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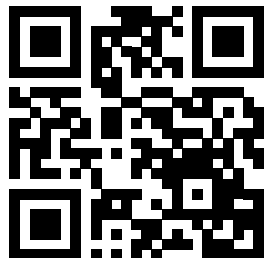
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Guest Registry

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



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THE FUTURE IS NOW

Youth Sunday 2021

8:30 AM Service

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Worship Song	<i>Look to the Son</i>	Hillsong Worship
Welcome		Kelly Quarando, Scott Fuller
Announcements		Michael Benes
Call to Worship		Jack Moghrabi
Song of Praise	<i>Great Things</i>	Phil Wickham
*Prayer of Confession & Assurance		Jack Harkins, Sloan Miers
Songs of Preparation	<i>Good Father/Who You Say Breakthrough</i>	arr. Gómez Red Rocks Worship
Senior Sermons		Mauricio Morales, Wes Sage
Message	DOUBT: Part 3 <u>James 1:1-8; 4:8 (NRSV)</u>	Alf Halvorson
Song of Response	<i>The Blessing</i>	Elevation Worship
Closing Comments & Pastoral Prayer		Hillary McMullen, Anthony Lane, Clarissa Escamilla
Opportunity to Give & Benediction		Alf Halvorson

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Youth Sunday 2021

9:45 AM Service

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Worship Song	<i>Look to the Son</i>	Hillsong Worship
Welcome		Kelly Quarando, Scott Fuller
Announcements		Averett Bounds
Call to Worship		Jack Brown
Song of Praise	<i>Great Things</i>	Phil Wickham
*Prayer of Confession & Assurance		Hannah Hubbard, Cooper King
Songs of Preparation	<i>Good Father/Who You Say</i> <i>Breakthrough</i>	arr. Gómez Red Rock Worship
Senior Sermons		Bennett Bradford, Elizabeth Bounds
Message	DOUBT: Part 3 <u>James 1:1-8; 4:8 (NRSV)</u>	Alf Halvorson
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Sunday Worship Playlist

[Click here to listen.](#)

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Youth Sunday 2021

11:15 AM Service

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Prelude	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	Wayne Oquin (b.1977)
Welcome		Kelly Quarando, Scott Fuller
Announcements		Johnny Crawford
Call to Worship		David Hinde
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun</i>	#423; Vs. 1, 4, 5 DUKE STREET
*Prayer of Confession & Assurance		Landon Long, Kate Michels
Anthem	<i>Even When God Is Silent</i>	Michael Horvit (b.1932)
Senior Sermons		Connor Able, Kate Delgado
Anthem of Preparation	<i>We Have Seen the Lord</i>	Earlene Rentz (b.1956)
Message	DOUBT: Part 3 James 1:1-8; 4:8 (NRSV)	Alf Halvorson
*Hymn of Response	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	#341; Vs. 1 ASSURANCE
Closing Comments & Pastoral Prayer		Hillary McMullen, Anthony Lane, Annie Hinde
Benediction & Opportunity to Give		Alf Halvorson
Postlude	<i>Alleluia</i>	W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE as of April 18, 2021	
2021 Annual Budget	\$ 11,300,000
Income to Date	\$ 2,628,499
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 8,671,501



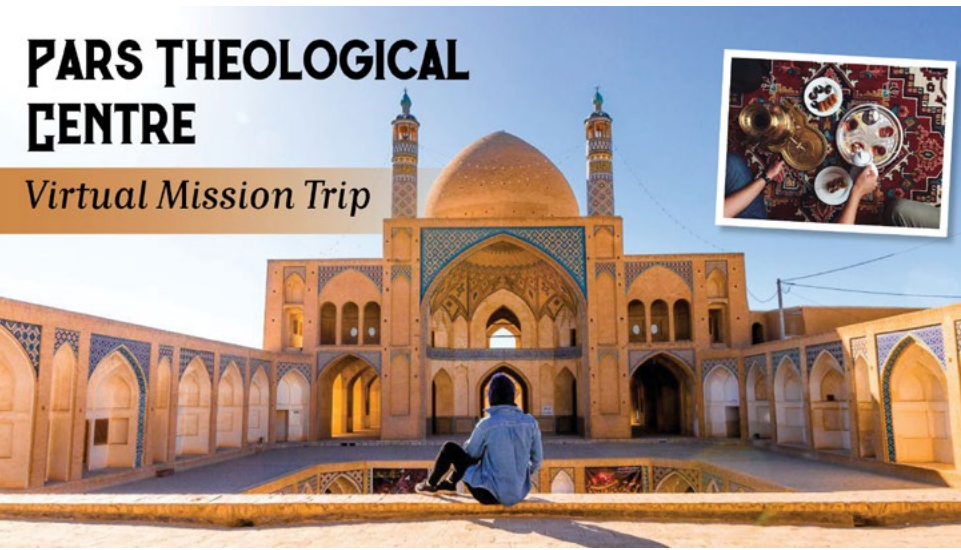
7th & 8th Grade: San Antonio, Texas
May 30-June 5 • Blueprint Ministries

High School: John Brown University (June 14-19) and/or **WayForward in Colorado** (June 26-July 2)

6th Grade: Houston, Texas
June 25-26 • A weekend of serving our hometown



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.



