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UNSHAKABLE TRUTH

Building a Rock Solid Faith

Sun, Jun 30, 2024

8:30 SERVICE

Pastor Almir Dias preaching

Welcome & Call to Worship		Dan Aikins
*Songs of Praise	<i>Glorious Day/Blessed be Your Name</i>	
*Prayer of Confession & Assurance		Brett Hurst
Song of Response	<i>Because He Lives</i>	
Moment of Prayer		Dan Aikins
Song of Preparation	<i>Holy Forever</i>	
Message	Unshakable Truth: Redeemer Ephesians 1:5-7 NRSV	Almir Dias
Song of Response	<i>None but Jesus</i>	
Benediction		Almir Dias

9:45 SERVICE

Welcome & Call to Worship		Meliza Gómez
Song of Praise	<i>Here for You/A Thousand Hallelujahs</i>	
Moment of Confession & Assurance		Sally Heinen
Songs of Worship	<i>Glorious Day/Holy Forever</i>	
Message	Unshakable Truth: Redeemer Ephesians 1:5-7 NRSV	Almir Dias
Song of Response	<i>None but Jesus</i>	
Moment of Connection		Amy Delgado
Benediction		Almir Dias

Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; Daniel Martinez, keys; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Chris Parrott, guitar; Jaime Arroyo, keys; Coppelia Acevedo & Meliza Gómez, worship leaders

11:15 SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Prelude in C Minor</i>	Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Welcome & Call to Worship		Dan Aikins
Choral Introit	<i>Praise the Lord</i>	G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
*Hymn of Praise #139	<i>Come, Thou Almighty King</i>	Vs. 1, 2, 4 ITALIAN HYMN
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Marcus Vajdos
*Affirmation of Faith from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20		
Anthem	<i>He Comes to Us</i>	Jane Marshall (1924-2019)
Anthem of Preparation	<i>Hear Me, Redeemer</i>	Henry Mollicone (1949-2022)
Message	Unshakable Truth: Redeemer Ephesians 1:5-7 NRSV	Almir Dias
Hymn of Response #306	<i>Fairest, Lord Jesus</i>	Vs. 1 & 2 CRUSADERS' HYMN
Benediction		Almir Dias
Postlude	<i>Arrival of the Queen of Sheba</i>	G.F. Handel

Musicians at 11:15: John-Alan Gourdine, conductor; Kathryn White, piano and organ

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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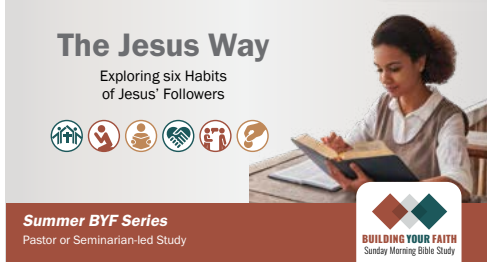
Honduras in Aug • Germany in Sep
Registration closes TODAY for two eye-opening mission trips this summer and fall! To see details and learn how to register, visit trips.mdpc.org.



Wed Evenings, Sep 18-May 14
If you are a professional ready to seek God's purpose for your career, apply to be a Faith & Work Fellow today. Contact Jeremiah Collins for info: collins@mdpc.org



Wed, July 17 • 3pm • Amphitheater
Beat the heat with a FREE movie screening! The next movie up is *Golda* (2023, PG-13). See the full schedule and learn more at movies.mdpc.org.



Sundays • 9:45 or 11:15am • Amphith.
Come enjoy Biblical teaching with a pastor or staff member with seminary training. No homework, no pre-registration or class roll, but always donut holes!



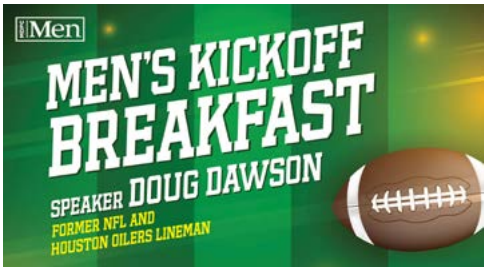
Tue, Aug 6 • 6-9pm • HRC
Join us at the Houston Racquet Club for sports on the big screen, drinks, and Tex-Mex. Invite a friend, you don't want to miss it! RSVP: mensnight.mdpc.org



Please consider donating sodas, waters, and individually packaged snacks (no nuts) to support our VBS volunteers. Drop off by the Front Office. And we need sandwich bread starting 7/3!



