



The Books of
Ezra & Nehemiah



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meet our **New Members!**

Sunday, Oct 23, 2022

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson preaching

8:30 SERVICE

Welcome Song *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*
Call to Worship Beth Case
Song of Praise *All Creatures of Our God and King*
***Prayer of Confession & Assurance** Amy Delgado
Songs of Worship *A Thousand Hallelujahs / What a Beautiful Name*
Message **Internal Opposition** ([Neh 5:1-13 NRSV](#)) Alf Halvorson
Song of Response *Abide With Me*

9:45 SERVICE

New Members Dan Aikins
Meet & Greet (In-person / Online) Meliza Gómez / Amanda Shockley
Song of Praise *Great Things*
Moment of Confession & Assurance Amanda Shockley
Songs of Preparation *A Thousand Hallelujahs / What a Beautiful Name*
Message **Internal Opposition** ([Neh 5:1-13 NRSV](#)) Alf Halvorson
Song of Response *Lord, I Need You*

Musicians at 8:30/9:45: Asher Pudlo, drums; Nate Escobar, keys; Chris Parrot, guitar; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; Vasti Adkins and Meliza Gómez, worship leaders

11:15 SERVICE

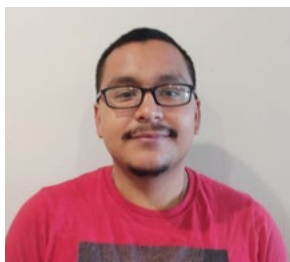
Prelude *Andante Moderato* Frank Bridge (1879-1941)
Welcome & Call to Worship Beth Case
***Hymn of Praise** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #276; Vs. 1, 3 | FAITHFULNESS
***Prayer of Confession & Assurance** Amy Delgado
***Affirmation of Faith**
Congregational Response *Gloria Patri* Hymn #579
Anthem *Children of Love, Children of Light* Cindy Berry (b.1952)
Moment of Prayer Beth Case
Anthem of Preparation *Matchless God of Grace* Richard A. Nichols (b.1972)
Message **Internal Opposition** ([Neh 5:1-13 NRSV](#)) Alf Halvorson
***Hymn of Response** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* #388; Vs. 1, 3 | ANGEL'S STORY
Postlude *Ceremonial Procession* Raymond H. Haan (b.1938)

Musicians at 11:15: Children's Choir with Director Steffanie Dean; Sanctuary Choir; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ/piano

MDPC NEW MEMBERS

*Introduced in worship on
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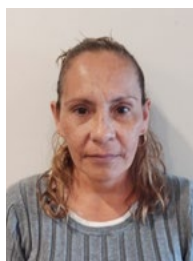
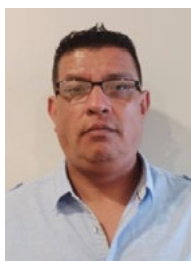
We are excited to welcome these new members to the MDPC family! Learn a little more about them below, and join us in welcoming them to MDPC.



Enrique Benavides enjoys refurbishing classic cars. He's excited to be a part of the Fuente congregation.



Art and Margaret Burrows have two adult daughters; both are involved in the education field. Art is retired and enjoys his workouts and playing golf with his friends. Margaret prepares and leads a weekly Bible study. They enjoy spending time with family, extended family, and friends.



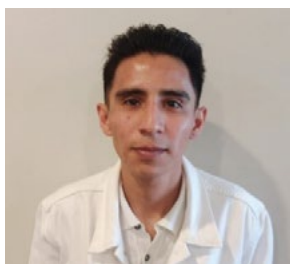
Saul Lara and Laura Huerta have two children, Irving Leon and Minelly Leon. As a family they love spending time outdoors.



Cid and Arleen Greene have two children, Zoe (11) and Zac (9). Both children love playing soccer and are really enjoying their time at MDPC. As a family their favorite activities are spending time outdoors, cheering for the Astros, and hanging out with friends and family.



Daniel Hernandez and Jennifer Belen have two beautiful children, Santiago and Dannielys. They enjoy cooking as a family and trying new recipes, as well as creating beautiful art and playing soccer outdoors.



Irving Leon is excited to be joining the Fuente congregation.



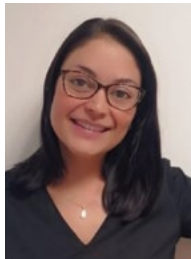
Marc Laney has one child, Athena (10). He is the Development Director at SpringSpirit Baseball. He enjoys helping people and likes to spend time traveling when possible.

Ruth Schenau has one daughter, Naomi (9), and works as an accountant for a small accounting firm while working towards her CPA. Ruth loves traveling with Naomi and doing fun activities. Naomi is an active young girl who enjoys playing basketball, swimming, and playing with friends.

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Trey and Niki Little have four children, Layne (28), Cameron (24), Luke (23), and Hayden (20). Trey is in the ministry of generosity with The National Christian Foundation. Niki owns her own business, “In Any Event Houston.” They love to exercise, travel, and spend time with friends and family.



Camilo Inga and Viviana Orozco have been married for 10 years. They have two beautiful girls, Kamila and Mariana. They love going to new places and experiencing food of different regions. Kamila and Mariana love and enjoy gymnastics.



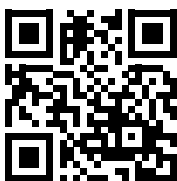
Nathan and Kristen Stedham have three children, Ellery (16), who moved away this year to study ballet; Price (14), who is involved in the Kaleidoscope class and who you might see wheeling around the church; and Street (12), who loves being in youth group with his baseball buddies!

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Ready for the Next Step?

