



SESSION DOCUMENTS

Mon, August 25, 2025

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

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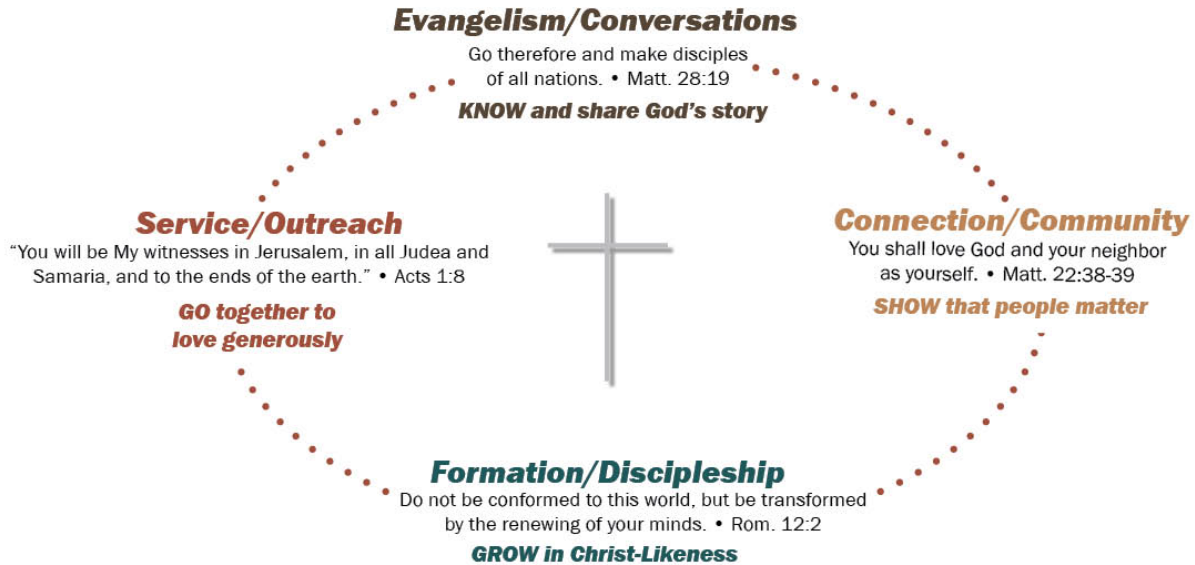
Session Meeting Agenda

August 25, 2025



Strategic Goals

2023-2028



1. **Call to Order and Opening Prayer** (Alf Halvorson)
2. **Establishment of Quorum** (Kelly Handel)
3. **Vision Framing** (Alf Halvorson)
4. **Clerk's Report** (Kelly Handel and Joe Stockdale)
 - Update on P&O Review
 - Time for Officer Nominations via QR
5. **Treasurer's Report** (Chris Arend)
6. **Master Planning Status Update** (Alf Halvorson and Marcus Vajdos)
7. **Omnibus Motion**
 - a. **Motion** to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2025, Session Meeting.
 - b. **Motion** to approve the following baptisms performed in July and August 2025:

Name	Age	Parents	Member	Date
John Andrew Dash	Infant	Rachel Von Gonten and Timothy Dash	Mom-Yes Dad-No	7/20/2025 sprinkle
Hailey Claire Mann	Infant	Leslie and Garrett Mann	Mom-Yes Dad-No	7/20/2025 sprinkle
Graham Warren Nielsen	Infant	Claire Coggin and Regan Nielsen	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	7/20/2025 sprinkle
Parker Jo Ziegenbein	Toddler	Madison and Travis Ziegenbein	Mom-No Dad-No	7/20/2025 sprinkle
Dylan Benson Beasley	Child	Jennifer Johnson and Robert "Ben" Beasley	Mom-Yes Dad-No	8/10/2025 sprinkle
Isabelle Louise Dobbins	Child	Christine Nowlan and James Robert "Rob" Dobbins	Mom-Yes Dad-No	8/10/2025 sprinkle
Frankie Lynn Saha	Infant	Bailey Aiko-Tsuru and Tanner Saha	Mom-Yes Dad-No	8/10/2025 sprinkle
Andy Walsh-Reaffirmation	Adult	n/a	Yes	8/10/2025 Reaffirmation

c. **Transfers and Dismissals:**

Please transfer the following active members:

Moak, Peyton to Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, Houston, TX.

Wolcott, Charles to Good Shepherd Church, Cypress, TX.

d. **Reinstatement of Covenant Partnership:**

Please reinstate the following active members to Covenant Partnership:

O'Brien, Courtney (Jackson)

O'Keefe, Mairead

e. **Motion** to approve Outreach Partner Funding for August 2025 as follows:

Outreach Ministry

August 2025

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Partner Funding Recommendations

Designated

Bridges to Life	\$10,000		DE
Prison Entrepreneurship Program	\$30,000	Transitional services for returning citizens	DE
Presbytery of New Covenant	\$35,000	Houston International Seafarers Ministry - Presbyterian Chaplain Support	DE
CarePartners	\$25,000		HSN
JoyRide Center	\$24,000		HSN
REACH Unlimited	\$25,000		HSN
Faith Ministry	\$20,000	Berea Bible Institute	Global

The Outreach Foundation	\$20,000	Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo	Global
ICM	\$10,000	Church in India	Global
One For Israel	\$10,000	Outreach Ministry Expenses	Global
YWAM Budapest	\$25,000		Global
Totaling:	\$234,000		

2. Outreach Initiatives

Designated

Alpha USA	\$25,000	Alpha USA
Steiger International	\$17,500	US Operations
Steiger International	\$2,500	Personal support for Carolina & Jozef Knapik
Street Grace	\$65,000	Street Grace Houston
Houston Food Bank	\$33,000	HCC Eagle Pantry & Backpack Buddies
Totaling:	\$143,000	

Year To Date: \$1,819,900

8. 2025 Calendar Reminders

August 31	Alf Halvorson Preaching Last of Summer Sermon Series Labor Day BBQ
September 7	Alf Halvorson Preaching Fall Sermon Series Launch: The Gospel through Ruth
September 14	Alf Halvorson Preaching Sermon Series: The Gospel through Ruth
September 21	Alf Halvorson Preaching Sermon Series: The Gospel through Ruth
September 22	Session Meeting 6:30 pm in Chapel

Remaining 2025 Session Meeting & Important Dates

September 22
October 27
November- No Meeting
December 15

September 19-20 ECO Presbytery of Texas Meeting, Amarillo, TX

2026 Important Dates

January 23-24 Staff and Officer Retreat
January 27-29 ECO National Gathering- Atlanta, GA

9. Announcements and Additional Business

10. Adjournment & Closing Prayer (Rachel Poysky)

- **Motion** to adjourn the August 2025 Session Meeting.

