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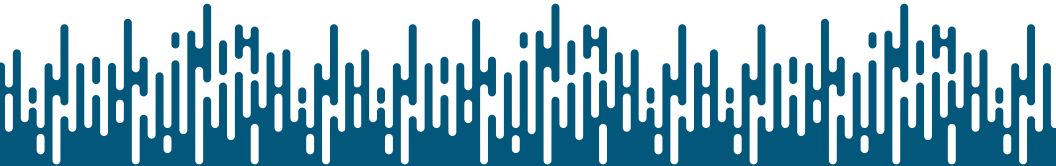
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Guest Registry

5 quick questions to help us get to know you better!

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Welcome to *Outreach* SUNDAY.

WE LOVE OUR PARTNERS!

Through MDPC's partnerships around the corner and around the world, we strive to bring hope and help to a world in need. The ministry taking place through the hard work of MDPC's local and global mission partners (listed below) is far-reaching, touching countless lives.

African Enterprise	FinD - Fellowship In Discipleship	Missionary - The Johnson Family
Agape Development Ministries	Forge for Families	Missionary Family in India
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse	Free Wheelchair Mission	Missionary Family in Jordan
ALPHA USA	Frontier Fellowship	Missionary Family in S.E. Asia
Amazing Place	Fuller Theological Seminary (Texas)	Missionary Family in Western China
The Antioch Partners	Galveston Urban Ministries	Newspring
Archway Academy	The Gathering of Men	Nueva Vida
Arms Wide Adoption Services	Generation One	Open Door Mission
Be an Angel	The Get Together	Outreach Center of West Houston
The Beacon	Gracewood	The Outreach Foundation
Berea Bible Institute	His Grace Foundation	Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy
Bo's Place	Home Encouragement	Pars Theological Centre
Boys & Girls Country	Hope and Healing Center & Institute	Passages Inc.
Bridges To Life	Hope For Youth	Prayers of the People
Buckner Family Hope Center at Aldine	Houston Achievement Place	Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly
Camp Aranzazu	Houston Internation Seafarers Ministry	Prison Entrepreneurship Program
Camp Blessing	Interfaith Ministries (Meals on Wheels Program)	RaiseUp Families
Camp for All	JoyRide Center	Reach Unlimited
CanCare of Houston	Kids' Meals	Rebuilding Together Houston
CarePartners	The Landing	Renewing Our Minds (ROM)
Casa de Esperanza de los Niños	LIFE Houston	The Rose
Casa El Buen Samaritano	Light of Hope Ethiopia	Salvation Army (Shelter food & Meal programs)
Child Advocates	Living Water International	Santa Maria Hostel
Child Builders	Loving Houston	Scripture Awakening
Cho-Yeh Camp & Conf Center	Lulwanda Children's Home	SEARCH Homeless Services
Christian Community Service Center (Martha's Way)	Magnificat Houses, Inc.	Small Steps Nurturing Center
Cornerstone Family Ministries	Memorial Assistance Ministries	The Source
Demand Disruption	The Micah Project	Spring Branch Community Health Center
East Spring Branch Food Pantry	Middle East Media - Gulf Christian Center	Spring Spirit Baseball
Easter Seals (Adult Disability Program)	Mission Centers of Houston	Star of Hope
ECHOS	Mission Greenspoint	Steiger International
Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo	Mission of Yahweh	Stoney Creek Ranch
Faith in Practice	Missionary - Dan McNerney	Street Grace
Faith Ministry	Missionary - Jeff Burns	Urban Outreach, Inc
Faithful Fathering	Missionary - Kim Zovak	Urgessa Biru
Faithwalking	Missionary - Kristin Huffman	Vita-Living
Family Point Resources	Missionary - Kristin Jones	The Woods Project
Family Serving in Central Asia	Missionary - The Adair Family	WorkFaith Connection
Family Serving in Southeast Asia	Missionary - The Hall Family	Yellowstone Academy
Far East Broadcasting Co.		Young Life of Greater Houston
		YWAM Budapest



God's Highlight Reel

A Crash Course in Christianity

8:30a Service

Outreach Sun, Sep 26, 2021

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

[Genesis 12:1-4a; 1 Samuel 12:14-15 \(NRSV\)](#)

Welcome and Call to Worship

Rachel Poysky

Songs of Praise

*Grace Is Enough
Tis So Sweet*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Lyndsey Dottavio

