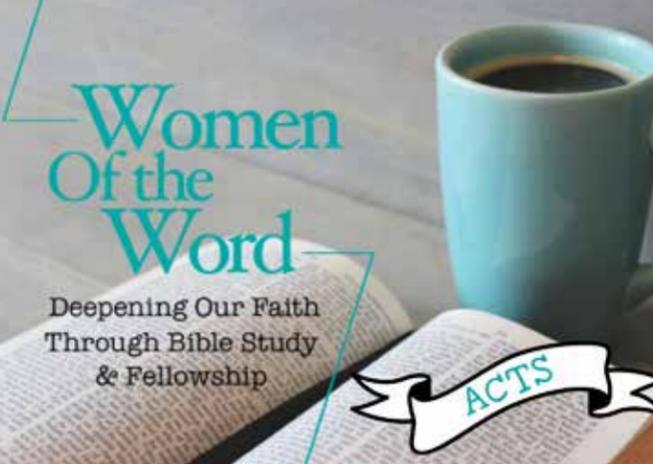
Postlude - *Fughetta in C* by J. Stainer

Need prayer this morning?
Come to one of the prayer corners at the front of the Sanctuary.



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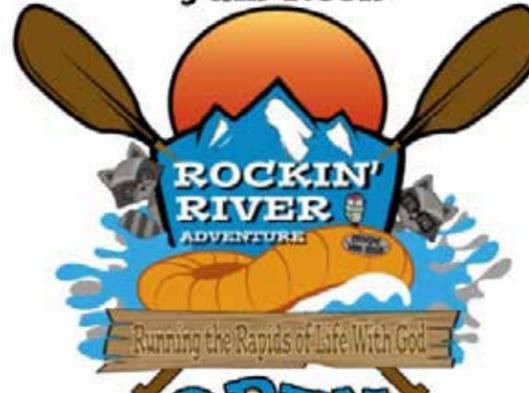
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Message Notes

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Week 5 – Generous Hospitality

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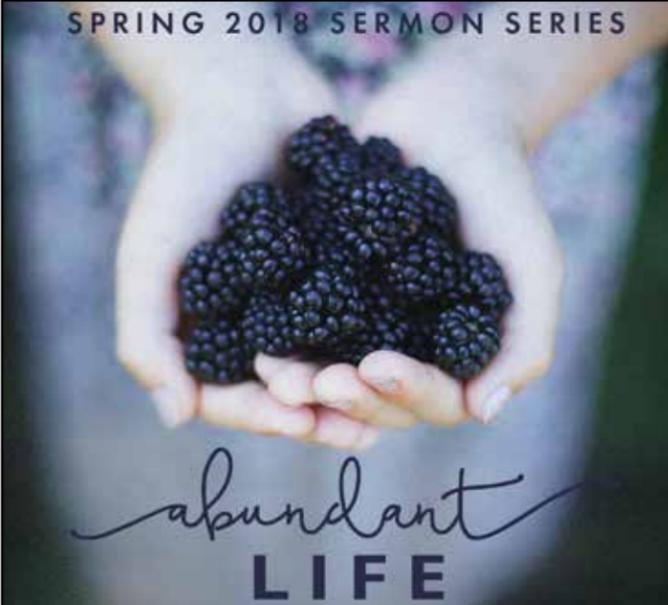
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Come as you are. Make yourself at home.
Get ready to meet God.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Visit mvpctoday.org to learn
how you can belong

THE WORD

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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 bring your gifts to the Lord to one of the
Offering Boxes at the front or rear

PRAYER

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

FELLOWSHIP

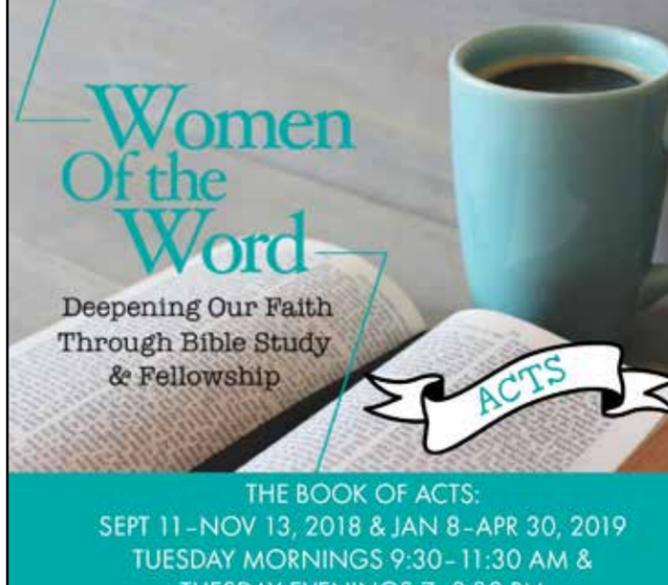
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Feedback, questions and thoughts: #mvpcthe5



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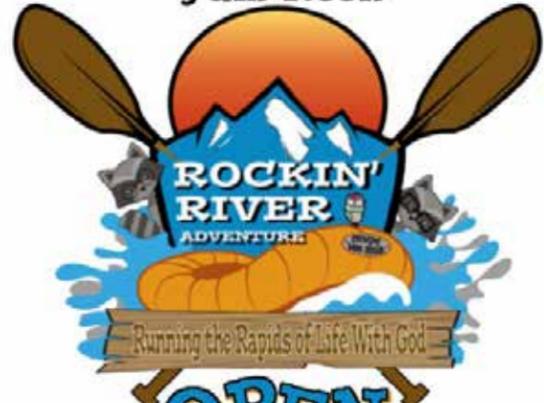
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