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
Balance Sheet Thru July
MDPC Summary Balance Sheet-2025

Name	July 2025	June 2025	Month to Month Difference	July 2024
ASSETS				
Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,355,487.68	1,474,526.47	(119,038.79)	2,990,328.96
Current Investments (Unrestricted)	1,522,381.73	1,606,254.91	(83,873.18)	1,479,298.38
Total Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	2,877,869.41	3,080,781.38	(202,911.97)	4,469,627.34
Current Investments (Restricted)	4,564,955.21	4,564,955.21	-	2,386,722.83
Legacy Restricted Cash & Equivalents	4,905,982.46	4,905,982.46	-	5,885,803.25
Total Restricted Cash & Equivalents	9,470,937.67	9,470,937.67	-	8,272,526.08
Prepaid Expense, Deposits, Inventory	468,662.79	537,738.30	(69,075.51)	616,075.71
Miscellaneous Receivables	17,440.59	12,269.68	5,170.91	63,053.01
Property & Equipment	57,975,154.21	57,975,154.21	-	55,618,502.77
Accumulated Depreciation	(48,937,881.77)	(48,937,881.77)	-	(47,575,114.53)
Note Receivable	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	21,872,182.90	22,138,999.47	(266,816.57)	21,464,670.38
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	276,662.63	162,469.66	114,192.97	579,844.58
Other Payables	101,356.65	100,157.02	1,199.63	88,877.88
Prepaid Tuition and Fees	123,572.00	135,579.00	(12,007.00)	112,332.50
Custodial Accounts	47,488.62	47,535.14	(46.52)	31,113.50
Note Payable-PNC /PPP	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	549,079.90	445,740.82	103,339.08	812,168.46
NET ASSETS				
Unrestricted Net Assets	10,549,353.79	10,934,876.66	(385,522.87)	12,089,622.10
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	5,799,374.97	5,790,913.90	8,461.07	2,991,843.43
Perm. Restricted Net Assets	433,857.59	433,857.59	-	433,857.59
Restricted Legacy Net Assets	4,540,516.65	4,533,610.50	6,906.15	5,137,178.80
TOTAL NET ASSETS	21,323,103.00	21,693,258.65	(370,155.65)	20,652,501.92
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	21,872,182.90	22,138,999.47	(266,816.57)	21,464,670.38

Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 7 - July
SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENSE - 2025
Company#: 1 Name: Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2025

Description	Jul Act	2025 YTD Act	2025 YTD Bud	Over (Under) Budget	% Variance YTD	Prior YTD 2024	2025 Budget Full Year
OPERATING INCOME							
Contributions	\$ 700,053	\$ 6,803,137	\$ 6,915,170	\$ (112,033)	(1.62)	\$ 7,124,938	\$ 14,203,392
Bank/Gateway/Credit Card Fees	\$ (3,807)	\$ (32,607)	\$ -	\$ (32,607)	-	\$ (32,425)	\$ -
Ministry Events Revenue	\$ 218,395	\$ 2,065,312	\$ 2,056,897	\$ 8,415	0.41	\$ 1,883,195	\$ 3,388,112
Other Operating Income	\$ 14,349	\$ 170,988	\$ 58,333	\$ 112,655	193.12	\$ 229,249	\$ 100,000
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	928,989	9,006,829	9,030,401	(23,571)	(0.26)	9,204,957	17,691,504
Ministry Operating Expense							
Pastoral Ministry							
Caring Ministry	\$ 33,590	\$ 238,719	\$ 266,397	\$ (27,677)	10.39	\$ 241,702	\$ 456,835
Fuente	\$ 15,255	\$ 99,540	\$ 92,400	\$ 7,140	(7.73)	\$ 101,397	\$ 160,781
Children's Ministry	\$ 99,454	\$ 528,175	\$ 540,774	\$ (12,599)	2.33	\$ 497,682	\$ 897,412
Youth Ministry	\$ 60,157	\$ 359,579	\$ 398,194	\$ (38,614)	9.70	\$ 309,689	\$ 702,140
Relationships	\$ 26,752	\$ 210,310	\$ 226,629	\$ (16,319)	7.20	\$ 203,496	\$ 388,560
Sports and REACH Programs	\$ 67,177	\$ 326,537	\$ 318,661	\$ 7,875	(2.47)	\$ 305,647	\$ 484,570
Outreach (Admin)	\$ 56,634	\$ 394,874	\$ 388,327	\$ 6,547	(1.69)	\$ 377,696	\$ 661,504
Adult Discipleship	\$ 35,544	\$ 247,339	\$ 246,491	\$ 848	(0.34)	\$ 232,224	\$ 422,584
Young Adult	\$ 19,046	\$ 141,274	\$ 120,714	\$ 20,560	(17.03)	\$ 82,053	\$ 207,510
Worship	\$ 39,074	\$ 271,208	\$ 283,809	\$ (12,601)	4.44	\$ 287,179	\$ 482,268
Traditional Music	\$ 28,887	\$ 256,276	\$ 254,273	\$ 2,003	(0.79)	\$ 259,911	\$ 450,868
Contemporary Music	\$ 28,268	\$ 198,712	\$ 196,773	\$ 1,939	(0.99)	\$ 193,236	\$ 332,968
Brazilian Ministry	\$ 13,491	\$ 98,737	\$ 117,117	\$ (18,380)	15.69	\$ 108,942	\$ 200,768
Total Pastoral Ministry	\$ 523,330	\$ 3,371,281	\$ 3,450,559	\$ (79,278)	2.30	\$ 3,200,854	\$ 5,848,767
Support Ministry							
Communications & Media	\$ 81,370	\$ 551,103	\$ 508,926	\$ 42,177	(8.29)	\$ 544,586	\$ 872,794
Administration	\$ 72,928	\$ 536,324	\$ 555,489	\$ (19,165)	3.45	\$ 524,500	\$ 929,040
Food Service	\$ 17,973	\$ 101,213	\$ 93,333	\$ 7,880	(8.44)	\$ 92,540	\$ 160,000
Facilities & Technology	\$ 242,376	\$ 1,527,741	\$ 1,504,790	\$ 22,951	(1.53)	\$ 1,684,673	\$ 2,586,448
The Little School	\$ 102,441	\$ 763,836	\$ 774,929	\$ (11,093)	1.43	\$ 677,813	\$ 1,324,610
The Yellow School	\$ 69,367	\$ 484,205	\$ 446,464	\$ 37,741	(8.45)	\$ 460,731	\$ 768,714
Total Support Ministry	\$ 586,455	\$ 3,964,422	\$ 3,883,932	\$ 80,491	(2.07)	\$ 3,984,843	\$ 6,641,606
Anticipated Budget Reduction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -	\$ -
Total Ministry Operating Expense	\$ 1,109,785	\$ 7,335,703	\$ 7,334,490	\$ 1,213	-0.02%	\$ 7,185,696	\$ 12,490,373
Outreach Expense							
Outreach - Ministry Sponsored	\$ 126,504	\$ 815,711	\$ 949,119	\$ (133,407.59)	14.06	\$ 685,334	\$ 1,554,757
Outreach - Ministry Partners	\$ 3,995	\$ 1,507,893	\$ 1,205,000	\$ 302,892.54	(25.14)	\$ 1,474,381	\$ 2,996,373
Total Outreach Expense	\$ 130,499	\$ 2,323,604	\$ 2,154,119	\$ 169,484.95	(7.87)	\$ 2,159,714	\$ 4,551,130
Other Operating Expense							
Insurance & Legal	\$ 69,960	\$ 371,225	\$ 350,000	\$ 21,225	(6.06)	\$ 323,212	\$ 600,000
Capital Additions/Reserve	\$ 4,167	\$ 29,167	\$ 29,167	\$ -	-	\$ 29,167	\$ 50,000
Total Other Operating Expense	\$ 74,126	\$ 400,391	\$ 379,167	\$ 21,225	(5.60)	\$ 352,379	\$ 650,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 1,314,410	\$ 10,059,698	\$ 9,867,776	\$ 191,923	-1.94%	\$ 9,697,789	\$ 17,691,504
Other Income(Loss)							
Total Other Income(Loss)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (385,421)	\$ (1,052,869)	\$ (837,375)	\$ (215,494)	25.73%	\$ (492,832)	\$ 1
Restr & Enrichment Inc/(Exp)	\$ 15,265	\$ 318,654	\$ -	\$ 318,654	-	\$ (10,724)	\$ -

**Outreach Ministries
Funding Recommendations
August 2025**

DE

Bridges to Life

2024 Funding: \$15,000 (plus \$8,000 O&A)

2025 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000 (Funds are not designated)

Bridges To Life connects communities to prisons to reduce the recidivism rate (particularly that of violent crimes), reduce the number of crime victims, and enhance public safety. Their spiritual mission is to minister to victims and offenders to show them the transforming power of God's love and forgiveness.