Songs of Response

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Moment of Prayer

Rachel Poysky

Song of Preparation

No Other Name/There's Something About That Name

Message

God's Highlight Reel: THE FALL

Alf Halvorson

Genesis 12:1-4a; 1 Samuel 12:14-15

Song of Response

King of Kings

Opportunity to Give and Benediction

Alf Halvorson

Musicians in this service:

Asher Pudlo, drums; Daniel Martinez, keys; Nico Aranda, guitar; George Heathco, bass;
Michael Middleton & Meliza Gómez, worship leaders



Sunday Worship Playlist

[Click here to listen.](#)

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Remember Our Mission Partners on the Front Lines of Ministry

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A Crash Course in Christianity

9:45a Service
Outreach Sun, Sep 26, 2021

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Invitation to Worship

Song of Praise

Glorious Day

Moment of Confession and Assurance

Amy Delgado

Songs of Preparation

Speak the Name
No Other Name

Church of the City
Hillsong Worship

Message

God's Highlight Reel: THE FALL
Genesis 12:1-4a; 1 Samuel 12:14-15

Alf Halvorson

Outreach Moment • Recognizing & Praying for MDPC's Outreach Partners

Amy Delgado, Alf Halvorson

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11:15a Service Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching
Outreach Sun, Sep 26, 2021 [Genesis 12:1-4a; 1 Samuel 12:14-15 \(NRSV\)](#)

Prelude *Fugue in G Minor (The Little Fugue)* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome and Call to Worship Rachel Poysky

***Hymn of Praise** *The Church's One Foundation* Vs. 1, 2, 4 | arr. David M. Hines

***Prayer of Confession and Assurance** Christyn Knoop

***Affirmation of Faith** from Heidelberg Catechism

Anthem *Trinity Psalms* Z. Randall Stroope/arr. White

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Amy Delgado, Alf Halvorson

Anthem of Preparation *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Dan Forrest (b.1978)

Message **God's Highlight Reel: THE FALL** Alf Halvorson
Genesis 12:1-4a; 1 Samuel 12:14-15

Opportunity to Give and Benediction Alf Halvorson

Postlude *Crown Him with Many Crowns* arr. Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

Musicians in this service:

Deborah Harvey, horn; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Steven Needham, tuba; John Parker, Danny Wilson, trumpet; Julio Sanchez, timpani; Kathryn White, organ; Rick White, trombone

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Sun, Sep 26, 2021

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

To see more events at MDPC, visit events.mdpc.org.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE as of Sep 19, 2021

2021 Annual Budget	\$ 11,300,000
Income to Date	\$ 7,003,043
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 4,296,957



Every Mon • 9:30-11:30a • Room 122

See Knitting for Missions' beautiful handiwork in this month's Community Art Gallery in the East Hallway. Anyone is welcome at their weekly gathering to knit with a purpose! Learn more at knitting.mdpc.org.



This Sunday when we honor our Outreach Partners, you might be inspired to get out there and help! Visit action.mdpc.org for ways to get involved today.



Throughout the difficulties of the past year and a half, our Outreach Partners have been hard at work providing needed services to their clients and sharing the love of Jesus. To hear some of their stories, visit stories.mdpc.org.