Discover MDPC with Alf • Get to know MDPC through a conversation with our Senior Pastor, Alf Halvorson. *Discover MDPC* is a casual, 30-minute get-together where Pastor Alf shares about the history, mission, and vision of MDPC.

Explore Our New Member Class! • Led by Associate Pastors, Elders, and staff, you will explore whether becoming a member is the right next step in your faith in Jesus. New members are introduced to the congregation at a worship service and invited to meet with our Session to be received as MDPC members.



See upcoming dates for **Discover MDPC and New Member Classes**: discover.mdpc.org

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The Books of
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Internal Opposition

[Nehemiah 5:1-13](#) NRSV

This is the ninth in our fall sermon series on Ezra and Nehemiah. Last week we looked at opposition from the outside; today we look at opposition from within. It is hard enough to deal with enemies attacking you and the project God has you working on, but it is even more devastating to have the attacks come from within your team or family or people you called friends.

1. When have you been attacked or opposed by those close to you? What hurt did you experience? What did you do with it? How (if you did) did you counter the assault or onslaught?
2. Read Nehemiah 5:1-13. What were the three or four complaints many of the exiles raised against their fellow Jews in verses 1-5? How are they similar and different?
3. In verses 6-11, what does Nehemiah do in response to these charges? Why is it important to go to the officials and nobles in private first, but then to call a great assembly to deal with this publicly, as well?
4. What are Nehemiah's two biggest reasons given in verse 9 that the actions of these offenders are wrong and must be corrected? Do you find those reasons odd or compelling? Explain.
5. What does Nehemiah propose in verses 10 and 11, and what is the response by the offenders in verse 12? And why do you think Nehemiah chose the extra actions in verses 12 and 13? Did they result in the transgressors following through on their promises?
6. Read Neh. 5:14-19. Too many current politicians or public figures propose or rail about some issue, but their own integrity is not intact. Call up some examples over the last few years. How did Nehemiah model what he was asking others to do?
7. It seems to me that this challenging time in Israel's life needed "all hands on deck" to sacrifice together for a purpose larger than themselves—rebuilding the walls. Nehemiah was in Jerusalem *to give* not *to get*. That is why the breach by the nobles and officials was so egregious. They took advantage of the situation primarily *to get*. Where might you be called because of your faith in Christ *to give* with little or no concern about *getting*? Because of this chapter of Scripture (Neh. 5), is there any reason you or I need to repent and possibly make something right? Where might we lead more like Nehemiah (but especially more like Jesus, who gave everything for us through His life and death on the cross)?



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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

Give Online
give.mdpc.org



Sun, Oct 23 • 10:45-11:10am

Enjoy a casual visit and a Q&A with Pastor Alf, who will share about the history, mission, and vision of MDPC. No sign-up needed! Learn more at discover.mdpc.org.



MDPC Rolling Congregational Meeting

Next Sunday, Oct 30 (updated)

Please stay for a brief meeting following each service to approve the slate of new MDPC Officers.



Shopping Bags are Here!

Our goal is to help 1K families have a great Thanksgiving! Please pick up a bag at the Front Office, fill it with the items listed at meal.mdpc.org, and return the filled bag by Nov 13.



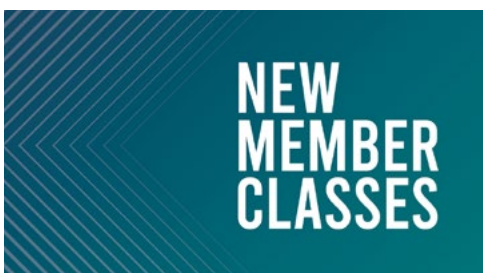
Wed, Oct 26 • 6:00pm

Ladies, join us at our semi-annual gathering for all ages and life stages. We'll hear personal stories from MDPC women just like you! Details and RSVP at thewell.mdpc.org.



Sat, Oct 29 • 10:00-11:30am

Preschool parents, round up your littles and come out and enjoy the fall weather. It'll be a fun time for all ages! No RSVP needed, so bring your friends! Details at kids.mdpc.org.



Sun, Nov 6-Dec 4 • 11:00am-12:15pm

Come explore if becoming a member is the right next step in your faith! The class is led by Associate Pastors, Elders, and staff. Learn more and register at membership.mdpc.org.



Covenant Sun, Nov 6 • All services

Your 2023 pledge packets are in the mail! Bring completed pledge cards to worship Nov 6 as we submit them in a corporate act of faith and obedience. Learn more: imin.mdpc.org



Register today: sports.mdpc.org

Hoop it up! It's time for youth basketball registration. Practices start the week of Nov 29; games start Sat, Jan 7. You must register at MDPC if you want to practice at MDPC!



Sat, Nov 12 • 9:00am-4:00pm

Join Beth Case, Leigh McLeroy, and Amanda Grace Morris in Brenham for a time of spiritual refreshment for women. Sign up at rooted.mdpc.org.



Sun, Nov 13 in 11:15 Worship Service

World premiere of the MDPC Choir-commissioned *Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round* and 20th Anniversary of our Schantz Pipe Organ! Learn more at concerts.mdpc.org.



Hurricane Ian Relief

If you feel moved to help with disaster relief in Florida, MDPC Outreach suggests you donate directly to **Samaritan's Purse**, generally among the first responders and able to help the most people in the shortest amount of time. Scan the QR code to give.

Financial Update as of Oct 16, 2022

2022 Annual Budget	\$ 12,294,000
Income to Date	\$ 8,338,355
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 3,955,645

Births and Deaths

Joan House passed away Sep 22.
Suzanne A. Pearson passed away Oct 13.