MDPC Officer Nominations Are Open
Do you know someone perfect to step into a leadership role at this church? Nominate them today! The nomination process is fast and easy: nominate.mdpc.org



Sat, Aug 24 • 8am • Fellowship Hall
Join MDPC Men for an entertaining Kickoff Breakfast with former NFL and Houston Oilers lineman Doug Dawson! Learn more and RSVP: breakfast.mdpc.org

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The New City Catechism

Week 27 Question:
Are all people, just as they were lost through Adam, saved through Christ??

Answer: No, only those who are elected by God and united to Christ by faith. Nevertheless God in His mercy demonstrates common grace even to those who are not elect, by restraining the effects of sin and enabling works of culture for human well-being. [Romans 5:17 NRSV](https://www.bible.com/bible/1/romans/5/17)

Learn more: 52qs.mdpc.org

Financial Update as of June 23, 2024

2024 Annual Budget	\$ 13,723,677
Actual Income to Date	\$ 5,948,915
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 7,774,762

Births and Deaths

Tom W. Terrell passed away June 14.
Doug Pond passed away June 17.
Kay Ward passed away June 23.
More information at memorials.mdpc.org.

Unshakable Truth • [Ephesians 1:5-7 NRSV](#)

Today's sermon is based on questions 21 to 23 from the New City Catechism, about Redeemer. Being more specific, about our Redeemer Jesus Christ.

Let's read first what is written in Ephesians 1:5-7: "He destined us for adoption as His children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace that He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. **In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace**" (Ephesians 1:5-7). We must start from the principle that, because of the sin of Adam and Eve, redemption was necessary, obviously a redeemer was necessary. The Greek word thus translated is "apolutrosis," a word that occurs nine times in Scripture, and always with the idea of a ransom or price paid. Jesus Christ not only canceled the debt against us but paid it in full with His blood which He gave as a "ransom." In this way, He ensured the liberation of His people from the bondage of sin and its consequences.

The answer to question 21 says that we need a redeemer who is truly human, and also truly God, so that we can be brought back to God. Perhaps you have already thought: How can Jesus be God and Man and still be one person? How could Jesus be crucified and killed when He was on Earth, even though He was God? The first truth we must understand is that Jesus is a Person with two natures - the divine nature and the human nature. In other words, Jesus is both God and Man.

The Gospels reveal that as God, Jesus knew people's thoughts; He had power over the nature He created, for He turned water into wine, walked on the waters of the Sea of Galilee, calmed storms, multiplied bread and fish, healed the blind, made the paralyzed walk, made the dumb speak, made the deaf hear, and gave life to the dead.

Jesus was fully human. He was born of the virgin Mary, in Bethlehem in Judah. He lived in Nazareth, in Galilee. At the age of 30, He began His public ministry and went to Capernaum. Jesus was hungry and thirsty, He got tired and needed to rest. He slept, even in a storm. He cried over the death of His friend Lazarus, He was angry when He saw the Temple transformed into a market. Jesus was recognized as fully human.

The answer to question 22 says that the Redeemer had to be truly human so that, in His human nature, He could, in our place, perfectly obey the whole law and suffer the punishment for human sin; and also sympathize with our weaknesses. The sin of the human being had to pay for a human, not by an angel from heaven. But it had to be paid by a sinless human. Then, Jesus became human to pay for our guilt and take us back to God. The prophet Isaiah prophesied: "But He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the punishment that made us whole, and by His bruises we are healed" (Is 53.5).

The answer to question 22 says that the Redeemer must be truly God because, by virtue of His divine nature, His obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective, and He would be able to withstand God's righteous wrath against sin while overcoming death. Because Jesus is God, He can bear the wrath of God over human sin. His life was a life of perfect obedience, and fully satisfied the will of God the Father for human redemption. He is our only and eternal redeemer, precisely because Jesus is divine.

