



Sat & Sun, Feb 21-22, 2026

MDPC's annual weekend of service is in less than a month!

Visit citic.mdpc.org or scan the QR code below to read more about these projects and get registered today!

KIDS' MEALS (AT MDPC)

Intended for our youngest volunteers, ages 4+ with adult, and their families, and for those with limited mobility. Make ham and cheese sandwiches to be delivered to preschool-aged children in Houston.

PARTNER PROJECTS (AT MDPC)

Intended for our youngest volunteers, ages 4+ with adult, and their families, and for those with limited mobility. Bag beans & rice, fill Easter eggs, assemble teacher appreciation gifts, and more!

HOUSTON FOOD BANK

Ages 6+ with adult. Inspect/sort food, re-pack dry food into family-sized bags, and more!

THE BEACON

Ages 13+ with adult. Assemble bags of essential items at MDPC 7am on Saturday, then head to The Beacon to distribute the bags, serve coffee, and pray with clients.

MISSION OF YAHWEH

Ages 10+ with adult. Landscape cleanup and drainage improvements, arts & crafts with resident children, wardrobe & space-saving hacks, painting picnic tables, and organizing & sorting in the retail store.

SANTA MARIA HOSTEL

Ages 10+ with adult. Join us to clean, paint, landscape, assemble welcome kits, teach, lead craft projects, and more.

SPRINGSPIRIT

Ages 10+ with adult. Come help us make improvements to a new addition at the 8526 Pitner Road location. We will be painting exterior trim, installing window blinds, and removing a couple of fallen trees.

PROJECTS FOR THOSE AT HOME

All ages. Not able to attend Church in the City in person? We have an opportunity for you to serve as well!



Details, more ways to help, and registration:

CITC.MDPC.ORG



Weather Edition Worship
Saturday, Jan 24, 2026

Beautifully
FOOLISH

a beautiful country setting. There will be downtime, small groups, and a time of teaching. Enjoy the beauty this venue has to offer and leave feeling pampered! Register: getaway.mdpc.org

Senior Adult Lunch and Games Day

Thu, Feb 26 | Lunch at 11am, Games at Noon
Join us in Fellowship Hall for lunch (bring or purchase from MDPC Café) and fun with peers playing bingo, Scrabble, dominoes, board games, cards, mahjong, and more, or bring your favorite game to play! Learn more: seniors.mdpc.org

Dad Camp

Sat-Sun, Feb 28-Mar 1 | MDPC
An overnight campout with food, fun, and activities! Bring your tent(s), sleeping bags, Bibles, and kids. Learn more and sign up: men.mdpc.org

Taste of Alpha

Sun, Mar 8 | 12:30-2:15pm | Fellowship Hall
A chance for you to see what Alpha is about and get a sense of the "why" behind the way we do things. Perfect for anyone who'd would like to learn more before inviting friends to the Alpha course.

MDPC Young Adults at SXSW

Mar 12-16, 2026 | Austin, TX
Be part of a passionate team of young adults bringing Jesus' love to South by Southwest Festival, where 300,000+ people gather for music, art, and innovation—and where countless hearts are open to hope. Details: yaevents.mdpc.org

PRAYER^A_N^D_AART

VISIO DIVINA AT MFAH

Wed, Jan 28 | 9:30am-2:30pm

Join pastors Beth Case and Jeanmarie Tade in a day of Visio Divina.

Details and registration: mfah.mdpc.org



You're Invited to ALL-CHURCH LUNCH

Sun, Feb 1 | 11am-1pm
Fellowship Hall



Join your church family for lunch on the first Sunday of each month!

Pricing and menu:
ACL.mdpc.org



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11:00 MULTICULTURAL SERVICE

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Rachel Poysky

Worship Songs

*How Good It Is / Blessed Be Your Name
Worthy*

*Confession & Assurance

Clay Brown

*Worship Songs

*Hymn Sing
Goodness of God*

HEARING THE WORD

Message

Beautifully Foolish

Alf Halvorson

2 Corinthians 11:16-33 (NRSV)

RESPONDING

Communion

Alf Halvorson

Communion Music

Holy Forever

Prayer

Almir Dantas Dias

SENDING

*Benediction

Alf Halvorson

Musicians: Asher Pudlo, drums | Chris Parrott, guitar
Uvaldo Callejas, bass | Jaime Arroyo, keys | Tim Hughes, violin
Almir Dantas Dias, Meliza Gómez, Michael Middleton, Steffanie West, worship leaders

*Please stand, if comfortable.

Our pastors are here to help. We'd love to hear from you!



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Financial Update

Update publication resumes after Session votes on the new budget in January.

Births and Deaths

Nancy Staples-Minton passed away Jan 20.
More information at memorials.mdpc.org.

Sermon Notes

2 Corinthians 11:16-33 NRSV | Written by Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson

This is the first of four messages in part two of our 2 Corinthians study post-Christmas and post-*Vision to Reality* series. We want to finish what Paul started with this group of believers, but it won't be without challenges. Paul was asked by the Church in Corinth to supply his credentials because other rival leaders had come and said they could outdo Paul's apostleship. So he plays their game for a little while, but then up-ends the process by articulating what he believes to be the true marks of discipleship and how an authentic apostle lives and serves.

1. Are you prone to comparison, susceptible to wondering if and how you stack up to others? In what ways do you compare yourself to people? When you do, do you normally come out worse, better, or about the same as your "rivals"?
2. Read 2 Cor. 11:16-33. What does Paul think of his rivals and alternative leaders of the Corinthian congregation in verses 18-21? Why didn't or wouldn't Paul play those games?
3. In verses 22-23, Paul answers the accusation that he isn't from the right stock. Do those three criteria seem appropriate to you or not? If not, why not? Why might they be a big deal to Paul's attackers?
4. In verses 23b-29, Paul offers alternative credentials for his apostleship. Do they impress you or not? Why would Paul share his weaknesses or sufferings or afflictions? What do they communicate that matters to him? And how do they model Christ's life and death?
5. I explained in my message what verses 30-33 might mean contextually to Paul's audience. Paul is an anti-hero here. Why does he accentuate the negative? This is a teaser for next week, but in 2 Cor. 12:9, Paul says Jesus said to him, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." What does he mean? Is that true in your life? What is required for God's power to connect with our weakness? As you close in prayer, admit your need(s) before God and ask for God's great mercy, grace, aide, love, power, and hope.



Remember Our Frontline Mission Partners

MDPC partners in local and global ministry truly covet your prayers! Find out this week's prayer recipients by picking up the prayer booklet available around campus or visit partners.mdpc.org.