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.



Sunday childcare currently is available for children five and under. Visit 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.



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.



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 to be sent the Zoom invitation.

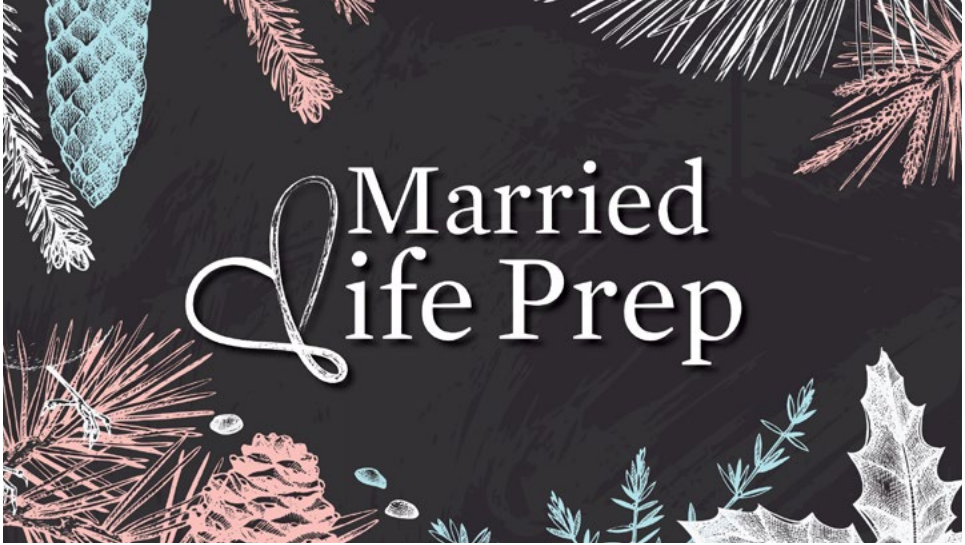


Friday, May 14 • 8:00-9:00 PM

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](https://makeyourreservation.mdpc.org) 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.



Research shows certain marriage prep programs to be particularly effective at preventing divorce, lowering the risk by as much as 75%. [Married Life Prep](https://marriedlifeprep.org) 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](https://kidslive.mdpc.org) to learn more.

DOUBT

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

Part 3 • [James 1:1-8, 4:8](#) (NRSV)

This is the third week in our five-week post-Easter series on faith and doubt. My attempt in week one was to suggest from Scripture that most doubt is an expected part of being human and also living in a broken and sinful world; that much doubt is “not the opposite of faith, but an element of it,” as Paul Tillich suggested. Then, last week, Pastor Clay helped us see it is not the amount of faith that matters, but the object of our faith that is critical. Jesus Christ is the center of our faith; and it is in His faithfulness that our lives stand instead of fall. Today we turn to the Letter of James, 1:1-8 & 4:8, where a more toxic version of doubt is introduced and must be confronted.

1. What have been the biggest takeaways for you from the first two messages in this series? Was there a promise to claim, an attitude to change, a command to obey, an example to follow, an error to avoid, an insight to embrace, something to praise God for or be thankful of, or something else to celebrate?
2. When you doubt, what form does the doubt usually take? Is it a question about God, yourself, or some doctrine or subject, like the problem of suffering? How have you tried to work through that issue in the past? Did it work? Why or why not?
3. Read [James 1:1-8 and 4:8](#). Why are the 12 tribes in dispersion, do you think, in verse 1? James says in verse 2, not *if* you face trials, but *when* you face trials, do these specific things. What are the things, according to verses 2-8, we are to do? Do you regularly do those things or are you tempted to do something else when there are trials? What other things might you do that are not productive?
4. In verse 6-8, the subject of *faith* and *doubt* is introduced. What is the advice? Look also at James 4:8. Does that verse add anything helpful? If so, what?
5. The Greek Word here for doubt is *dipsychos*, which means being a divided person or having two minds (being double-minded) about something crucial. The Chinese speak memorably about a person having one foot in two boats. I mentioned in my sermon that this kind of doubt sometimes causes people to stop in their tracks and not move, be stuck, become indecisive, or fail to act. That posture produces devastating results. When have you seen this happen in other people's lives and faith? How about yours?
6. In John 1 when Jesus calls the first disciples, He invites them by saying, “Come and see.” Then, after they have seen, He says, “Follow Me.” How do these invitations help us overcome *dipsychos* or being double-minded? In my message, I gave a couple of examples of when action is needed to overcome indecision. Where might that be needed in your life right now? Did any of the Youth Sermons inspire you to new belief?

