

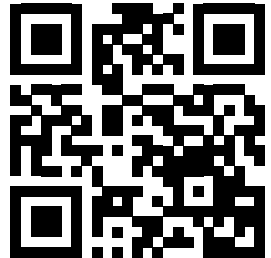
# ***Welcome to MDPC!***

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## ***Guest Registry***

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



## ***Give Online***

Make one-time or  
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# DOUBT

IT DOESN'T **HAVE TO BE FATAL** TO YOUR FAITH

**8:30 AM Service**  
Sunday, April 18, 2021

*I Believe! Help My Unbelief*  
[Mark 9:14-29 \(NLT\)](#)

**Welcome & Call to Worship**

Dave Steane

**Songs of Praise**

*Forever*  
*Here I Am to Worship*

Chris Tomlin  
Tim Hughes

**\*Prayer of Confession & Assurance**

Brett Hurst

**Baptisms**

May and Fishing Families

**Song of Preparation** *Fresh Wind/Waiting Here for You*

Hillsong Worship/Passion

**Message**

**DOUBT: I Believe! Help My Unbelief**  
*Mark 9:14-29 (NLT)*

Clay Brown

**Communion**

All who confess their faith in Christ are welcome to the table.

**Songs of Response**

*There Is a King*  
*What Can Wash Away My Sin*

Elevation Worship  
TRADITIONAL

**Opportunity to Give & Benediction**

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**Sunday Worship Playlist**

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**9:45 AM Service**  
Sunday, April 18, 2021

*I Believe! Help My Unbelief*  
[Mark 9:14-29 \(NLT\)](#)

**Welcome & Call to Worship**

Worship Leader

**Song of Praise**

*Your Love Awakens Me*

Phil Wickham

**\*Prayer of Confession & Assurance**

Laurien Hook

**Baptisms**

May and Fishing Families

**Song of Preparation**

*Fresh Wind/Waiting Here for You*

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**First Communion Participants**

Isabella Collana

William Holz

Wells Christopher Wagner

Van Action Davidson

Nathan Moore

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**11:15 AM Service**  
Sunday, April 18, 2021

*I Believe! Help My Unbelief*  
[Mark 9:14-29 \(NLT\)](#)

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Gavotte and March</i>	Toivo Kuula (1883-1918)
<b>Welcome &amp; Call to Worship</b>		Dave Steane
<b>Choral Introit</b>	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	Mary McDonald (b. 1956)
<b>*Hymn of Praise</b>	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	#361; Vs. 1, 2, 5   FOUNDATION
<b>*Prayer of Confession &amp; Assurance</b>		Christyn Knoop
<b>*Affirmation of Faith</b>	from The Apostles' Creed	
<b>Baptisms</b>	May and Fishing Families	
<b>Anthem of Preparation</b>	<i>Lord, I Believe</i>	Rosephayne Powell (b. 1962)
<b>Message</b>	<b>DOUBT: I Believe! Help My Unbelief</b> <i>Mark 9:14-29 (NLT)</i>	Clay Brown
<b>Communion</b>	All who confess their faith in Christ are welcome to the table.	
<b>Communion Anthem</b>	<i>Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)</i>	John Leavitt (b. 1956)
<b>Opportunity to Give &amp; Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	arr. Gordon Young (1919-1998)

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# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

To see more events at MDPC, visit [events.mdpc.org](https://events.mdpc.org).

## WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE as of April 11, 2021

2021 Annual Budget	\$ 11,300,000
Income to Date	\$ 2,547,708
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 8,752,292



