



Radical

HUMILITY

Matthew 23:1-12

8:30 AM Service

Sunday, September 27, 2020

Alf Halvorson preaching

[Matthew 23:1-12](#)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Beth Case

Songs of Praise

Your Grace Is Enough
I Surrender All

Chris Tomlin
TRADITIONAL

*Prayer of Confession & Assurance

Clay Brown

Song of Response

The Passion

Brooke Ligertwood

Moment of Prayer

Beth Case

Song of Preparation

King of Kings

Brooke Ligertwood

Message

Radical Humility

Alf Halvorson

Song of Response

Majesty

Martin Smith

Opportunity to Give & Benediction

Alf Halvorson



Sunday Worship Playlist

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Remember Our Mission Partners on the Front Lines of Ministry

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9:45 AM Service

Sunday, September 27, 2020

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Welcome & Call to Worship

Meliza Gómez

Song of Praise

Never Gonna Stop Singing

Randy Jackson

Kids' Moment

Children's Ministries

***Moment of Confession & Assurance**

Sarah Stone

Songs of Response

*The Passion
King of Kings*

Brooke Ligertwood
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11:15 AM Service

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Prelude	<i>Sonata No. 1</i>	Felix Borowski (1872-1956)
Welcome & Call to Worship		Beth Case
Choral Introit	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	René Clausen (b. 1953)
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Rejoice, the Lord Is King</i>	DARWALL'S 148 TH
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Amy Delgado
*Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed	
*Congregational Response	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
Anthem	<i>Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart</i>	arr. Benjamin Harlan (b. 1953)
Pastoral Prayer		Beth Case
Anthem of Preparation	<i>The Servant Song</i>	David Schwoebel (b. 1957)
Message	<i>Radical Humility</i>	Alf Halvorson
*Hymn of Response	<i>I Surrender All</i>	SURRENDER
Opportunity to Give & Benediction		Alf Halvorson
Postlude	<i>Prelude in A Major</i>	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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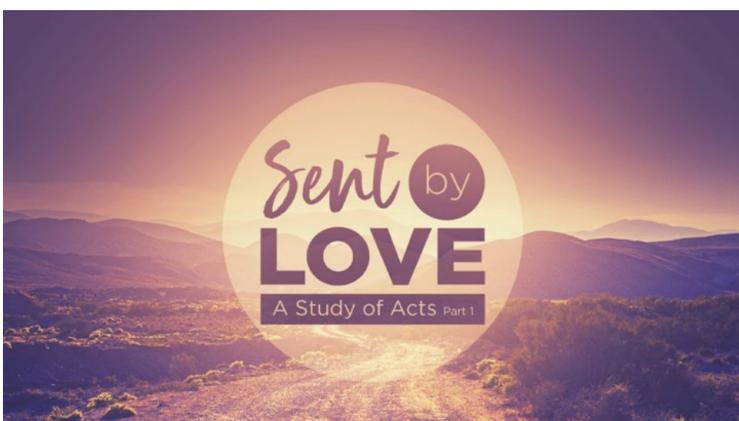
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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

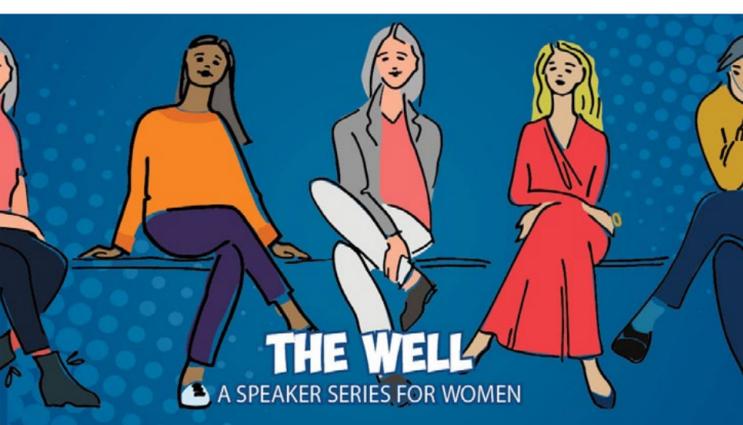
To see more events at **MDPC**, visit events.mdpc.org.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE as of September 20, 2020