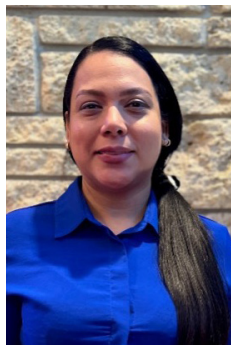
MDPC NEW MEMBERS

Received into membership
Mon, Jun 24, 2024

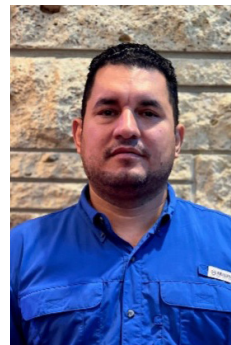
We are excited to welcome these **25** new members to the **MDPC** family! Learn a little more about them below, and join us in welcoming them.



Alejandro Almeida has two beautiful children, Christopher (17) and Mya (11). He loves to spend time with his family.



Rebecca Gorsuch is the mother of five children ranging in age from 13 to 25. She works at Capital Bank in the commercial lending department. She enjoys doing needlepoint, reading, and spending time with her family and friends.



Mariano Barroso and Gustavo Velasquez Bravo have three beautiful children, Samuel (17), José Angel (9), y Jose Daniel (7). They love spending time together as a family.



Laurie Grimm came to live to the U.S. some years ago. She has worked as a real estate agent and also as a travel agent with British Airways. Laurie loves people, and enjoys helping and volunteering at MDPC. She also loves music, animals, and nature. She enjoys being out in the country and in touch with nature and the freedom it offers!



Mitchell Kearney works here at MDPC in middle school ministry. Originally from Austin, he attended Concordia University where he earned his B.A. in Christian Education. Mitchell has a huge heart for middle schoolers and loves leading them closer to Jesus in creative ways, whether its performing skits, teaching in interactive ways, or meeting students wherever they are in their faith journey.



Angie Hernandez has a beautiful daughter, Waleska Salas (14). Angie enjoys sharing, serving and learning daily.



Carlos Matute is a nurse and enjoys watching soccer.



Eleni Kotzabassis is married to Constantinos Kotzabassis. They have two adult children, Eleni and George. Fabiana is a school psychologist who loves singing, dancing, reading, and praying.



Rafael Eduardo Meza is studying mechanical engineering. He enjoys going to the gym, listening to music, and watching boxing and mixed martial arts.

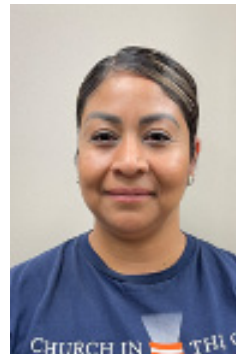


Sergio Melean and Desire Parra have three beautiful children, Samuel (17), José Angel (9), y Jose Daniel (7). They love spending time together as a family.

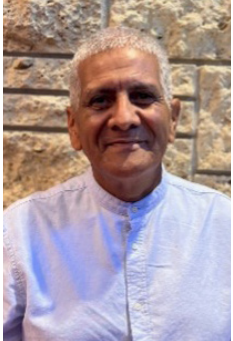




Rafael J Meza Sr. and Yelitza del Carmen Meza love to go on walks and spend time with family.



Nubia Olvera has three beautiful children, Camila(13), Agustin(9), and Zoe (8). She loves helping and participating in everything related to children.



Raul Pineda and Rosa Eva Zuñiga have three children. They love to travel and enjoy spending time with family.



Nestor Arana Solis loves running, cycling and spending time with his family.



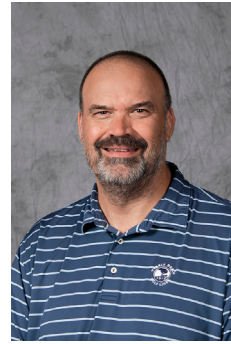
Jason and Jenny Tanous have three sons, Drew (13), Reed (10), and Ryan (7). Jason works as a CFO in oil and gas and Jenny works part time. They enjoy traveling, the outdoors, and family and friends.



Amanda and Josh Weber are the parents of three daughters, Raine (24), Reagan (19), and Ryann (17). Josh is in the midstream oil & gas business and the family loves to travel and spend time with family and friends.



Ciria Yela has beautiful children. She has a degree from the University of San Carlos of Guatemala. Ciria enjoys dancing and going on walks.



Annette and Greg Zuanich have two children. Megan is a college sophomore in and Max is a college senior. They love to spend time cooking and traveling with family and friends.