Prison Entrepreneurship Program

2024 Funding: \$25,000

2025 Funding Recommendation: \$30,000 (Funds are designated for PEP's transitional services for returning citizens)

Prison Entrepreneurship Program (PEP) is a pioneer to innovative programs that connect the nation's top executives, entrepreneurs, and MBA students with convicted felons. Their entrepreneurship boot camp and re-entry programs are proven solutions for preventing recidivism, maximizing self-sufficiency and transforming broken lives.

Houston International Seafarers Ministry

2024 Funding: \$35,000

2025 Funding Recommendations: \$35,000 (Funds designated to support the funding for one Presbyterian chaplain including salary, housing, travel, medical)

Houston International Seafarers chaplains go onboard to visit and minister to seafarers from around the world on ships that dock at the more than 200 Port of Houston terminals. Chaplains and other volunteers provide ecumenical counseling, worship and transportation services for any and all seafarers.

HSN

CarePartners

2024 Funding: \$20,000

2025 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

CarePartners provide support, education, resources and respite to family caregivers and quality care to those individuals living with memory loss, Alzheimer's or Dementia and other challenges of aging. They provide no cost support and respite to caregivers through the Gathering Place, Second Family, Common Ground and caregiver educational events. The Gathering Place meets at MDPC every 1st and 3rd Wednesday. <http://www.Carepartnerstexas.org>

Joyride Center

2024 Funding: \$23,000

2025 Funding Recommendation: \$24,000

To help people with different abilities find more joy in life through equine-assisted services and functional, life skills education. JoyRide believes all people deserve joy and are proud to serve people of all ages with special needs, mental health conditions, and US veterans and first responders.

<https://www.joyridecenter.org/>

Reach Unlimited

2024 Funding: \$20,000 (Designated: Documentation System)

2025 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

REACH Unlimited provides support services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. With 22 group homes, an educational/relational day program, nursing care, and supported employment, they foster growth and independence so every individual has the opportunity to be all they were created to be.

<https://www.reachunlimited.org/>

Global Ministries**Berea Bible Institute (c/o Faith Ministry)**

2024 Funding: \$20,000 + \$12,500 O&A

2025 Funding Recommendation: \$20,000

This small Bible college began as one family's dream to educate young leaders in Scripture and prepare future ministers to serve God in areas of great need in Mexico. Students are ingrained with a love for serving and for teaching their communities to reach out in service to their neighbors. Each year, graduates are sent into remote parts of Mexico where they lead churches and teach the sacrificial love of Christ through the way they live.

Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo (c/o The Outreach Foundation)

2024 Funding: \$20,000 +\$20,000 O&A

2025 Funding Recommendation: \$20,000

Almost all the leaders of the Evangelical Church in Egypt have graduated from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo (ETSC). The most exciting aspect of the seminary is how it equips students to witness to the Gospel of Jesus in and beyond Egypt amid political and cultural transitions, especially throughout the Middle East and Arabic-speaking world. Pray for the Body of Christ in Egypt, and for ETSC's leadership and students as they share the love of Jesus.

ICM

2024 Funding: \$5,000 +\$16,600 O&A

2025 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000 (Designated: Church in India)

ICM was founded in 1986 with the vision of establishing a healthy church within walking distance of everyone in the world. ICM partners with indigenous ministries to equip local churches with a permanent church building and practical discipleship tools and resources in their native language. The church building not only serves as a place of worship but also an outreach center for the community,

serving both physical and spiritual needs. Church leaders and local evangelists are trained to plant churches in nearby unreached communities, reaching places that outsiders could never access. In the last 38 years, ICM has partnered with indigenous ministries to build over 12,500 healthy churches and over 50,000 church plants in 106 nations.

One For Israel

2024 Funding: \$10,000 + \$10,000 Disaster Relief

2025 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000 (Designated: Outreach Ministry Expenses)

One For Israel reaches both Jews and Arabs with the Good News of Jesus through evangelistic media outreach, discipleship programs, and ministry to Israeli soldiers. 99% of Israelis don't know Jesus as their Messiah, and their hope is to introduce Him and unite Jews and Arabs in Christ. In addition to this outreach, they operate Israel College of the Bible, the only Hebrew-speaking evangelical Bible college in the world, training local believers for ministry.

YWAM Budapest

2024 Funding: \$25,000 +\$12,000 O&A

2025 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

Youth With A Mission serves through evangelism, mercy ministries, and leadership and discipleship training. MDPC field partners Steve and Barbara Johnson created a coffee house that serves as an evangelism outreach tool — a place where music and good coffee help spark spiritual discussions. MDPC members are always welcome to visit when traveling through Budapest.

MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION
Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
June 23, 2025

Elders Present: Jeannie Able, Chris Arend, Sandy Ballard, Carla Bradford, Rick Chapman, Ellen Davidson, Stephanie Espinoza, Jennifer Fernelius, Ginny French, Kelly Handel, Michael Kringel, , Stefano Lugo-Doval, Marc Laney, Bob Larson, Lisa McChristian, Michael McCormack, Rafael Moreira, Kim Oswald, Mike Pelton, Rosy Pereira, Nikki Pielop, Sharon Roark, Peggy Samuels, David Shelfer, Joe Stockdale, Ryan Taylor, Andre Verona, Kyle Wienert

Elders Excused: Amanda Austin, Alex Knoop, Madison Limbacher, Hector Longoria, Christina Morse, Nathan Stedham

Elders Absent: Tarryn Lankford, Leslie Sloan, Hunter Smith, Mat Yelvington

Pastors Present: Dan Aikins, Clay Brown, Beth Case, Almir Dias, Alf Halvorson, Rachel Poysky, Guillermo Yela

Pastors Excused: Brett Hurst

Staff Present: Amy Delgado, Beverly Fluke, Sally Henein, Kelsi McCormack, Jennifer Vajdos, Marcus Vajdos, Steffanie West

Call to Order: Pastor Beth Case called the meeting of the Session of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church to order at 6:31pm in the Chapel. Beth opened us with a reading from Psalm 127 and prayer.

Call for Quorum: The Clerk, Kely Handel, affirmed that a quorum was present. A reminder was made to check in on the MDPC app!

New Members (Dan Aikins)

We welcomed members from all three congregations- 38 in total! Therefore, we amended the introductions by way of reading aloud each new member's bio and each shared one ministry area in which they want to serve. We started with intro of new members online, followed by those present in the chapel. Pastors Beth, Almir, and Guillermo, asked questions of membership in English, Portuguese, and Spanish :1. Is Jesus Christ your Savior and Lord? 2. Do you commit to be Christ's disciple, to obey God's word, to show God's love? 3. Do you commit to MDPC as your church home?