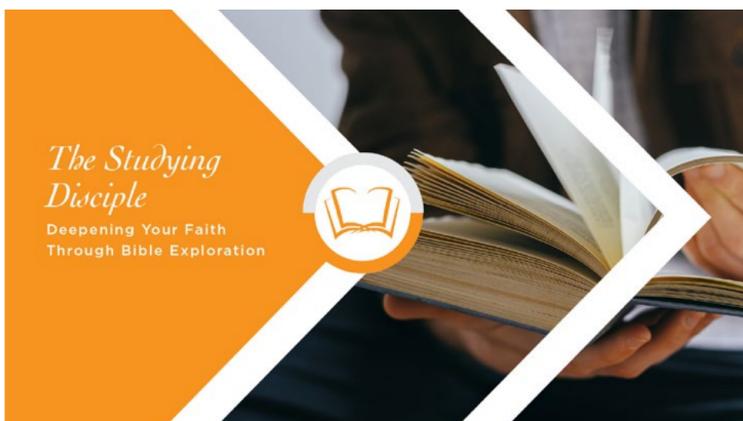
2020 Annual Budget	\$12,300,000
Income to Date	\$6,985,736
Needed to Meet Budget	\$5,314,264



This fall, **MDPC** will study the Book of ACTS, beginning the week of August 16, and will include existing Sunday School classes, Sunday morning [pastor-led classes](#), and a Wednesday night small group. Visit [ACTS.mdpc.org](https://acts.mdpc.org) for details. No registration required.



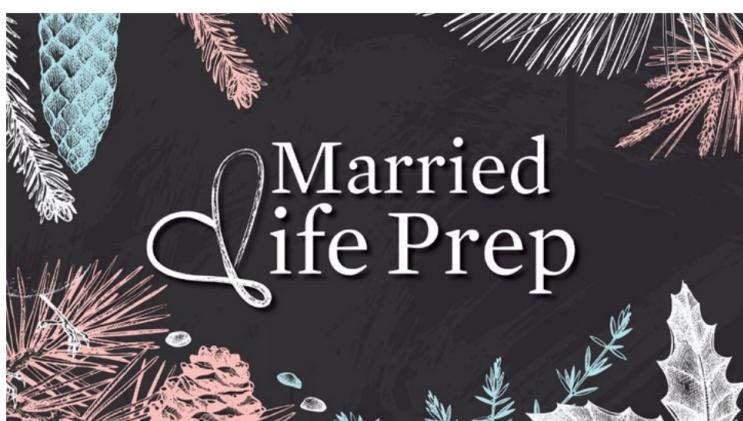
Ladies, are you tired of waiting? For a nap, for a breakthrough, to be seen, to be heard? Join us at The Well on October 14 where we'll hear Jenny Nettles, Barbara Mueller, Stella Chen, and Rosy Silva share stories of how God has met them in their "waiting." Learn more and RSVP at thewell.mdpc.org



The third study in The Equipped Disciple multi-course small group curriculum is ready to download! Equipping Pastor Clay Brown will facilitate two small groups for The Studying Disciple beginning September 29. Details and registration are at studying.mdpc.org.



REACH classes this fall include Yoga, Tumbling & Gymnastics, Abrakadoodle, Piano, Tap & Jazz, Chess, and the MDPC seasonal favorite Gingerbread House Event! Learn more and sign up at reach.mdpc.org.



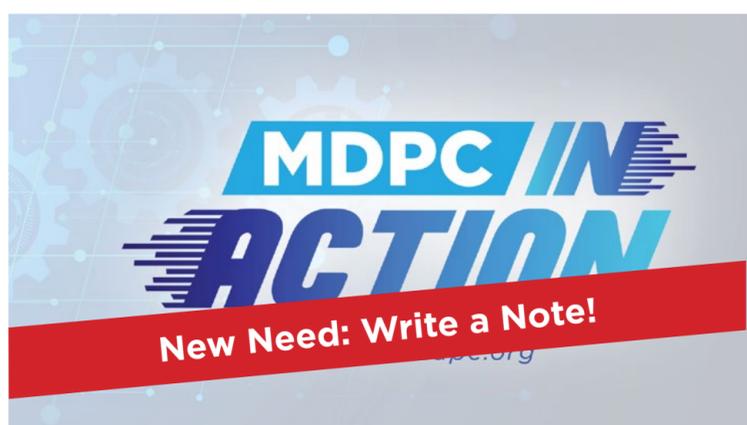
Research shows certain marriage prep programs to be particularly effective at preventing divorce, lowering the risk by as much as 75%. [Married Life Prep](#) is approved by Twogether in Texas, and program graduates can have their Texas marriage license fee waived! A new 4-week class starts January 10.