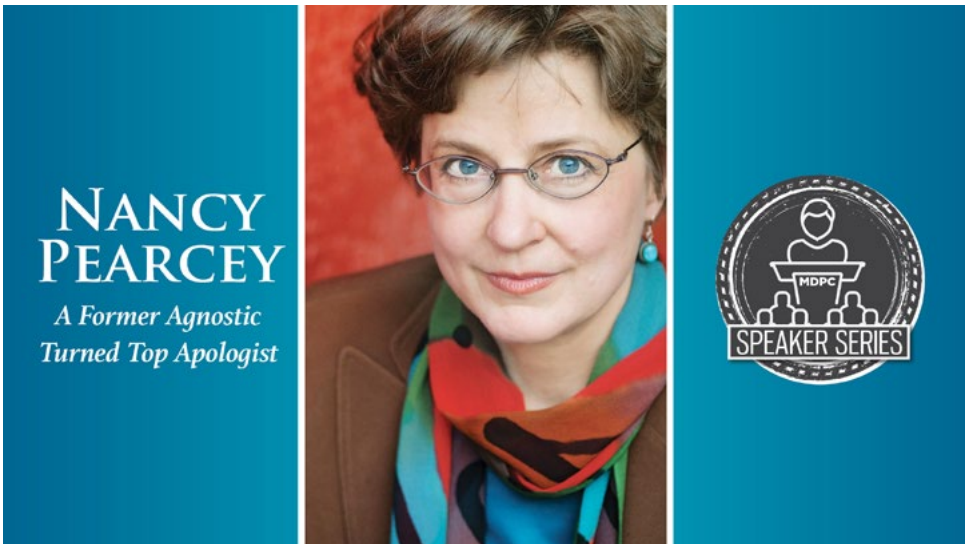
Sun, Sep 26 • 12:30-2p • Soccer Field

Be sure to wear a swimsuit or T-shirt & shorts. We'll have a lot of FOAM...I mean...FUN, plus pizza and popsicles! Register at kids.mdpc.org so we can plan for you!



Thursdays, Sep 30-Oct 14 • 6-7:30p

Come (via Zoom) to notice, write, and find the joy God gives. Each session includes time in Scripture and a writing exercise. Learn more and sign up: writing.mdpc.org



Thu, Oct 14 • 7-8:30p

The Economist hailed Nancy Pearcey as "America's pre-eminent evangelical Protestant female intellectual." She will speak about her book, *Finding Truth*. Read more about Nancy and the event at speakers.mdpc.org.



Wed, Oct 20 • 6:30-8p (Refreshments at 6p)

The Well is our semi-annual gathering for women of all ages. Bring a friend as we hear three MDPC women share how they learned they were "more than their story." Learn more and RSVP at thewell.mdpc.org.



Sat, Oct 9 • 12:30-4:30p

Let us spoil your kids with attention, games, crafts, and pizza while you have some time to yourself! Open to ALL parents. Sign up at parentsout.mdpc.org. \$25 base, max \$50/family



Sun mornings • MDPC Kitchen (off Fellowship Hall)

Delicious, carry-friendly options for those rushed Sundays when there's no time for breakfast! Stop by to see what items are for sale each Sunday.



Children's Ministries Sunday School is on YouTube! We offer Sunday school lessons for preschool and elementary kids on the MDPC Kids YouTube channel, Sundays at 10:45-11:15a. [Click here](#) to learn more.



CONNECTION is our Sunday program for Middle and High School students where we come together for fellowship, teaching, and worship. 11:15a in the Youth Loft; more info at connection.mdpc.org.



Pastor Beth helped us finish our initial fall series on “We are *Better Together*” beautifully and powerfully last weekend. Now we move into a four-week summary of the Old and New Testaments—a kind of 30,000-foot view of the Gospel so we have the major points and turning points in our minds and hearts and available for our conversations and real-life commitments.

1. Have you ever read through the Bible, cover to cover? When? How? What were the positives and negatives that resulted from that journey? Note: We have a “Bible in a Year” group that begins meeting in January if you are interested!
2. If someone asked you to summarize the Old Testament, what would you say? How would you do it? In what ways does the Old Testament prepare the seeker for Jesus, the Messiah and Lord?
3. Read Gen. 12:1-4a. What did the Lord say to Abraham and Sarah? Why would God bless them? What was the purpose? What about those who bless or curse them? And how did Abraham and Sarah respond? Have you ever had to do anything remotely like what Abraham and Sarah did because of a call from God?
4. Read 1 Samuel 12 if you have time. What did Samuel say to all of Israel in his Farewell Address to them? How do verses 14-15 fit into the speech? What are they challenged to do and what are they challenged to avoid? What will the result be depending upon what they do or don't do?
5. I used two illustrations (radio operator's messages to the Titanic and parents' words to children) to try to get at the issue of helpful warnings and sometimes shoddy receptivity by people. Where has humanity, in general, responded positively to God and where have we not listened nor followed? How about you specifically? Where are you open and where have you been closed to God's challenge, God's grace, God's calling in your life?
6. The most critical part of a Good News/Bad News Story, which I talked a lot about in my sermon, is *the last turn*. How does the Gospel assure us *the last turn* is a good one? And why might that make all the difference in helping us to live right now with patience, confidence, sacrifice, and hope?
7. And finally, how might you pray for, participate with, or financially support (through MDPC) one of our 140 or so Outreach Partners as they attempt to take *bad news* situations and bring Christ into them so they become *Good News* realities?