Jordan Brennan, Michael Brennan, Russ Chase, Terri Chase, José Cuellar, Norma Cuellar, Glauber José Da Rocha, Caroline Alves Maia, Ana Maria Henriquez, Janice Hodge, Robert Hodge, Graham Jones, Lauren Jones, Garrett Jones, Melanie Jones, John Kingsley, Thora Kingsley, José Carmelo Maggiorani Avila, Angelica Montañez, Francisco Montañez, Daniel Morales, Ema Wrege, Fatima A. Morise, Brandon Musick, Jose Arturo Palacios, Lizzie Prochazka, Matt Prochazka, Emily Richardson, Taylor Richardson, Alfonso Rodriguez, Ana Maria Tascon, Hernando Rodriguez, Haley Seaman, Tyler Seaman, Jennay Swinbank, Brett Vinzant, Kelly Vinzant, Monington Von Gonten

The Motion was made to ***receive the above-named friends as Covenant Partners at MDPC.***
Motion Carries.

Guillermo prayed for us in Spanish and in English. Alf mentioned that our best evangelists in any congregation are our newest members! They were invited to stay for the remainder of the meeting but dismissed and congratulated with applause.

Clerk's Report: (Kelly Handel and Joe Stockdale)

Kelly thanked those in the room for assistance with reviewing their portion of the P&O. We hope the committee will have an update in August. Joe reminded us of the upcoming Presbytery meeting in Amarillo in September.

Nominating Committee will begin meeting early in September. Kelly Handel read a list of open Elder and Deacon positions. We took 10 minutes for nominations via QR code on the screens.

Treasurer's Report: (Chris Arend)

Chris presented the reports found in packet as well as the attached slides.

Adult Discipleship Update: (Clay Brown)

Clay walked us through a handout describing a new Adult Sunday School offer beginning August 17th. "The Bible for Life" for 2025-2026- it is hard for new people to get involved in a long-standing class. We need new opportunities with a clear start and end date with a focus on scripture. See attached.

Outreach Update: (Amy Delgado and Kelsi McCormack)

Kelsi gave us a report on the opportunity to provide restoration and relief funds to a church in the Swannanoa Valley outside of Ashville- an EPC church -the river rose 24 ft overnight and the church was spared and therefore uniquely positioned to respond to their community. A 7-8-minute video was shown of the relief efforts- MDPC's Hurricane Helene Gift was a tremendous blessing.

Strategic Initiatives Update (Dan Aikins)

Dan gave the background on the motion in omnibus that comes from the Strategic Initiatives Committee, a sub-committee of Outreach that manages a handful of ministry partners. There has been a conversation about Church Planting since last fall and that maybe God was inviting MDPC back into this space. God has been moving in this as Pastor Alf met Bin in China last fall as these conversations were beginning within Outreach. This is a very different type of Church Plant model - starting with the planter with his own vision. We wonder if 80-90% of this ministry is out in the city for now, not at all here at MDPC physically. This is an exciting endeavor for MDPC- pray for church planting at MDPC and the exploration of God's vision for us.

Omnibus Agenda:

Beth introduced the Omnibus Motion below for June and asked if there were any items that needed to be removed for separate consideration. Alf then asked for a motion to approve the Omnibus Motion as presented, which was forthcoming, seconded, and affirmed by unanimous voice vote.

1. Omnibus Motion

a. Motion to approve the minutes of May 19, 2025, Session Meeting.

b. Transfers and Dismissals:

Please transfer the following active members:

Johnson, Heather to Brenham Presbyterian Church, Brenham, TX.

c. Motion from the Strategic Initiatives Committee: *To approve a two-year commitment to support Bin Wang through The Outreach Foundation for the purpose of planting a Mandarin-speaking church in the Houston area.*

d. Motion to approve Outreach Partner Funding for June 2025 as follows:

Outreach Ministry

June 2025

Consent Agenda items:

1. Partner Funding Recommendations

Designated

Buckner Children & Family Services	\$15,000	Family Hope Center at Northside	CFH
Family Point Resources	\$30,000		CFH
Galveston Urban Ministries	\$10,000		CFH
Mission Centers of Houston	\$30,000		CFH
Outreach Center of West Houston	\$10,000		CFH
Small Steps Nurturing Center	\$20,000		CFH
Bo's Place	\$15,000		HSN

His Grace	\$18,000		HSN
Hope and Healing Center and Institute	\$15,000		HSN
East Spring Branch Food Pantry	\$10,000		SBH
Interfaith Ministries	\$35,000	Meals on Wheels and Animeals Programs	SBH
RaiseUp Families	\$25,000	HandUp and LevelUp Programs	SBH
Faith Ministry	\$30,000		Global
Far East Broadcasting Company	\$45,000		Global
Nueva Vida	\$30,000		Global
The Outreach Foundation	\$7,000		Global
Pars Theological Center	\$20,000		Global
Totaling:	\$365,000		

2. Church Planting

Designated

The Outreach Foundation	\$50,000	Chris Bin Wang
Totaling:	\$50,000	

Year To Date: \$1,442,900

2025 Calendar Reminders

June 29	Dan Aikins Preaching Summer Sermon Series: The Hall of Fame of Faith & Faithfulness Patriotic Sunday
July 6	Brett Hurst Preaching Summer Sermon Series: The Hall of Fame of Faith & Faithfulness
July 13	Laurien Hook Preaching Summer Sermon Series: The Hall of Fame of Faith & Faithfulness
July 14-18	Summer Celebration! Campus Closure
July 20	Rachel Poysky Preaching Summer Sermon Series: The Hall of Fame of Faith & Faithfulness
	Baptisms
July 27	Beth Case Preaching Summer Sermon Series: The Hall of Fame of Faith & Faithfulness
August 3	Clay Brown Preaching Summer Sermon Series: The Hall of Fame of Faith & Faithfulness
	Communion
August 10	Guillermo Yela Preaching Summer Sermon Series: The Hall of Fame of Faith & Faithfulness
August 17	Alf Halvorson Preaching Kickoff Sunday
August 24	Alf Halvorson Preaching
August 25	Session Meeting 6:30 pm in Chapel

Remaining 2025 Session Meeting & Important Dates

July -No Meeting
August 25
September 22
October 27
November- No Meeting
December 15

2026 Important Dates

January 23-24 Staff and Officer Retreat
January 27-29 ECO National Gathering- Atlanta, GA

Announcements and Additional Business

Legacy Funded Furniture-Some here and some to be installed immediately following Summer Cel

Adjournment

A **Motion** to adjourn the June 2025 Session Meeting was made at 8:20 p.m. We circled up in prayer led by Rachel.