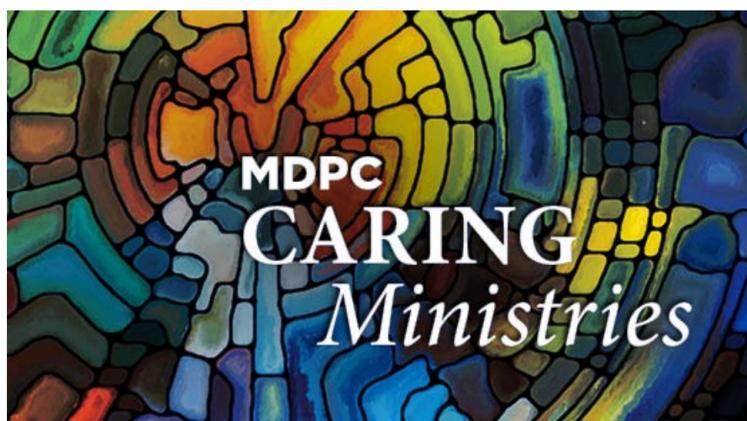
Much of what was the Christian world is now dominated by secularism and relativism. How do we respond to this? You'll gain an in-depth understanding, be inspired to personal revival, and come away equipped with practical next steps in this four-evening course. Learn more at jisw.mdpc.org.



Begin the conversation by engaging with one another - every voice belongs at this table so that we can become the people we were created to be. Four nights over two weeks in October, via Zoom. Visit workshop.mdpc.org to learn more.



There's a NEW opportunity to help others through our local ministry partner, The FORGE for Families. Help can be as simple as writing a note of encouragement! Learn more at action.mdpc.org.



From caring for a loved one with dementia to grief support and more, **MDPC** Caring Ministries and its partners continue to offer support, even if it has to be "virtual." To learn more, visit caring.mdpc.org.



Children's Ministries Sunday School is moving to YouTube! We will have Sunday School for Preschool and Elementary Kids on our YouTube channel from 10:45-11:15 AM for our Preschool and Elementary Kids. [Click here](#) to learn more.



Join us for an outdoor showing of the movie *Trolls: World Tour*, on the MDPC Ball Field! Social distancing measures must be observed. Learn more and register your family at movie.mdpc.org.



This is the third in our eight-part Fall *Radical* series. Today we look at [Matthew 23:1-12](#) and Jesus' definition of humility, and how He walked that definition out in His own life.

1. In Matthew 11:1 it says, "Now when Jesus had finished instructing His twelve disciples, He went on from there to teach and proclaim His message in their cities." When Jesus goes public, it is then that the opposition from the Scribes and Pharisees intensifies. Look at [Matthew 12:2, 12:38, 15:1-2, 16:1, 19:3, 22:15, 22:34-36, and then 23:1-3](#). What is Jesus' fundamental problem with these religious leaders?

2. Read [verses 4-7 of Matthew 23](#). What are the specific *sins* of the scribes and Pharisees? Where do you see those same types of behavior (or similar) today? If there is one of those listed that you have fallen into, what is it? Why have you been susceptible to that specific temptation?

3. Finally read [verses 8-12](#). What are we not to be called in verses 8-10? Why not? What is the attitude Jesus is looking for in His disciples? Is this possible to pull off without the Holy Spirit's help? And where have you seen the truth of Jesus' words from verses 11-12?

4. Jesus' accusation of the scribes and Pharisees in verse 3 was that they did not practice what they taught. In other words, their "walk did not match their talk." How well did Jesus walk out His strong statements in verses 11-12? Give specific examples. And how might that inspire you going forward this week? Pray for each other as you close your time together.