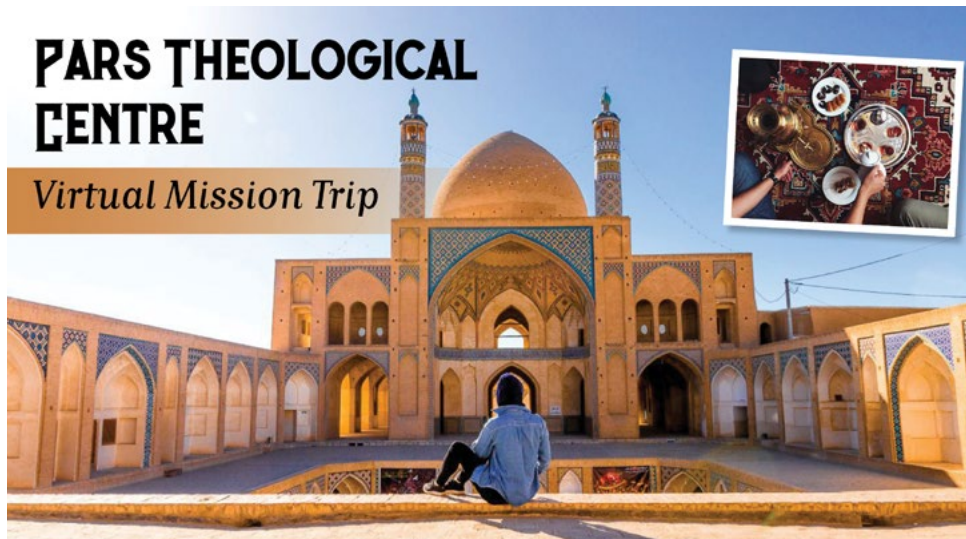
## New Member Class

**Sundays, April 25-May 16 • 11:00 AM-12:15 PM**

In a series led by Associate Pastors, Elders, and staff, and you will be invited to explore if becoming a member is the right next step in your faith in Jesus. Learn more and sign up at [membership.mdpc.org](https://membership.mdpc.org).



Ladies, connect with God and connect with others this summer! With **day and evening, weekday and weekend events from May to August**, there's something for everyone. Learn more and sign up at [stc.mdpc.org](https://stc.mdpc.org).



**Saturday, May 22 • 10:00-11:30 AM**

Did you know that Iran is hosting the fastest growing church in the world? Come learn about the ways God is at work among the Iranian people on a virtual mission trip! Learn more and sign up at [virtualtrip.mdpc.org](https://virtualtrip.mdpc.org).



## Children's Sunday School and Childcare

Sunday childcare currently is available for children five and under. Visit [children.mdpc.org](https://children.mdpc.org) to see our Sunday morning health and safety protocols. For The Galaxy elementary Sunday school, just text Galaxy F2F to the number 94000 so we know you are coming!



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



**Wednesday, April 21 • 6:30-8:00 PM**

Join us at **The Well**, our semi-annual gathering for women of all ages and life stages to commune and connect. Bring a friend as we hear Laura Miller, Brenda Vega, Suzanne Taccollone, and Susan Starling share their stories of "new life."



**Tuesdays, May 4-June 8 • 7:30-7:45 AM**

Need a jumpstart in the morning? Join us for a brief devotional Zoom time led by the Men's Life at MDPC team. Register at [mlmoments.mdpc.org](https://mlmoments.mdpc.org) to be sent the Zoom invitation.



**Friday, May 14 • 8:00-9:00 PM**

Join Kellie & Brett Hurst for a virtual date night. Bring your dinner, glass of wine, or dessert to your computer screen and enjoy some good conversation. \$10 donation per couple. [Make your reservation](#) now!



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](https://caring.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! The next 4-week class **starts July 11**.



Children's Ministries Sunday School is now on 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.



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*I Believe! Help My Unbelief!* • [Mark 9:14-29 \(NLT\)](#)

The reality of faith and doubt we're focusing on in our post-Easter sermon series drives us to consider just how important faith is and the true nature of faith itself. Is it the amount, quality, or kind of faith we bring to the table that's most important? Or is the crucial element the object of our faith? [Mark 9:14-29](#), with a focus on verse 23-24 as the center of the passage, helps us to explore this vital issue.

1. Take a look at the passage as a whole. Observe what's happening in the following sections. Jot down a few notes regarding "who, what, when, where, and how."

Mark 9:14-15 (Jesus returns from the Mount of Transfiguration)

Mark 9:16-19 (The argument in the crowd)

Mark 9:20-22 (Bringing the boy to Jesus)

Mark 9:23-34 (The interaction of Jesus and the boy's father)

Mark 9:25-27 (The actual healing/exorcism)

Mark 9:28-29 (The disciples' question)

2. I think Mark 9:23-24 is central to understanding this passage. How does he make his case as he talks about the sections above?

Drill into the interaction between Jesus and the boy's father in Mark 9:23-24.

3. How do you interpret what Jesus says to the boy's father in verse 23? Is Jesus being demanding? Ironic? Sarcastic?
4. I believe there are three possible ways to read Jesus's declaration to the boy's father in verse 23, but only one way that makes sense with the Bible's overarching story. Thoughts and responses?
5. How does the Tim Keller quote in the sermon about the importance of the object of our faith help us understand our own struggle with faith?
6. How do you hear and interpret the father's response to Jesus in verse 24? (Especially in light of what I said about verse 23?)
7. Were you surprised by the John Calvin quote about the father's response in verse 24? How so? What does Calvin say about the nature of faith and doubt, and God's response? How does this understanding both assure and encourage us in our own struggles with faith and doubt?