Minutes respectfully submitted on behalf of Kelly Handel, Clerk, by Jennifer Vajdos, Executive Ministries Coordinator. June 2025



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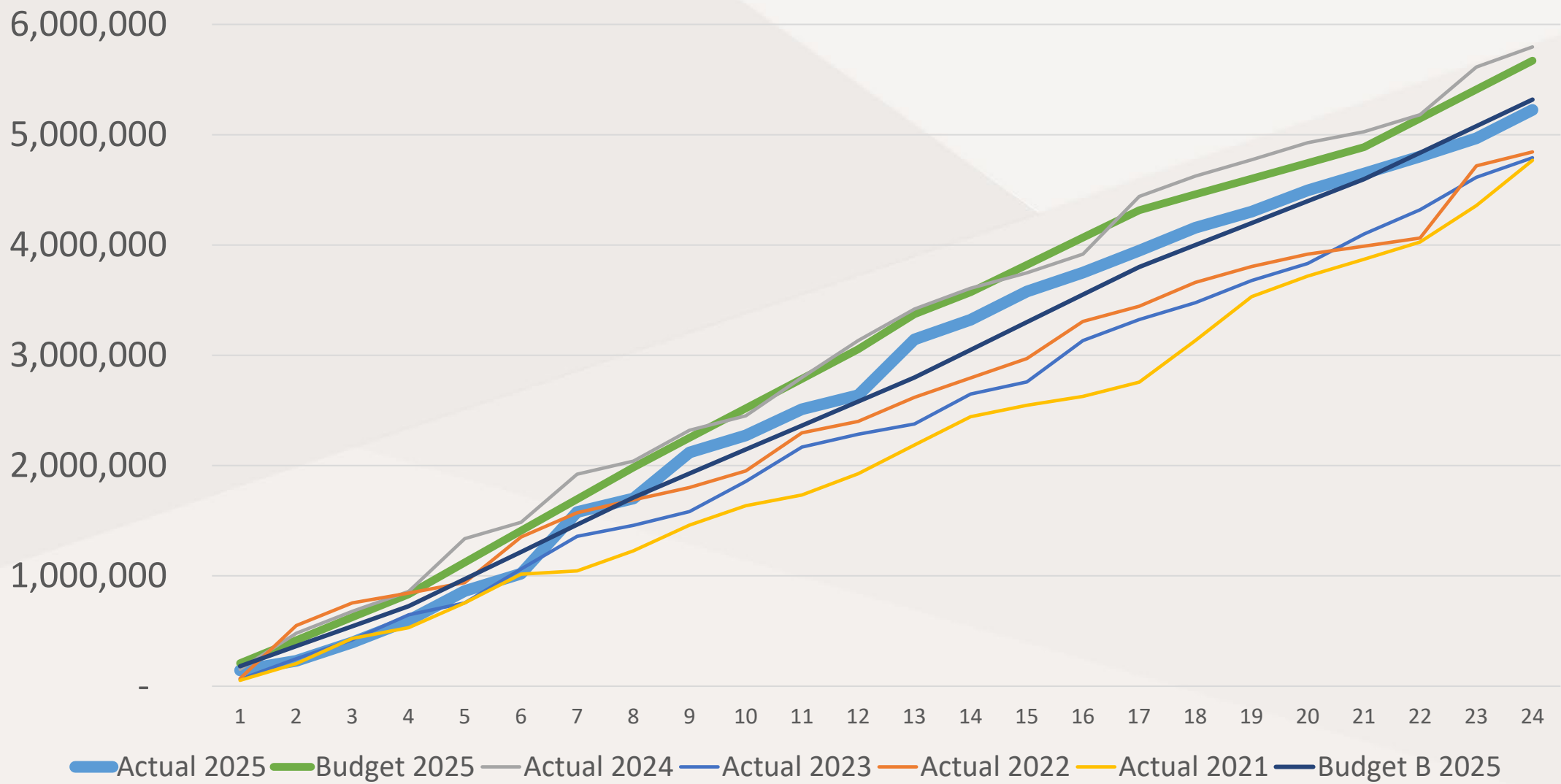
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FINANCIALS

June 2025

Session Meeting

MDPC Contributions 2021 - 2025



MDPC Budget Distribution 2025

	Budget 2025 - Used 2024 Percantage				Budget 2025 - 5 Year Average		
	Monthly	Cum YTD	Cum YTD		Monthly	Cum YTD	Cum YTD
January	834,135	834,135	5.9%		725,055	725,055	5.1%
February	1,149,946	1,984,080	14.0%		985,348	1,710,402	12.0%
March	1,338,701	3,322,782	23.4%		1,088,899	2,799,301	19.7%
April	993,411	4,316,193	30.4%		1,001,688	3,800,988	26.8%
May	570,511	4,886,704	34.4%		795,304	4,596,292	32.4%
June	1,307,564	6,194,268	43.6%		1,203,577	5,799,869	40.8%
July	720,903	6,915,171	48.7%		745,976	6,545,846	46.1%
August	1,143,929	8,059,100	56.7%		1,026,870	7,572,716	53.3%
September	990,283	9,049,382	63.7%		897,662	8,470,378	59.6%
October	840,871	9,890,253	69.6%		902,761	9,373,139	66.0%
November	1,544,345	11,434,598	80.5%		1,536,513	10,909,652	76.8%
December	2,768,794	14,203,392	100.0%		3,293,740	14,203,392	100.0%

MDPC Income Statement YTD May 2025

Description	2025 YTD May	2025 YTD Budget	Prior YTD 2024	2025 Budget Annual
OPERATING INCOME				
Contributions	4,688,586	4,886,703	5,041,946	14,203,392
Bank/Gateway/Credit Card Fees	(25,743)	-	(25,937)	-
Ministry Events Revenue	1,612,686	1,482,518	1,416,457	3,388,112
Other Operating Income	41,003	41,667	250,932	100,000
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	6,316,531	6,410,888	6,683,398	17,691,504
Ministry Operating Expense				
Total Pastoral Ministry	2,340,768	2,399,918	2,229,284	5,848,767
Total Support Ministry	2,817,283	2,738,822	2,855,579	6,641,606
Total Ministry Operating Expense	5,158,051	5,138,739	5,084,863	12,490,373
Total Outreach Expense	1,770,733	1,335,367	1,442,440	4,551,130
Total Other Operating Expense	271,457	270,833	253,961	650,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	7,200,241	6,744,939	6,781,264	17,691,504
NET INCOME (LOSS)	(883,710)	(334,051)	(97,866)	1
Restr & Enrichment Inc/(Exp)	(146,747)	-	469,320	-



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“The Bible for Life” for 2025-26

1. The Need

- **More Bible study:** one of the ways God grows and matures us
- **More Bible study choices:** create new classes for those not plugged into existing ones because existing classes can be difficult for newcomers to join
- **More Bible study choices with clear start/finish dates:** can choose studies they enjoy, and then choose a new one when the first one is completed
- **More Bible study choices with clear start/finish dates on Sunday mornings:** because Sunday mornings are optimal time for most schedules if you attend worship

2. The Plan: “The Bible for Life”

August 17—December 14, 2025: 18 sessions

11:00

- **Gospel of John, Amphitheater: Clay**
- **Genesis, Summit Room: Laurien**
- **The Big Story Series, Room 122: Leigh** (The Bible’s Big Story, Theology’s Big Story, and Christianity’s Big Story)

