

ALL THINGS NEW

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New Members!

Sun, Feb 16, 2025

8:30 SERVICE

Rev. Brett Hurst preaching

Welcome and Call to Worship		Clay Brown
Songs of Praise	<i>Blessed Be Your Name / Here for You</i>	
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Beth Case
Song of Response	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	Dan Aikins
Offertory	<i>New Wine / Yet Not I but Christ in Me</i>	
Message	All Things New: A New Challenge John 10:1-11 & Acts 2:42-27 NLT	Brett Hurst
Song of Response	<i>Build My Life</i>	

9:45 SERVICE

Welcome and Call to Worship		Meliza Gómez
Song of Praise	<i>Worthy Is Your Name</i>	
Meet & Greet		
New Members		Dan Aikins
Moment of Connection		Hillary McMullen
Songs of Praise	<i>Here for You</i>	
Moment of Confession & Assurance		Sally Henien
Song of Worship	<i>Build My Life</i>	
Offertory	<i>New Wine / Yet Not I but Christ in Me</i>	
Message	All Things New: A New Challenge John 10:1-11 & Acts 2:42-27 NLT	Brett Hurst
Song of Response	<i>Build My Life reprise</i>	

Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; Fausto Cruz, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass;
Tim Hughes, violin; Jaime Arroyo, keys; Michael Middleton & Meliza Gómez, worship leaders

11:15 SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Chaconne</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
Welcome and Call to Worship		Amy Delgado
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Standing on the Promises</i>	Vs. 1, 4 PROMISES
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Beth Case
*Affirmation of Faith from The Apostles' Creed		
Anthem	<i>My Shepherd Will Supply My Need</i>	Virgil Thomson (1896-1989)
New Members		Dan Aikins
Congregational Response		
Offertory	<i>I Will Make All Things New</i>	Mary McDonald (b.1956)
Message	All Things New: A New Challenge John 10:1-11 & Acts 2:42-27 NLT	Brett Hurst
*Hymn of Response #345	<i>Dear Lord and Father of Mankind</i>	Vs. 1, 4 REST
Postlude	<i>Cortege</i>	Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Musicians at 11:15: Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

See more events at MDPC at events.mdpc.org.



SANTA MARIA HOSTEL Feb 22-23, 2025 citic.mdpc.org

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LET'S GET OUT THERE AND SERVE!



CITC is next weekend! Round up the gang and register now...

This annual all-church service project is when MDPC leaves the pews to serve our city. There are projects for every age and ability. Learn more at citic.mdpc.org and sign up today!



Sat-Sun, Mar 1-2 • MDPC Field

Dads, round up the kids and join us for an overnight campout with food, fun, and activities! To learn more and register, visit dadcamp.mdpc.org.



Sun, Mar 2 • 11:15 or 12:30

Join us in Fellowship Hall after All-Church Lunch for a meeting about the future of MDPC! Content at both times is identical. More information at meeting.mdpc.org.



Mar 5 • Noon (Chapel), 7pm (Sanctuary)

Join us for Ash Wednesday at noon in the Chapel or 7pm in the Sanctuary. Both services will include Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.



Wednesdays, Mar 12-26 • 6:30pm

Explore spiritual disciplines that involve disconnecting or “letting go,” including silence, solitude, sabbath rest, fasting, and generosity. Details: events.mdpc.org



Tue, Mar 18 • 6:30pm

Come eat great food and watch an episode on a question of faith - then have a chance to share your thoughts and hear what others think! Details: alphalaunch.mdpc.org



Thu, Mar 27 • 7-9:30pm

Join MDPC Women for a fun and lively night of fellowship and fantastic food as we explore an amazing Southern menu. Details and RSVP: cook.mdpc.org



Sat, May 17-Mon, May 26

YAs, don't miss this opportunity to serve alongside fellow young adults and see how Jesus is coming alive in Hungary! Details and registration: budapest.mdpc.org



Sun-Sat, May 4-10 • Honduras

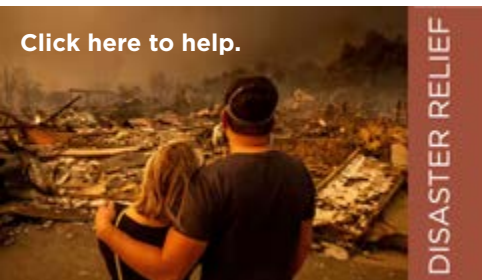
Serve alongside fellow MDPC ladies helping communities acquire clean water and experience “living water”—the gospel of Jesus Christ. livingwater.mdpc.org

Financial Update as of Feb 9, 2025

2025 Annual Budget	\$ 14,203,292
Actual Income to date	1,019,207
Needed to Meet 2025 Budget	13,184,085

Births and Deaths

Jeff Martin passed away Feb 2, 2025.
Mary Nelson passed away Feb 6, 2025.
More information at memorials.mdpc.org.