9:45

- **Gospel of John, Amphitheater: Clay**
- **Genesis, Summit Room: Leigh**

January 4—March 29, 2026: 12 sessions for 11:00 and 9:45

3. The Infrastructure

- **Addition, not subtraction:** *no existing classes closed or cancelled*
- **Goal:** Multiple options of BYF-style classes for both 11:00 and 9:45
- **Lead Teachers:** Clay, Laurien, and Leigh
- **Key: Teacher Cohort to teach with Clay, Laurien, and Leigh**
 - Developing and nurturing additional teachers from MDPC
 - Focus on “emotionally healthy leadership,” so teams of teachers
 - Teacher Cohort developed by Leigh
 - Teachers from Cohort will teach with Clay, Laurien, and Leigh
- **Curriculum suggestions for existing classes:**
 - *John for Everyone* by N. T. Wright with included study guide
 - *The Bible Speaks Today: John* by Bruce Milne with included study guide
 - Three six-week courses from MDPC’s *The Equipped Disciple* small group series over two years
 - Fall 2025: “The Studying Disciple,” “The Serving Disciple,” and “The Giving Disciple”
 - Fall 2026: “The Praying Disciple,” “The Witnessing Disciple,” and “The Worshiping Disciple”
- **Consistent dates:** Kickoff Sunday (3rd Sunday of August) to Palm Sunday

Combined Minutes of the Session Committees August 2025

Caring Ministries Committee Minutes:

August 19

Attendees: Annette Erickson, Beverly Fluke, Bob Larson, Christine Roskamp, Sue Warren, Paul Whelchel, Christine Gentil, Suzanne Tobin, Olga Griffin, Barbara Mueller

Absent: Beth Case (on sabbatical), Jim Newlin, Judy Stockton, Judy Gordon Lesikar, Terral Cesak

Opening Prayer: Bob Larson

Reflection: Bob read scripture from 1 Corinthians 12 and led a discussion on Connection as a core value of Caring Ministries. Ministry joys and challenges were also shared around the table.

Ministry Reports

Caregiver Support:

- The Caregivers Luncheon was held June 26 with 8 people in attendance. Since there was one new member and one who had been in attendance only once there were introductions made, and each person was able to tell their caregiving story. People offered suggestions and provided encouragement for each other. It is a great place of support.
- There was no Caregivers lunch in July due to Summer Celebration, however this group is very good about communicating information in between times of meeting via email updates.

Community Relations:

- **The Community Relations Committee is extending the Hot Topics series this fall with a focus on Safety.**
 - **First up will be a presentation by Michelle Sacks and Bob Rodgers from Street Grace, one of MDPC's mission partners. The subject will be *"Keeping Kids Safe in the Digital Age"*. It will take place on September 25, 6:30-8:00pm, in the Amphitheater.**
 - **Next up will be a presentation by Lt. Roy Guinn, Harris County 5th Precinct Deputy. His topic will be *"Personal Safety Awareness and Self Defense"*. It will take place on October 2, 6:30-8:00pm, in the Amphitheater.**
- **Then on November 10, the Community Relations Committee will host a "Coffee and Connection" breakfast for Veterans. The goal is to foster connections between fellow veterans in our community. Pastor Halvorson will open the coffee hour with a devotional and prayer. That will lead to a time of table talk where there will be a "host" veteran at each table to help get the conversations going.**
- **Contact Community Relations Deacon Judy Stockton or Beverly Fluke for more information.**

Dementia and Caregiver Support:

- The monthly Gathering Place for June was held on Wednesday, June 4. Five care partners were in attendance with five caregivers and ten volunteers along with the Caring ministry team. The tables were decorated by Em Williams in summer theme with beachballs and flower leis. The guests did a service project by filling bags of beans for the food pantry and there was a lively exercise routine conducted by Carlene Warren. The entertainer was Brenda Guy, the Ebony Cowgirl, and Beth Case led a devotional. A delicious lunch was served and bingo completed the day's activities.
- In addition to the regular Gathering in June, the CarePartners Senior Prom was held at MDPC on June 7 with over 100 participants, caregivers and volunteers from across all of Houston. The care partners were treated

to red carpet photo opportunities, a lovely lunch, a dance and even a prom king and queen along with a dance off contest. A great time was had by all.

- The monthly Gathering Place for July was held on Wednesday, July 2. Eleven care partners, including two new participants, were in attendance with ten caregivers and twelve volunteers along with the Caring ministry team. Decorations including banners and streamers in red, white and blue honoring July 4 by Em Williams. The craft was making a painting using apples to stamp the color. There was a lively exercise routine conducted by Carlene Warren and Carol Duckworth using flags and a parachute. The patriotic entertainer was Jim Connors, former organist for the Astros, which concluded with a moving rendition of God Bless America bringing tears to the eyes of many participants. Lunch was served and bingo finished off the day's activities.

Grief Support:

- **Transforming Grief:** The Transforming Grief program is now underway for its fall series, scheduled August 13 – October 1 from 3:30-5:00pm on Wednesday afternoons. The facilitators are Jo Ballard and Christine Roskamp, with Rev. Barbara Retzliff providing pastoral support in Beth Case's absence.
- **The Widows Connection:** The Widows Connection took a summer break and did not meet in July or August. Their next lunch gathering will be at 11:30am on September 16th. Contact Judy Stockton for more information.
- **Ministry of Presence:** Caring Ministries staff and officers send out cards and grief books to MDPC members during their first year of losing a loved one.

Health Ministry:

- Blood Drive: One held in June. The final one for the year will be Sunday, October 26, 2025.

Home Communion:

- Anyone who is not able to participate in the regularly scheduled communion services on campus is invited to request home communion. Requests can be made by contacting Beverly Fluke or online at homecommunion.mdpc.org.

Home Visitation:

- The Home Visitation team did not meet in July but continued to visit/call those on the visitation roster.
- If you have a caring heart for our older members, this would be a wonderful ministry in which to get involved. Please contact Jim Newlin, Visitation Deacon, at jnewlin@comcast.net or Beverly Fluke if you would like to join the team or learn more about this ministry.

Memorial Services:

- June: 3 memorial services with receptions.
- July: 3 memorial services with receptions. 2 inurnment services in Columbarium

Prayer Ministry:

- Our concert of prayer for schools has been expanded! Much thanks to Terral Cesak, Christine Gentil, Annette Erickson, and Beverly Fluke.
- All are invited to Praying for Schools, scheduled for Monday, August 18, 9:30-10:00am and August 20 7:10-7:30pm in the Chapel.
- The staff continues to meet twice weekly in the Amphitheater for prayer. This schedule for this is coordinated by Christine Gentil. The 10-15-minute gathering is led by various staff of various ministries around MDPC!

Second Family:

- Second Family & Mobile Meals volunteers spent 84 hours supporting their care partners during July. Special arrangements were made for Mobile Meals while the MDPC kitchen was closed for three weeks during July.
- We currently have 11 care partners & their families. The care partners are very grateful for the visits, trips to grocery stores and doctor's appointments. They also appreciate our therapy dogs who visit with them too.

Senior Adult Ministry:

- The monthly **Senior Adult newsletter** is mailed to about 154 families. The newsletter contains descriptions of upcoming activities of Venturers, Encore Fellowship, Prime Timers, and the Senior Adult Fellowship Lunch. Information for Senior events and activities are also online at seniors.mdpc.org. Research shows that "Strong social connection is one of the most accurate predictions of a person's long-term wellness."
- **Venturers:** The last meeting was on May 5, Marcus Vajdos, MDPC's Chief Operating Officer, told 51 attending, about being Major of Spring Valley Village. The next dinner and speaker meeting will be on September 8 (second Monday) with Pastor Alf who will give an update and project status of the MDPC's Master Plan.
- **Encore Fellowship:** A meeting was on June 12, a Happy Hour at Union Kitchen with 25 attending. A dinner meeting was at Carrabba's Restaurant on July 24 with 31 attending. A wine tasting will be held at Vine at Memorial, August 18. After that will be dinner at Saltgrass on Katy Freeway on September 23.
- **Prime Timers:** The last event was on May 21, a bus trip to The Antique Rose Emporium in Chappel Hill and lunch at Bevers Kitchen, with 14 attending. Prime Timers again hosted a free Summer Film Series in the Amphitheater in June, July, and August featuring *The Six Triple Eight*, *The Wild Robot*, *Conclave*, and *Nickel Boys*. The next event will be lunch at Cleburne Cafeteria on September 17.
- **Senior Adult Fellowship Lunch:** The monthly Senior Adult Fellowship Lunch is held on the third Monday each month at MDPC Café to have lunch, meet new friends, and learn more about existing friends. A time of Show and Tell at each lunch is always enjoyed. Recent and upcoming monthly themes are:
 - June 16 – Woodworking/Carpentry (15 attended)
 - July 21 – Stitchery (21 attended)
 - August 18 – Something you made or wrote

Stephen Ministry:

- The Stephen Ministry team met on June 10 for Supervisory Meeting. June 24th Andrew and Teri Adair discussed *The Wounded Healer* taken from the book of the same name by Henri Nowen. Both topics engaged discussion and self-reflection. July 7 met for Supervisor Meeting then on July 22 Stephen leader Betsy Nash spoke on grief then exercise given pairing up with a partner to first be a care giver then care receiver giving introspective and self-reflection.
- Referrals for potential care receivers who would benefit from a Stephen Ministry relationship as well as members whose giftedness may make them good candidates to become future Stephen Ministers can be sent to Beverly Fluke in Caring Ministries.

Other:

- Pastor Beth Case is on sabbatical August 11-November 8.

Closing Prayer: Barbara Mueller

Finance Committee Minutes:

June 16, 2025

Present members: Marcus Vajdos, Dena Bankett, Kelly Handel, Christina Morse, Mark Lumpkin, Bob Davis, Chris Arend, Kyle Wienert, Rosy Pereira

Absent members: Michael McCormack, Bill Enzer, Karin Tyson

Quorum: there was quorum present

1. The meeting was held in person and started at 5:19pm. Jennifer Fernelius attended online.
2. May minutes were reviewed, edits were made, and the minutes were deemed acceptable for approval by consent.
3. A devotional was led by Kelly Handel
4. Mr. Arend introduced and welcomed the auditors from Blazek & Vetterling, Laurie Gutierrez, Audit Partner, and Morgan Kellett, Audit Manager. The auditors explained an audit was completed for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, including financial statements and a federal single audit due to USDA funding and Houston Food Bank partnerships. There were no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal controls. An unmodified (clean) opinion was expected. There were no findings for internal control over federal awards or financial reporting. USDA-related data submitted to the Federal Clearinghouse upon approval.

The audit adjustments were outreach expenses understated by \$189K (prior period); \$1.8M valuation of in-kind food donations and related expense recognized; contribution revenue corrected by \$57K; construction retained payable adjusted by \$63K; and an uncorrected \$200K misstatement related to approved but unawarded grants which was deemed immaterial.

The auditors also explained the financial highlights, noting cash increased due to operational surplus and reduced investments. Property, Plant & Equipment increased due to major capital projects, including the pickleball court, restroom renovations, roof replacement, and miscellaneous upgrades. Outreach grant commitments grew by \$450K and net assets increased by \$712K. Overall functional expenses show ~87% spent on program services.

Mrs. Gutierrez explained financial statements are expected to be issued as soon as subsequent procedures are finalized.

The financial statements were approved by the Finance Committee.

5. Mr. Arend asked for updates from the different committees:

- a. Generosity: Mr. Wienert noted the group reviewed slogan ideas for the upcoming generosity campaign. Explored giving trends and strategies around passing offering plate. Noted consistent increase (\$1,300 - \$1,500 per week) when offering plate is passed. Discussion ongoing with worship team to align timing and messaging.
- b. Outreach: Ms. Fernelius reported no updates other than strategic planning underway for potential church planting initiatives. Reviewed support allocation for Chinese church (Ben Wang); \$50K approved, relocation reimbursements under review.
- c. Personnel: Ms. Morse noted no updates for this month.
 - d. Clerk: Ms. Handel asked the Finance Committee to review the P&O (Policies & Operations) related to the finance department.

6. Mr. Vajdos reported on financials

- a. 2025 YTD contributions currently \$446K under budget (as of mid-June). Variance impacted by timing adjustment in budget spread. Online giving, stock donations, and mailed checks were reviewed. Efforts underway to implement donors' analytics tools via Online Giving for forecasting.
- b. Mr. Vajdos explained \$87K was put aside for deferred expenses for the purpose of scanning the boilers for possible maintenance. The boilers will not move within the Master Plan proposal. Mr. Davis suggested using multiple bids for this type of service. The group determined this topic to be revisited in August.

- c. Mr. Vajdos provided an updated-on bus disposal explaining the buses were sold. The agreement with the new transportation company is under review as the owner's insurance coverage seems low (currently \$400K vs. \$3M recommended). Legal and safety implications being assessed before the service agreement is finalized.
- 7. Unfinished businesses:
 - a. Formal request needed for use of capital reserves toward central plant reskinning
 - b. Update requested on bus sale insurance and liability
 - c. Confirm development of reserve accounts and shared budget template
 - d. All committee members to review the P&O manual and submit updates to Marcus

Due to timing, it was agreed that updates will be shared via email.

A motion to adjourn was made by Christina and seconded by Kelly. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:29pm.

Mrs. Handel closed us in prayer.

Generosity Committee Minutes:

August 13, 2025 | 2025 Generosity Committee Meeting - August

Attendees: Alf Halvorson Ginny Glass Carla Bradford Marcus Vajdos Lance Dardis Josh Weber Colby Mueck nathanstedham Hunter Smith Ava Caliendo

Notes

- Pre-Meeting
 - Verify Childcare for anyone needing it before each meeting
- Opening Prayer (Hunter)
- 2025 Pledge & Budget Update (Ava/Marcus)
 - A very solid summer overall!
 - Discussed viewing giving/pledges over 5 years and year -to- year for a full picture
 - More data is available to view by a new online donation system per Marcus. This could be utilized while trying to decipher new metrics for the committee.
- 2026 Campaign Logos Ideas/Thoughts
 - Mission Stories
 - 1) Bridges to Life
 - 2) Mission extreme, partners and large group time, Riley McDaniel will talk about youth trips, Leslie Slone will discuss adult trips (there will be an opportunity to highlight how generosity makes this possible)
 - 3) voices of the church, members and staff answering questions like “what generosity mean for you” (the short clips could also be featured on social media.
 - **Faithful Through Generations > considered as Capital Campaign**
 - Master Planning Committee feedback/brief update (Alf/Marcus if necessary)
 - Master Planning continues moving forward, consistent committee meetings haven’t commenced again but are planned to in the fall
 - **2026 Pledge: Active Generosity**
 - Discuss logos/options & settle (Ginny lead, team input)
 - Logo preference the group preferred the first logo
 - Colors
 - Verse to include? Hebrews 13:16 or Matthew 10:8, two options Matthew verse is shorter, Hebrews has action words
- Old/New Business