MDPC NEW MEMBERS

Introduced in worship on
Sun, Feb 16, 2025

We are excited to welcome these **15** new members to the MDPC family! Learn a little more about them below, and join us in welcoming them to **MDPC**.



Ashley Chainani and her husband, Rick, have one child, Charlotte, who is almost two. Ashley is currently staying at home with Charlotte. They love to travel any chance they get!



Ben and Laura Fedorko have three children, Kendall (8), Mattie (6), and Joshua (3). Ben works with Texas Regional Bank as the president of their Trust & Wealth Management division and Laura is the assistant to the dean of academics at Trinity Classical School. They love being active outside and taking trips to Colorado any chance they get!



Debra Garrison is the proud mother of two children and grandmother of four. She loves to travel, and enjoys loving friends and family.



Bekah Gerard is a junior at Houston Christian High School where she runs track and cross country. She enjoys reading, running, music, and spending time with her friends.



Bryan and Shelly Gerard have two daughters, Maddie (20), a sophomore at UT-Austin, and Bekah (17), a junior at Houston Christian High School. Bryan is a management consultant, specializing in technology strategy. They enjoy travel, exercise, and spending time with their three dogs.



Jack and Erin Howard have been married for five years and are expecting a baby girl arriving in June. Jack works in real estate investments and Erin is a registered dietician. They are looking forward to growing their family and faith in this community.



Chuck and Heather Motschman have three children, Paige (married to James), Gavan (married to Cierra), and Gracie (who graduates from nursing school in May). They are the proud Papaw and Honey to Raelan (6) and Ren Thomas (18 months). Chuck is an oil and gas engineer and Heather is the CEO's Assistant at an energy infrastructure company. They enjoy spending their free time traveling, scuba diving, and with their grands.



Kevin and Audrey Saxe have four children, Wyatt (12), Levi (10), Harper (8), and Ryan (8). Kevin works in commercial real estate and Audrey works as a nurse. They are a very active family and can most often be found cheering on their kids in one of the many sports they play. Kevin enjoys coaching and serving the community through youth sports.



Kathy Wright was raised in Uvalde, Texas where she attended First Baptist Church. She moved to Houston in 1980 and has worshipped at both Memorial Drive United Methodist and St. Luke's United Methodist. She works for New Era Life Insurance Company as a Customer Service Representative. When she's not working, she enjoys dining out at restaurants, Pilates, travel, and listening to audiobooks.



Eileen Zwart is married to Peter, and they have two grown sons and five grandchildren.

Ready for *Your Next Step* at MDPC?

Explore Our New Member Class!

Led by Associate Pastors, Elders, and staff, you will explore whether becoming a member is the right next step in your faith in Jesus. New members are introduced to the congregation at a worship service and invited to meet with our Session to be received as MDPC members.



Upcoming Classes:

Fri evening & Sat morning, Apr 4 & Apr 5

Fri evening & Sat morning, Jun 6 & Jun 7

[Learn more and register at discover.mdpc.org.](https://discover.mdpc.org)



All Things New: A New Challenge • [John 10:1-11](#) & [Acts 2:42-47](#)

This is the fifth in our six-week series in the new year about becoming new in Christ. You may have heard the old saying, “God loves us too much to leave us unchanged.” This week we will be discussing “A New Challenge” that God gives us in our ongoing transformation of becoming more like Him. Our first steps are to be grounded in our understanding of Christ’s role as our Good Shepherd. Once the nature of that relationship is firmly established in our minds and hearts, then we are ready to pray and grow in our becoming a healthier church community.

1. Read John 10:1-2. Who do you think is considered a “thief or a robber” in these verses? Do these types nurture their flocks with good intentions? Who is the true Shepherd? Who are the sheep?
2. Read John 10:3-4. What are three things that the Good Shepherd does for His sheep? How important is it to you that the Shepherd knows your name and calls you by name?
3. Now read John 10:5-11. How are the true sheep to know who to follow? How do sheep typically react to strangers? How can we know the difference between God’s voice and the false voices in the world?
4. What does it mean when Jesus describes Himself as the “gate” of the sheepfold? What does this mean in context of spiritual salvation?
5. Take a look at Acts 2:42-47. You can clearly see how the disciples of Jesus devoted themselves both to learning from the apostles and also to taking care of one another. What would you say was the central focus of all that was happening in this new church?
6. From these verses in Acts, do you see things that could indicate healthiness in a local church? What are those things? What are some upsides of having community? What are some of the risks?
7. What was the mindset of the early church? How might we obtain more of that kind of mindset?