- Consider adding Worship personnel to Generosity Committee on a bi-monthly or quarterly basis moving forward
 - Everyone agreed to include Stephanie Dean, worship director, as appropriate
 - Discussed passing the offering plate twice a month (which has increased to once a month), should that increase, data continues to show more giving when offering is passed, should this be consistent like the first and third of the month or focus on dates with a large attendance
- September Meeting Focus - Educational Component moving forward
 - New Members pledging - what % do?
 - Ensure those that aren't pledging \$ are also included in education and that time/talent are important
 - Include education in Pledge campaign, or maybe spring/summer separate mini campaign yearly? Online education in Giving portal? We specifically discussed adding impact/ministry work with numbers on the giving page online. It can highlight various organizations that MDPC supports, and total amount given. Opportunity to include a video online too. In addition to online, this information could be shared on an annual basis to the congregation.
 - What events can we have/host?
 - New Members
 - Sunday Groups?
 - Include in fall videos
 - There is a financial class in January, and opportunities for people to attend once or twice a year.
- Closing Prayer

Action items

- Data should be shown over a 5-year span and year to year (Marcus)
- Finalize which verse to use with Active Generosity logo (Ginny and team)
- Invite Stephanie to attend Generosity Committee meetings (Michael?)
- Update giving page on website to include impact and ministry

Outreach Committee Minutes:

Monday, August 11th, 6 pm

I. Devotional & Dinner

Lisa McChristian

Lisa shared a devotional from The Joy of the In-Between featuring 1 Corinthians 9:24-25.

II. Committee Reports: Funding Recommendations and Meeting Debriefs

Global

Sharon Roark

- Berea Bible Institute (c/o Faith Ministry), \$20,000
- Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo (c/o The Outreach Foundation), \$20,000
- ICM, \$10,000 (Designated: Church in India)
- One for Israel, \$10,000 (Designated: Outreach Ministry Expenses)
- YWAM Budapest, \$25,000

Sharon made a motion to approve as presented and Kim O seconded. The funding recommendation passed unanimously.

Children Families and Housing

Kim Oswald

No funding recommendations were presented this month.

Discipleship and Education

Lisa McChristian

- Bridges to Life, \$10,000
- Prison Entrepreneurship Program, \$30,000 (Designated for PEP's transitional services for returning citizens)
- Houston International Seafarers Ministry, \$35,000 (Designated to support the funding for one Presbyterian chaplain including salary, housing, travel, medical)

Lisa made a motion to approve as presented and Sharon seconded. The funding recommendation passed unanimously.

Health and Special Needs

Marc Laney

- CarePartners, \$25,000
- Demand Disruption, release as partner
- JoyRide Center, \$24,000
- REACH Unlimited, \$25,000

Marc made a motion to approve as presented and Lisa seconded. The funding recommendation passed unanimously.

Spring Branch and Hunger

Mike Pelton

No funding recommendations were presented this month.

III. Staff reports

A. Local

Julie LaRue

- Summer Celebration collected so many items for the Mission of Yahweh!
- Generation One and Nabor House (2 locations) got wooden playhouses and picnic tables that was assembled at Summer Cel.
- MAM back to school uniform collection ends the last week of August.
- Look for IMPACT Spring Woods MS mentoring registration later this month.
- Working on some new potential ministry partners, including Veteran groups.

B. Global

Amy Delgado for Kelsi McCormack

- Two new missionary partners have been invited to apply.
- Micah Project trip coming up Labor Day weekend.
- The Outreach Foundation is leading a trip to Turkey Nov. 2-15.
- Perspectives is a 15-week course about becoming involved in global missions. This year it will be held at Bayou City Fellowship.
- Outreach Sunday is September 28. Inform your committee members.

C. Special Initiatives

Amy Delgado

- 22 people went on the Youth Uganda Trip.
- Look for a Be An Angel video in church this Sunday.
- The Lulwanda Dinner will be on October 4.
- Kick-off Sunday this Sunday.
- There are a lot of new Sunday Adult Education opportunities this year. Encouraged to find a class if not already in one.

IV. Closing Prayer

Sharon Roark

Upcoming Events:

Next meeting on Monday, September 8, 2025, with Dinner & Devo by Kim Oswald.
Register for Women's Bingo Night on September 15 in the Fellowship Hall.

Strategic Initiatives Committee Minutes:

Meeting Date	Thursday, July 10, 2025 2:00 pm
Location	Outreach Conference Room

Attendees: Tom Braschayko, Amy Delgado, Dan Aikins, Kelsi McCormack, Jule LaRus

Meeting Agenda:

- I. Welcome Amy
 - II. Discussed Strategic Partner relationships and reviewed their funding applications and financial documents
 - III. Voting Items
 - Funding Recommendations
 - Alpha USA \$ 25,000
 - Designated for Alpha USA
 - Steiger \$ 20,000
 - Designated \$2500 Carolina/Jozef, \$17500 Operating Budget
 - Street Grace \$ 65,000
 - Designated for Street Grace Texas
 - Houston Food Bank \$ 33,000
 - Designated for HCC Eagle Pantry and Backpack Buddies Program
- MOTION:** To approve partner funding as presented.
VOTE: APPROVED
- IV. Closing prayer Amy

Next Meeting – July 2026 or as needed

Young Adults Committee Minutes:

YA Leadership Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, August 10, 2025

Facilitator: Sally Henien

Attendees: Kamryn Colazzi, Georgia Drager, Michelle Lynn, Stella Chen, Lacey Dusek, Eyram Okai, Nicholas Okai, Luke Tucker, Eleio Miranda, Matthew Adair

Key Highlights

- *Lunch Coordination:* Thanks to Edneia for organizing with Megan and Nicholas.
- *Momentum & Encouragement:* Strong sense of unity and direction among the leadership team. Clearer structure and practical tools for leading small groups were well received.
- *Presentation Shared:* Sally's presentation (attached) covered biblical foundations, group dynamics, MDPC YA Vision/Mission and leadership practices.

Leadership Roles & Notes

- Kamryn & Georgia: Co-leaders of Women's Bible Study; Kamryn noted for admin skills. Georgia – leading YA Sports Social (85+ YAs in group chat)
 - Michelle & Lacey: Connectors; Michelle exploring local outreach opportunities for young adults to serve HTX.
 - Stella: Thrive leader; planning Fall with Drew Tingleaf.
 - Eyram & Nicholas: NEXT co-leads; Eyram highlighted for teaching and pastoral gifts.
 - Luke: co-leader of Parish: New Beginnings
 - Eleio: Potential Thrive co-lead; new but engaged.
- Matthew: Discipleship of local college students and leading College Connection Bible Study on Sunday mornings

Training Takeaways – context: small groups

- *Lead with Scripture & Prayer*: Focus on Christ-centered discussions.
- *Create Welcoming Spaces*: Use names, snacks, and humility to foster openness.
- *Follow Up & Shepherd*: Pray for members, check in during the week, and respond to needs.
- *Do's & Don'ts Summary*: Be prepared, gracious, and focused on Scripture; avoid dominating or turning study into therapy

Update on Current YA Bible Studies:

Mondays at 7pm – NEXT for College Students and Young Professionals

Wednesdays at 7pm – YA Ladies Bible Study

Sundays

11am – College Connection

11am – Thrive – young professionals

11:15am – Parish: New Beginnings (newly married couples and couples with new babies)